



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
November 15, 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: Psaume 90 by Denis Bedard

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: *Come into God's presence and shout with the heavens, our God is very great! Clothed with honour and wrapped in glorious light, our God is very great! Serving tirelessly and caring endlessly, our God is very great! Calling us to humility and compassion, our God is very great! Come into God's presence, to listen and hear God speak.*

* Hymn: As longs the hart

Prayer of Confession: *Loving God, we take this time today to come before you, but as we do, we are aware that all is not right within us. We neglect your word, we fail to meditate on your law, we forget to speak with you, we make plans without turning to you, we do things that we know are wrong. We did not put you first in our lives. Forgive how we have failed to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength.*

Assurance of Pardon: *Hear the good news concerning the love and forgiveness of God: As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.*

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: **1 Kings 19: 11-13**

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:8-18 *Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees. For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Who are they that fear the Lord? He will teach them the way that they should choose. They will abide in prosperity, and their children shall possess the land. The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes his covenant known to them. My eyes are ever towards the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.* Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Jesus loves me

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Conversation with the children:

From the letters: **Revelations 21: 3-4**

Gospel: **Matthew 14: 22-33**

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

*Hymn: Precious Lord, take my hand

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Sermon: **We are not Alone**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Requiem by Craig Hella Johnson

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

Announcements:

Minute for Mission: What are Sunday Suppers? Nicole Campbell

"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: Ye Watchers and ye Holy Ones **607**

Benediction:

*Choral Amen:

Postlude: Postlude in G by Denis Bedard
(please remain seated)



Worship is now ended let our service begin!

Regular activities THIS WEEK - (Nov 15 – Nov. 22)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am.

Luncheon modelling Sunday Suppers.

Tuesday Presbytery meets 10 am at Calvin

Thursday **Fall Bible Study: AN INFORMED**

FAITH. During the election we asked many questions issuing from a Christian perspective. The election is over but the questions remain. Come and explore them together. This Thursday, starting at 6 pm. Welcome the Stranger – Christians looking at the Refugee question.

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

Service to mark **St. Andrew's Day** at St. Andrew's Church, Dartmouth: Sunday Nov 29 7 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Dr. W.G. Sydney McDonald 8 p.m. Ceilidh and refreshments in the Hall

Annual Turkey Supper –First Sackville Presbyterian Church. Saturday November 21. Turkey Dinner with all the fixings, including dessert. Available as Eat-in or as Take-out. Two sittings 4:30 pm and 5:15 pm , serving till 6:00 pm. Pre-booking of tickets recommended. Adults \$14.00, child age 6 to 12 \$5.00, child under age 6 free. Phone 902-864-5377 for info and tickets. Bake Sale.

The Ladies Guild of Calvin Presbyterian Church 3311 Ashburn Ave. Halifax will be holding their annual **Christmas Coffee Party**, Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday November 28th 2015 between 10:30 and 12:00 noon. Admission \$8.00

Planned Giving presentation by the Rev. Dr. Herb Gale
Friday Nov 20 7:00 p.m. St. Andrew's Dartmouth.

With Christmas coming soon if you would like to **fund flowers** so we can have a nice display for the season, please let Vanora Haldane or Phyllis Morrison know. If you would like to give in memory of someone let us know that as well. Thank you for considering this.

1 Kings 19: 11-13 ¹¹ He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

Revelation 21: 3-4 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.'

Matthew 14: 22-33 ²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain *by himself to pray*. When evening came, *he was there alone*, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'
²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.'
²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind,¹ he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!'
³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'



PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION CAPSULES: Universal Children's Day
November 20 is Universal Children's Day. In rural Afghanistan, young Tasal spent each day helping his father Zaman raise livestock and cultivate crops on their parcel of land. Tasal was happy to support his family, but because he was busy helping his father during the day, he didn't get the chance to go to school. Presbyterian World Service & Development's Girls Education Project team conducted meetings in Tasal's village to teach members of the community about the ways that an education can help girls and boys access opportunities for brighter futures. At the end of the session, Zaman was inspired to enroll his son at the local school. "I now understand that it is not only his right to go to school but it is also my responsibility to encourage him and support him," shares Zaman.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for the safe and just treatment of foreign temporary workers in Canada.

STEWARDSHIP *The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations.*
Pope John Paul II

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 Colin MacPherson. Our luncheon is hosted by the Worship and Church Life Committee. Please stay and enjoy. Our reader is Johannah Roberts.

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.**