

# 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 22, 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: *God, call us together as you did those so long ago to discover your blessed people. Today, in this place, Christ gather us. Let us remember, confess, celebrate, and embody those blessed of God. Christ, come among us. Alleluia!*

\* Hymn: How blest are they

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Prayer of Confession: *Let us consider how Jesus was revealed among us and pray to be more like the Christ in every way. (silence to consider) Jesus embodied the unconditional love of God... We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.** Jesus fed those who were hungry... We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.** Jesus drew near to those living on the margins and excluded... We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.** Jesus brought healing and wholeness to those in need... We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.** Jesus hungered and thirsted for righteousness... We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.***

Assurance of pardon; *Beloved, through the love shown to us by Jesus, we can be sure that we are God's children now. The Spirit of Christ is among us in this gathering and the nature of Christ is revealed within us. We are becoming more and more like Christ each day. Therefore, let us live joyfully as God's people; Those who seek to follow The Way.*

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading: **Jeremiah 17: 5-10**

*One: The Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 1** *Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.* Gloria Patri (sung)

\*Hymn: Seek ye first

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Conversation with the children:

What makes you Happy?

From the letters: **James 1: 12-18**

Gospel: **Luke 6: 20-26**

*One: The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

\*Hymn: Blessed are they

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Sermon:

**Paradoxical Beatitudes**

## 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: O for a World **730**

Benediction:

\*Choral Amen:

Postlude: (please remain seated)



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

### **Regular activities THIS WEEK - ( Nov 22– Nov. 29)**

**Today** Sunday School: 11:15 am.

**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. **Euthanasia** – Physician assisted death and the many questions facing us.

**Friday** Choir practice 7:30 pm

David's Place - morning

**Sunday** **The First Sunday of Advent**

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

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

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.

**FREE Health and Wellness Programs offered by the Halifax Peninsula Community Health Team** To register or for more information on these and other programs, please call 902-487-4560, visit us online at [www.communityhealthteams.ca](http://www.communityhealthteams.ca), or drop by our location at Young Tower (6080 Young Street) Holiday Eating Survival Guide, Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 10-11:30am, Young Tower; How Healthy is Your Plate? Eating for Health Tuesday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:30

**BAKE SALE PLUS** – St. Andrew's United Church, Sunday, November 29, 11:45 am – 12:45 pm Enjoy muffins/coffee/tea /juice, while you shop for delicious baked goods and preserves from the Pantry table, jewellery, scarves and accessories, Christmas crafts and decorations, Palestinian olive oil, spices and soaps will also be on sale. All proceeds will support charitable causes, with a donation jar for the Brunswick Street Mission

**Jeremiah 17: 5-10** <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals

and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

<sup>6</sup>They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

<sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse - who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup>I the Lord test the mind and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

**James 1** Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>No one, when tempted, should say, 'I am being tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it; <sup>15</sup>then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death. <sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved. Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

**Luke 6:20-26** Then he looked up at his disciples and said:  
'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.  
'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.  
'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

## PASTORAL CARE

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## MISSION CAPSULES: **Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing**

support David and Anna Pándy-Szekeres as they serve with the Reformed Church of the sub-Carpathian Ukraine (RCCU), a church of ethnic Hungarians. David helps post and supervise RCCU missionaries in Ukraine and coordinates external missions and mission outreach to Roma communities. He is an education consultant and public relations assistant for the RCCU and serves as a consultant to four Christian secondary schools serving Hungarian students living in Ukraine. David also works with the Terra Dei Foundation, helping to develop agricultural practices in the region. Anna is a teacher, former principal and founder of Nagyberég Reformed Church Secondary School. She serves as an educational advisor and supervisor to the four RCCU schools.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** *National Housing Day* Pray that all Canadians have access to safe and affordable housing.

**STEWARDSHIP** *In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations.* *Iroquois Nations*

**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 refreshment hosts are David and Nancy Tindall. Please stay and enjoy. Our reader is \_\_\_\_\_

**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.**