



# 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 18, 2015

*\*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: *This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice  
and be glad in it.*

\* Hymn: O God our help in ages past **330**

Prayer of Approach: *God, before time began, God, after all time ends,  
God, of the present moment, we worship you. Before our earliest  
memories you knew us; after all memories shall cease you will  
know us still.* (the prayer continues in confession)

Assurance of Pardon: *Take comfort: we, and the whole world with us, are  
always embraced in Christ's love. In Christ our past, present and  
future are safe and secure in the Saviour's love.*

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading: *Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8*

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 31: 14-20 ... *I trust in you, O Lord; I  
say, 'You are my God.' My times are in your hand; deliver me  
from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine  
upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love. Do not let me be put  
to shame, O Lord, for I call on you; let the wicked be put to  
shame; let them go dumbfounded to Sheol. Let the lying lips be  
stilled that speak insolently against the righteous with pride and contempt. O  
how abundant is your goodness that you have laid up for  
those who fear you, and accomplished for those who take  
refuge in you, in the sight of everyone! In the shelter of your presence  
you hide them from human plots; you hold them safe under your shelter from  
contentious tongues.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

\*Hymn: One more step along the world I go **441**

Conversation with the children:

From the letters: *Revelations 21:1-7*

Gospel: *John 1: 1-5*

One: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

Hymn: \*Hymn: Take time to be holy **638**

Sermon: **THE POWER OF NOW**

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:

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

Announcements:

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

**Prayers of the People**

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

### We Go Out to Serve God

\*Hymn: Those who wait on the Lord **662**

Benediction:

\*Choral Amen:

Postlude: (please remain seated)

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

**We extend the sympathy of the congregation to Heidi Schaefer and her family on the death of Heidi's father Dr. Paul Schaefer in PEI. Paul came to Saint David's during his student days at Dalhousie and was a frequent visitor in the years since with his wife Katherine.**

**The congregation expresses its deep sorrow at the death of Gordon Brown Jr. whose Funeral service was held yesterday. Please keep Gordon and Jane and Graham in your prayers.**

**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 24<sup>th</sup>. 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

Today 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](http://www.epilepsyns.org).

Please remember the **Synod of the Atlantic Provinces** meeting this coming week in Moncton.

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. 18- 25)**

<b>Today</b>	Sunday School: 11:15 am. Refreshments following service.
<b>Thursday</b>	Choir practice 7:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	David's Place - morning
<b>Sunday</b>	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. Thursday, November 5, starting at 6 pm. Initial topics: Integrity of Creation, Poverty, Welcome the Stranger, Right Relations, Euthanasia...

**Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8** For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

**Revelation 21: 1-7** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

**John 1:1-5** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

"I am the end." This is said the bondage of face the end, who past, who need a upon."



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*Paul Tillich*

## PASTORAL CARE

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

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## MISSION CAPSULES: Called to be Stewards

With support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, the *Stewards by Design* conference helps congregations think about their mission and ministry and find the resources needed to do what God is calling them to do. Participants explore the concept of stewardship as not just a financial matter, but also a spiritual matter concerned with all aspects of life. Led by Dr. Kennon Callahan, the conference helps congregations grow generous givers, expand and strengthen their mission and ministry, make generous giving an ongoing, joyful congregational experience, and develop a concrete plan suited for their unique congregation.

## PRAYER PARTNERSHIP



*Pray that God will give wisdom and understanding to the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces and all Synods of the church as they meet in the coming weeks.*

**STEWARDSHIP** *I believe with all of my heart that God's people possess God's provision to accomplish and fulfill God's purposes in the world.*  
*Joel Vestal*

**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 Hosts are Sara and Jackie Kinley.

**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.**