



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax
Minister: Rev. Kenn Stright
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 17, 2016

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

**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: *God's steadfast love extends to everyone.*

God reaches out to us all in forgiveness and compassion.

Thanks to God for all the wonderful blessings we have received.

Let us celebrate God's joyful love for and with us! Amen.

*Hymn: Through all the changing scenes

Prayer of Confession: *God of abundant and steadfast love, we gather to worship and praise you. There is no way we as humans can measure the immensity of your love - because it is as vast as the immeasurable heavens; God's love is deeper than the deepest seas; and all of creation cannot contain all the love that flows so faithfully and generously from God's heart of grace. How precious is God's love for us, we, who forever have doubts about how loveable we are! Lord, we confess that we love our lives as they are. We struggle with even the idea of change. We wrestle with the thought of doing things differently. But we know that the life we cling to is only a half-life. Only you, O Lord, can give us true life in full. Forgive us for holding onto the wrong things. Transform us in the renewing love of Jesus Christ in whose name we pray.*

Words of Assurance: *People of God, you are known and loved and precious in God's sight. You have been transformed by the love of Christ. Be at peace and live in hope. Amen*

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Isaiah 62: 1-5

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 36:5-10** *Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!* Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: What a friend we have in Jesus

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Conversation:

What can you do?

From the letters:

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Gospel:

John 2: 1-11

One: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

*Hymn: All praise to you, O Lord

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Sermon:

WATER INTO WINE

A Ministry of Transformation

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem  Ian Gilmore.

We thank Ian for the solo this morning and Sarah for playing.

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Minute for Management Mac Fyfe

Prayers of the People

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Take time to be holy **638**

*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 Ian Gilmore.

THIS WEEK - (January 17-24)

January 17	9 am and 11 am Refreshments after 11 am
January 19-21	Week of Prayer services (see below)
January 21	7:30 pm Choir
January 22	David's Place in the morning
January 24	9:00 am Communion service
	10:00 am Prayer Group
	11:00 am Traditional Service

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Services **12:15-12:45 pm**

TUESDAY January 19, St. Matthews, Rev. Paul Friesen (preacher)

WEDNESDAY January 20, St. David's, Archbishop Anthony Mancini (preacher)

THURSDAY January 21, First Baptist, Rev. Kenn Stright preacher)

Ostrea Lake // Campbell Woods // Hunter McLellan: A
Benefit Concert for a Syrian Family The University of King's
College College Chapel, 6350 Coburg Road Saturday, January 23rd,
7pm. Admission is by donation (suggested \$10)

Isaiah 62:1-5 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

John 2:1-11 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples

had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



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, have a prayer or pastoral concern, please contact.

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MISSION MOMENTS: *Thanking God. Sharing our Story. Praying with Joy.* **St. James Presbyterian Church**, Noel Road, Hants County is a small, faith full congregation serving a changing rural area of farmers, small businesses and commuters of greater Halifax . Rev. Angus MacDonald, Disciples of Christ, serves as minister. Sandra Nicki Cameron is the Representative Elder. The Congregation holds a weekly community cafe, participates in The Christmas Shoe Box Project , supports the food bank and helps with individuals in need. On the fifth Sunday of a month they join in a community Ecumenical worship service. God had given them a desire to share His Love with individuals and small groups. Their vision is to faithfully serve God in this small part of the earth God has given to them. Please pray for strength and hope as they continue and grow in this ministry.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Lord, we offer ourselves to you. Enable us to serve you. We will look for you in the marginalized and oppressed; suffering and weak; and ignored and forgotten.

STEWARDSHIP Where will your time, talent and treasure end up in 2016? – we can use a 10th of each here at St. David's!

We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is a breastfeeding friendly facility.



I Breastfeed.

The 3 R's at Saint David's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.