



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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

WELCOME!

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's
journey, you're welcome in this Service for the
Lord's Day.*

January 31, 2016

Fourth 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: Improvisation in D Flat

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *God alone is our refuge and hope, our shelter and protection. From our very first breath to our last, God's love and compassion never fails. So come, lift your voices in praise to God.*

Bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love. Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen. Let's worship God together.

*Hymn: Although I speak

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Prayer of Confession: *Lord, Your word says love is patient and kind.*

We confess the times when we have been impatient and unkind. Your word tells us that love does not envy, that it does not boast, and that it is not proud. We confess that sometimes we have been envious, and boastful, and proud. Your word says that love is not rude, and that it is not self-seeking. We confess that in many ways we have been inconsiderate of those around us, thinking only of ourselves. Help us, Lord, not to take pleasure in what is evil, but to always rejoice in the truth of your love. Protect us with Your love, Lord, and help us to choose the way of trusting You.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 71:1-6** *In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.*

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Come let us sing of a wonderful love

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Conversation:

From the letters: **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

Gospel: **Luke 4: 21-30**

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

*Hymn: When love is found

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Sermon: **What sermon will get you thrown off a cliff?**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem



Being Green by Joe Raposo

Sung by Tristan, Lisa, Sarah accompanied by Ian

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

830

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Prayers of the People

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: More love to thee

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*Benediction and sung Amen:

Postlude: Nimrod by Elgar (please remain seated)

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

THIS WEEK - (January 31-February 7)

January 31	9 am and 11 am Refreshments after 11 am
February 02	1:30 pm Worship and Church Life
February 04	7:30 pm Choir
February 05	David's Place in the morning
February 07	9:00 am Communion service
	10:00 am Prayer Group
	11:00 am Traditional Service

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 Andrew Lappin. Our refreshment host is Jane Brown.

"In his famous essay, The Spirit of the Age, John Stuart Mill marvelled at how much tumultuous change his world had seen in the space of a single generation. He described an age of transition, in which old institutions and old doctrines had fallen into well-deserved discredit. 'Society demands, and anticipates, not merely a new machine, but a machine constructed in another manner. Mankind will not be led by their old maxims, nor by their old guides; and they will not choose either their opinions, or their guides, as they have done heretofore.'"

St David's congregation has prepared, delivered and served casseroles for Sunday Supper at St. Andrews Church for more than 25 years. We are scheduled to do it again on Sunday, Feb. 14. If you would like to participate, please call Nicole Watkins Campbell at 902-422-5878 or email jncampbell@eastlink.ca.

Refreshment Hosts are needed for February and March. If you are able to assist with this ministry of fellowship, please see the sign up sheet by the coffee urn.

HOW TO PRAY IN YOUR OWN WAY

Our **Lenten study** will take us on a journey into various aspects of our prayer life. The four forms of prayer introduced in this resource coincide with four Myers-Briggs psychological functions that relate to how people process information and make decisions. These functions are sensing, intuiting (i.e. intuition), thinking and feeling. Carl Jung noticed a correlation between these functions and four colours: green, yellow, blue and red. Be ready for some interesting and challenging reflections on the place and purpose (and power of prayer in your life.

The **Green** Prayer: Sensing God's reality February 18 The

Yellow Prayer: Intuiting God's mystery February 25

The **Blue** Prayer: Understanding God's will March 3

The **Red** Prayer: Feeling God's love March 10

Storm date will be held March 17. Each study will begin at 6pm.

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have

prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Luke 4:21-30

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ***They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.*** But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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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PLEASE note that 902-423-2660 does not work!

Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893

MISSION MOMENTS: *The New Times Church at the Waterville Youth Centre (NS Corrections) is served by the Rev. Michael Veenema. Ross Morrow of Kings Presbyterian, New Minas is a supportive elder. This is a transient congregation of young people who have come from very difficult backgrounds and have been convicted in the courts. The main purposes of the chapel program are to connect youth to Jesus Christ and to prepare them to be part of a church upon their release. Youth come from all over Nova Scotia. At any given time there are 25 to 30 youth in the facility. Many are genuinely seeking to make changes in their lives. In the chapel program we ask them to look for God's guidance everywhere as the book of Proverbs teaches. We teach them the instructions for living that Jesus gives in the Sermon on the Mount. Most youth take part in some part of the chapel program. From Mike: "Three years ago a youth asked me, "Can I be baptized in the [institution's] pool?" This brought me to my mind a story in the book of Acts. There, an Ethiopian government official asks Philip while they are on a road if he can baptizēd then and there in a stream of water. Philip of course said yes. And this gave me encouragement to respond in the same way to the questioning youth. I developed a program for him called, Introduction to Christian Life and Faith. When he completed it a number of church volunteers joined us for his baptism. Two other youths were baptizēd with him. Since that time, more than 50 youth have completed the same program and been baptizēd."*

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for the ministry of our chaplains serving in prisons across Canada and for those under their care.

STEWARDSHIP When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, "I used everything you gave me." *Erma Bombeck*

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.