

The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax.

WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day
October 11, 2015

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

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

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: *Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns and yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.*

May our hearts be open to trust you. *Look at the birds of the air; they neither study nor plan nor plot their course and yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.* **May our eyes be open to see you.** *Look at the birds of the air; they neither talk nor vote nor debate their responsibility yet God weaves them into communities which nurture and defend.* **May our hands be open to serve you.**



*Hymn: Come, ye thankful people, come 803

Prayer of Confession: *Holy One, We long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace. To serve each other in love and humility. To serve your world with wisdom and energy. Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love. Turn our hearts when we act in folly. Restore our energy when it is gone. Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail. But your abundant grace is strong and eternal, And forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon: *Take comfort: we, and the whole world with us, are always embraced in Christ's love. In Christ, there is always enough.*

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: ***Joel 2:21-27***

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 126 *When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Can a little child like me

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Conversation with the children:

What's inside?

From the letters: ***1 Timothy 2:1-7***

Gospel: ***Matthew 6:25-33***

One: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

All: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Hymn: What gift can we bring

798

Sermon: ***We shall come Rejoicing***

"There is not one blade of grass, there is no colour in this world that is not intended to make us rejoice."

— John Calvin

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: For the Beauty of the Earth by Willcocks

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

830

Announcements:

"Lord, listen to your children praying" (sung unannounced) **449**

Prayers of the People John Wamboldt

The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Now thank we all our God **457**

Benediction: *God takes such good care of birds and flowers, how much more will God care for you? So don't be afraid. Let our lives be marked by compassion and generosity, sharing what we have been given with those in need, storing up treasure in heaven instead of here on earth. And may the blessing of God - Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer - encourage and strengthen you in every good word and deed.*

*Choral Amen:

Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

We thank all those who took the time to decorate the sanctuary for Thanksgiving and who gave generously to our Food Bank and David's Place.

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.

An Intimate Evening of Jazz Standards with Nadia Moore

Date: Saturday October 24th. Time: Doors open at 6:30pm, music to start at 7pm Location: First Sackville Presbyterian Church, 60 Beaverbank Rd Tickets: \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 10

October 18th at 1:00 pm, first annual Purple Hike for Epilepsy on the Halifax South Commons to raise awareness for persons living with Epilepsy. To register call 902-429-2633 or go on line at www.epilepsyns.org.

Interested in deepening your understanding of the Christian Faith. Why not consider this 6 week on line course "*Listening for a Transforming Word: Bible Study and the Church*" offered through the Ewart Centre at Knox College. It is led by **Dr. Laura Alary** and runs Oct 26 to Nov 30. There are no educational pre requisites. It's a take for interest type of course. Check the link below for a full description and to register.
<https://www.netdirectories.com/~knox/oler2.cgi?1165>

Regular activities THIS WEEK - (Oct. 11- 18)

Today	Sunday School: 11:15 am. Refreshments following service.
This 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 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. We are looking at Thursday night at 6 pm starting on November 29. Please talk to Kenn to see if this works for you.... It can be changed!

Joel 2:21-27 Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my

people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

1 Timothy 2:1-7 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Matthew 6:25-33 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION CAPSULES: October 16 is World Food Day. It is a day to reflect on the prevalence of hunger and malnutrition in our global village and inspire solutions for lasting change. God's promise of abundant life is for all creation, yet 870 million people do not have enough to eat. Presbyterian World Service & Development collaborates with our partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide food in times of emergency and to ensure that people have food for the future. In Guatemala, PWS&D's local partner helped Maria Victoria Perez learn how to correctly plant trees and diversify her crops to improve her family's nutrition. Maria's garden is not the only thing flourishing - she now has the confidence to teach and empower other indigenous women to rise above hunger and create a better quality of life.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Give thanks to God for all blessings as we gather to eat with our family and friends at Thanksgiving and let us pray for those who do not have enough to eat.*

STEWARDSHIP *The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.*
Ghandi

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 Greeter this morning is Johannah Roberts. Refreshment Host is Anne Sommerville. Our scripture reader for this morning is Andrew Lappin.

We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is still 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.**