



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 25, 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: *Lord, you teach us to tell time differently. A*

thousand years or a day makes no difference to you.

Help us to make the most of every moment you give us. A day without

you at the centre is a day wasted. Show us your love in the morning

And we will rejoice and be glad all day long. May the blessing of the

Lord rest on us today and always.

* Hymn: Let us hope when hope seems hopeless

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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: *I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us... for in hope we were saved.*

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: *Ecclesiastes 3: 18-22*

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 90* *Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn us back to dust, and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.' For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance. For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh. The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;*

*even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due to you. So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil. Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands - **O prosper the work of our hands!** Gloria Patri (sung)*

*Hymn: Softly and tenderly

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Conversation with the children: How much time do you have?

From the letters: **Romans 8: 18-25**

Gospel: **John 11: 17-27**

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

*Hymn: O love that will not let me go 209

Sermon: **The Transitoriness of Life**

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 Johannah Roberts

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

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Precious Lord, take my hand 675

Benediction:

*Choral Amen:

Postlude: (please remain seated)

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

Christmas Tea & Sale St. Andrew's Dartmouth Saturday, Nov. 7,

2 to 4 pm Bake & Craft Tables Adults \$6.00 children \$1.00

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>

The Halifax Lunenburg Presbyterial of the Atlantic Mission Society will hold its Fall Fellowship meeting on Tuesday, October 27 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The meeting will begin with lunch at 11:30. Bring a sandwich. Dessert and beverages will be provided by the host Auxiliary from St. Andrew's. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Sydney McDonald. who will share the work of our Church with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and current activities. All are welcome.

The King's Chapel Choir will be offering their 7th annual "For All The Saints" concert at All Saints' Cathedral, Halifax, on Saturday November 7th at 7:30 PM.

Refreshment Hosts are needed for November. Please see the sign-up sheet by the coffee or speak to Valerie Macdonald.

Regular activities THIS WEEK - (Oct. 25- Nov 1)

Today	Sunday School: 11:15 am. Refreshments following service.
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. Thursday, November 5, starting at 6 pm. Initial topics: Integrity of Creation, Poverty, Welcome the Stranger, Right Relations, Euthanasia...

Ecclesiastes 3: ¹⁸ I said in my heart with regard to human beings that God is testing them to show that they are but animals. ¹⁹ For the fate of humans and the fate of animals is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and humans have no advantage over the animals; for all is vanity. ²⁰ All go to one place; all are from the dust, and all turn to dust again. ²¹ Who knows

whether the human spirit goes upwards and the spirit of animals goes downwards to the earth? ²² So I saw that there is nothing better than that all should enjoy their work, for that is their lot; who can bring them to see what will be after them?

Romans 8: 18-25 ¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in ^[a] hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes ^[a] for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

John 11: ¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴ Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷ She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

See and feel the transitoriness of this life, to think of it, with all its richness, as essentially the gymnasium and dressing-room where we are prepared for heaven, and to regard readiness to die as the first step in learning to live.

— J.I. Packer

PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION CAPSULES: Building Hope in Nepal

The catastrophic earthquakes that rocked Nepal on April 25 and May 12 devastated homes, families and entire communities. Many were forced to sleep on the street and did not have access to food, clean water or health facilities. Despite the destruction, the generosity of Presbyterians toward relief efforts has been enormously impactful. After the fateful tremors flattened their homes, Dharma and his neighbour Krishna found hope and relief thanks to the food, shelter, hygiene kits and emotional support provided to them through donations to Presbyterian World Service & Development. "They were a great help to us," Dharma shares. This life-saving assistance met the immediate needs of the many thousands of people affected by the quakes and enabled survivors to look toward a brighter future.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP We give thanks to God for all the children in our Sunday Schools and participants in our Bible Study group, as well as the leaders who work selflessly to teach them.

STEWARDSHIP *Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.* Deut. 15:10

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 Barb and Gary Smith. Our reader is Val Macdonald

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.**