



# The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax  
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**Organist:** Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

## WELCOME!

*We are here this morning to worship God.  
 Through our songs, words of praise, prayers and  
 scripture reading, we give honour and glory to God.*

January 03, 2016  
 The Second Sunday after Christmas

*\*All who are able are asked to stand.*

### Our Vision

### ***A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community***

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### God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude:

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *Let us sing.... Praise be to God! Who dared to take  
 on human flesh and dwell among us. Praise be to God! Who did not turn  
 back in the face of evil and death. Praise be to God! Who continues to*

*dance through our lives even now. Let all that have breath sing  
 praise to God.*

\*Hymn: O Christ the Word **505**

Prayer of Confession: *We confess how easy it is to concentrate on our own  
 pleasures - taking note of the plight of many in the world only as the news  
 momentarily grabs our attention. We confess our capacity to be so  
 consumed by our own agendas  
 that our concern for the needs of  
 others shrinks all too rapidly. We  
 confess our failure to act when we see  
 around us weakness, pain, suffering and  
 powerlessness. (A time of silent  
 confession) We confess our reluctance to  
 love our enemies and to do good to those  
 who dislike or even hate us. We confess  
 the ease with which we become  
 conformed to the world's  
 standards rather than facing the  
 challenge of conforming to those of Christ. Stir up your Spirit in  
 us, Lord, that we may experience the happiness and blessing of being your  
 disciples in more than name only.*

**RELAX...  
 TOMORROW  
 IS THE FIRST  
 DAY OF THE REST  
 OF YOUR LIFE, TOO!**



### We Hear God's Word

First Reading: **Jeremiah 31:7-14**

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: *Psalms 147:12-20 Praise the LORD, O  
 Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! For he strengthens the bars of  
 your gates; he blesses your children within you. He grants peace  
 within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat. He sends out  
 his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. He gives snow  
 like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. He hurls down hail like  
 crumbs- who can stand before his cold? He sends out his word,  
 and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow. He  
 declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to  
 Israel. He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his  
 ordinances. Praise the LORD!*

Gloria Patri (sung)

\*Hymn: Born in the Night

**137**

Conversation:

From the letters: **Ephesians 1: 3-14**

Gospel: **John 1: 1-18**

One: *The Gospel of the Lord.*      **All: Praise to you, O Christ**  
\*Hymn:    Your Word, O God      **508**  
Sermon:      **Living Among Us**

### **We Respond to God's Word**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthems 

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Prayers of the People

### **We Go Out to Serve God**

\*Hymn: Lord, you were rich      **134**

\*Benediction:

Postlude: (please remain seated)

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

**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 Davida Mackay. Our scripture reader for this morning is Murray Alary. Refreshment host is -----.

#### **THIS WEEK - (January 03-10)**

January 05	1:30 pm	W&CL
January 07	7:30 pm	Choir
January 08		David's Place in the morning
January 10	9:00 am	Communion service
	10:00 am	Prayer Group
	11:00 am	Annual Covenanting Service
January 12	10:00 am	Presbytery Study Day in Lr. Sackville
January 16	10:00 am	Session Study Day 1470 Summer St.

Immediately following the service January 10th there is a meeting of those interested in any aspect of refugee sponsorship... St. Matthew's United

On Saturday January 9 at 10 a.m. we will be putting away the Christmas decorations. Many hands make light work, so if you are able to join the faithful little band of volunteers that would be much appreciated. Refreshments will be served.

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Davida and Mac Mackay on the death of Mac's nephew, David Harvey, in Vancouver last Sunday.

#### **Jeremiah 31:7-14**

For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

#### **Ephesians 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he

freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

### John 1: 1-18

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. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.



## PASTORAL CARE

*WE WELCOME YOU to worship this morning! We are glad you are here, and we invite you to worship with us regularly! If you are a visitor, or if you have a prayer or pastoral concern, please contact.*

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**MISSION MOMENTS:** Thank you for your generous gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing!* Together with Presbyterians across Canada, you are encouraging and equipping congregational renewal and development; supporting inner city, native and refugee ministries; sending mission personnel to work with our international partners; developing innovative ministries for children and youth; equipping ministers and lay leaders to do effective ministry; bringing people together to share experiences and learn new skills through events like *Stewards by Design* and *Canada Youth*; supporting healing and reconciliation ministries... and so much more!

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** As a new year begins, pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development programs that are responding to poverty, hunger, emergency situations and injustices around the world.

**STEWARDSHIP** Tithe if you love Jesus. Any fool can honk!  
*bumper sticker*

**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.**