



# The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax.

## WELCOME!

Our chief purpose today is to  
glorify and enjoy God together!

Service for the Lord's Day  
December 06, 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: Avinu Malkeinu by S I Glick (Piano)

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

\*Call to Worship: *Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming, we wait*

**filled with hope, knowing your light will shine in the darkness. We wait**

**anticipating your peace, believing that one day it will fill our world. We**

**wait embracing your love, May we reach out to share it with our**

**neighbours. We wait with joy, stirring us in expectation of your birth. Lord**

**we wait, come soon and fill us with your life.**

\* Hymn: Comfort, comfort you my people **113**

Advent Liturgy: The candle of Peace Colin, Madeleine and Hannah

## We Hear God's Word

First Reading: **Malachi 3:1-4**

*One: The Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: **Luke 1:68-79** *Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.* To God in the Highest (59)

Prayer of Confession: *Holy and loving God, we have dwelt in darkness and preferred it to the light; we have been proud of our accomplishments and despaired over our shortcomings. Smooth down the mountains of our pride, and lift up the valleys of our doubts. Open a path in the wilderness of our lives that we might find our way to you again. Refine us and prepare us once again for life in your kingdom. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen.*

\*Hymn: People in Darkness **124**

Conversation with the children:

From the letters: **Philippians 1:3-11**

Gospel: **Luke 3: 1-6**

*One: The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

\*Hymn: Put Peace into each other's hands **560**

Sermon: **What does 'PEACE' look like?**

## We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Remember, O thou man by Bob Chilcott

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

Announcements:

**830**

“Lord, listen to your children praying” (sung unannounced) **449**  
 Prayers of the People Prayers of Remembrance for Halifax  
 explosion, Montreal massacre, Pearl Harbour etc.  
 The Lord’s Prayer (“debts & debtors”)

### We Go Out to Serve God

\*Hymn: O come, O come, Emmanuel **122**  
 Benediction:  
 \*May the God of Hope **726**  
 Postlude: King is Born by M Ord (Piano)  
 (please remain seated)



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

#### **Regular activities THIS WEEK - ( Dec 06-13)**

<b>Today</b>	Sunday School: 11:15 am. <b>Mission and Outreach after service</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Fall Bible Study: AN INFORMED FAITH.</b> 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. <b>Right Relations – where we go now? Part 2</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Choir practice 7:30 pm David’s Place - morning
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Third Sunday of Advent</b> 9 am Early Service with Communion 10 am Prayer Group 11 am Traditional service – Communion and Food Bank Sunday White Gift Sunday
December 20	10:30 Carol Sing 11 am Advent 4 Candle of Love 4 pm Choir Lessons and Carols Service
December 21	7 pm Longest Night Service at First Baptist
December 24	4 pm Family Service 7 pm Candlelight Service
December 27	9 am Communion 9:45 Potluck breakfast 11 am Traditional service
January 10	11 am Annual Covenanting Service

### **PASTORAL CARE**

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

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Clerk of Session: Murray Alary



**REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP:** With the approval of Session, Saint David's has joined with Fort Massey United and St. Matthew's United to sponsor a refugee family. Together we will provide the financing and necessities of life for the family. Through a local family and their contacts we have a specific family in mind to sponsor. We will walk with this family in welcoming and integrating them into Canadian life. Two major steps are under way already. First a small volunteer group are launching our fund raising. The three churches will need to raise \$30,000.00 to support our family for a year. Secondly another volunteer group is meeting this week to begin writing the application. We would like to invite everyone to support our fund-raising campaign. In order to begin the fundraising at each of the three participating churches the Fundraising Committee proposes three possibilities: (1) mark your special contribution to your church “for refugees;” (2) consider making a contribution to the refugee fund in lieu of Christmas gifts, either from you or to you; (3) Sign a pledge card available during the coffee hour for a monthly amount for one year. Information and gift cards will be available during coffee hour during Advent at all three churches. As well, the offering at the Choir’s Carol Service on December 20th and the loose offering from the 4 pm Christmas Eve service will go towards this important “Open Doors” initiative. If you would like to help out by participating on one of the committees, please contact Kenn. Also stay for M&O meeting!

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** *Thursday, December 10 Human Rights Day Pray for the PWS&D program that is upholding a child’s right to education by opening classroom doors for girls and boys in Afghanistan.*

**STEWARDSHIP** *Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ Matthew 20:15*