



# The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax, N.S.

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Clerk of Session: Murray Alary

## WELCOME!

We are so glad you have chosen  
to worship with us this morning!

Service for the Lord's Day

October 04, 2015,

## World

## Communion Sunday

*\*All who are able are asked to stand.*



Our Vision:

***A Worshipping-Sharing-Welcoming  
Community***

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### God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude:

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *Around the world God's banquet table is made ready for all. We come eagerly to be fed. Around the world people are gathering to break bread and share wine. We are all gathered together in song and prayer.*

\*Hymn: We love your house, O God

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Opening Prayer: *God of grace, we rejoice that we can come before you and offer our prayers and petitions. God of mercy, we confess that too often we have failed to speak and act with kindness; to care for others as we have been cared for, to welcome others as we have been welcomed, and to live as forgiven and beloved people. We remember the good not done, words not spoken, and grace not given or received. Hear us now as we make our silent confession to you.* (silence)

Assurance of Pardon: *Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old life has gone - the new life has come. Know that you are forgiven and have the courage to forgive one another*

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading:

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 8 O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Gloria Patri (sung)

\*Hymn: All who hunger, gather gladly

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Kids Conversation: All are welcome!

Gospel:

Mark 14: 22-25 Mark 10:13-16

One: *The Gospel of the Lord.* All: **Praise to you, O Christ**

\*Hymn: Jesus calls us here to meet him

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Sermon:

**PARTICIPATION BY ALL**

"We ought to be becoming outcasts by befriending outcasts. "We should be ridiculed for hanging out with the ridiculous. We should be known for irrational grace. Irrational forgiveness." (Jay Bakker)

## The Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion

Presentation of Tithes, gifts, alms and Offerings



\*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" **830**

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Invitation

Communion Hymn: One bread, one body **540**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Please follow at 564) ending with

Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

Celebration of the Sacrament

Prayer following Communion

### We Go Out to Serve God

\*Hymn: For the bread which you have broken **549**

\*Benediction: The love and affection of the angels be to you,  
the love and affection of the saints be to you, the love and  
affection of heaven be to you, to guard you and to cherish you.

Choral Amen:

Postlude:

**Worship is now ended let our service begin!**

**We welcome** all who are worshipping here today! If you are here for the first time, please sign the Guest Book at the main entrance. Our Welcoming Elder this morning is Johannah Roberts. Our reader for this morning is Lisa Glennie. Our refreshment host is Phyllis Morrison.

### **The Annual Fall Rally and "Fellowship of the Least Coin"**

service of the Women's Inter-Church Council will be held at Edgewood-Oxford United Church, 3055 Connaught on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7:00pm. The theme for the service is "*Fishers of Humankind*" and guest speaker will be Maggie Whittingham-Lamont, Seafarer Coordinator of the Halifax Mission to Seafarers. A free-will offering will be received. Reception will be held following the service. All Are Welcome.

### **Regular activities THIS WEEK - (Oct. 04- 11)**

**Today** Sunday School: 11:15 am.  
Refreshments following service.

**Next week is food bank Sunday – please give generously!**

**Thursday** Choir practice 7:30 pm

**Friday** David's Place - morning

**Sunday** 9 am Early Service with Communion

10 am Prayer Group

11 am Traditional Thanksgiving service

### **Upcoming:**

**Fall Bible Study: AN INFORMED FAITH.** During the election we asked many questions issuing from a Christian perspective. The election will soon be over but the questions remain. Come and explore them together.

**Views and Values** will take place October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in St. Andrew's United Church. The Halifax Riding candidates will be present on a forum of interest from a faith perspective: Refugees, Right Relations with Aboriginal People and finally Creation

What is Canada's Role In Fighting Global Poverty? Engineers Without Borders forum with Halifax candidates Tuesday, 6 October 6:30 PM Ralph M Medjuck Building, 5410 Spring Garden

**Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12** Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left

nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

**Mark 14: 22-25** While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

**Mark 10:13-16** People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.



## PASTORAL CARE

*Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact one of the following:*

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*In Holy Communion Christ places his table in this world  
to feed and bless his people.. (from Living Faith 7.7.2)*

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### **MISSION MOMENTS: The replanting of Heritage Green**

It was a leap of faith when members of Heritage Green Presbyterian Church, Stoney Creek, ON, said "yes" to a new and transforming vision: this church that had seen very few children in recent years dreamed of becoming a place where young families were welcomed and parents would be strengthened, encouraged and mentored so that they might feel empowered to raise their children in faith. The congregation was invited to become the good soil that would receive and nourish new families with love, acceptance and faithfulness. And now new life is springing up everywhere! While the church is still in the early stages of this replanting story, everyone is excited to see what God has in store!

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Pray for Sisters in Spirit, a initiative for the 1,200 missing and murdered Aboriginal women in Canada and for their families and communities to find justice and comfort.

**STEWARDSHIP** To all earth's creatures God has given the broad earth, the springs, the rivers and the forests, giving the air to the birds, and the waters to those who live in water, giving abundantly to all the basic needs of life, not as a private possession, not restricted by law, not divided by boundaries, but as common to all, amply and in rich measure. *Gregory of Nazianzus*

**We welcome** younger children to our services! St.

David's is a breastfeeding friendly facility



**The 3 R's at Saint David's** - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

**This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.**