



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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WELCOME!

We are so glad you have chosen to
worship with us this morning!

Service for the Lord's Day
February 14, 2016
LENT 1

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

Our Vision

A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude: Dialogue in A Major

Call to Worship: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us. Lent calls us to journey: to the place where God covenants with us, to discover who we really are. Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news. Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.

*Hymn: Lord Jesus, who through forty days 200

Prayer of Confession: *You call us to leave our old ways behind, but we like our comfortable lives. You call us to go where you will show us but we want the map and directions before we leave. You call us to be a blessing to all but often we want to keep the blessing for ourselves. Help us to bear your voice and to let go of what holds us back. Lead us, Lord, to walk your way on any road we travel.*

Assurance of Pardon:

Response: Jesus, remember me 206

We Hear God's Word

Lenten Liturgy (see insert)

First Reading: **Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

One: The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 91: 1-2; 9-16** *You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will*

command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation. Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Seek ye first 625

Conversation with the young people: Not Charlie!

From the letters: **Romans 10:8b-13**

Gospel: **Luke 4: 1-13**

One: *The Gospel of the Lord.* **All: Praise to you, O Christ**
*Hymn: Lead us Heavenly Father 647
Sermon: **EXPERIENCING... WILDERNESS**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Anthem: I Love you/What a Wonderful World arr. by
Craig Hella Johnson
*Doxology: "*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*" 830
Offertory Prayer
Announcements:
"*Lord, listen to your children praying*" (unannounced) 449
Prayers of the People - Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Out of my bondage 193
*Benediction:
*Choral Amen:
Postlude: Danny Boy

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday March 06, 2016 following the morning service. Reports should be received as soon as possible. It will be combined with the annual soup contest. The congregation is invited to bring sandwiches and sweets to round out the meal.

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, thinking and feeling. 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 of prayer in your life.

CELEBRATING THE ATLANTIC ECUMENICAL COUNCIL 15 February 1966 - 15 February 2016

**We have come together, because we believe in God.
We intend to stay together, in the name of Jesus Christ.
We will strive to grow together, at the calling of the Holy Spirit.
Let us now find in each place
The things we can do together, to praise God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

For 50 years churches, theological colleges and Councils of Churches and other ecumenical bodies have celebrated the unity and community of the AEC. Ecumenical Conferences which gave birth to the AEC can be traced as far back as 1951

The work of the AEC has been recognized across the country and beyond. A number of members have been named "Ecumenist of the Year" by the Montreal-based Canadian Centre for Ecumenism. The organization was cited in the Nova Scotia legislature for its work with Coastal Communities. Annual meetings, Biennial Conferences and Head of Churches forums constituted the main work of the organization throughout the years.

Ecumenical connections are now well established and Inter-faith dialogue reflects the changing demographic of our Atlantic region. The executive of the AEC has determined that this is the proper moment to officially 'disband' and move on to the next thing our Lord calls us to. Please use this insert to celebrate the AEC and ecumenism in your organization and church. 'Jesus prayed that we may all be one, united in God in the mystery of the Trinity. That is the basis and the goal of our search for unity.'
(WCC)

"The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one..." (John 17: 22 f.)

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 17
 Storm date will be held March 24. Each study will begin at 6pm.

“WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2016 “Receive Children. Receive Me.” On March 4, 2016, Christians in more than 170 countries around the world and 2,000 communities across Canada will gather to learn about, pray for, and celebrate Cuba in solidarity with the women of Cuba through the *World Day of Prayer*. Please join us and invite your friends and family to attend the Women's Inter-Church Council of Halifax-Metro World Day of Prayer 2016 service being held at 2:00pm on Friday, March 4 (*storm date March 11*) at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Parish, 6903 Mumford Road, Halifax NS. The guest speaker for this service will be Reverend Kimberlynn McNabb, Pastor, Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Halifax. A reception will follow the service. All Are Welcome.” The evening service will be held at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Anglican Church, Corner of Russell and Gottingen in the North End of Halifax.

THIS WEEK - (February 14-21)		
Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service and Food Bank Sunday Sunday School at 11:15
Thursday		Study Group at 6 pm
	7:30	Choir practice
Friday		David's Place
Sunday	9:00 am	Early communion service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Second Sunday in Lent

Saint David's members and a couple of friends will prepare casseroles for Sunday suppers this afternoon. Thanks to these and all our volunteers for their unwavering support to Halifax's more vulnerable families and individuals, and for a true expression of love of our neighbours.
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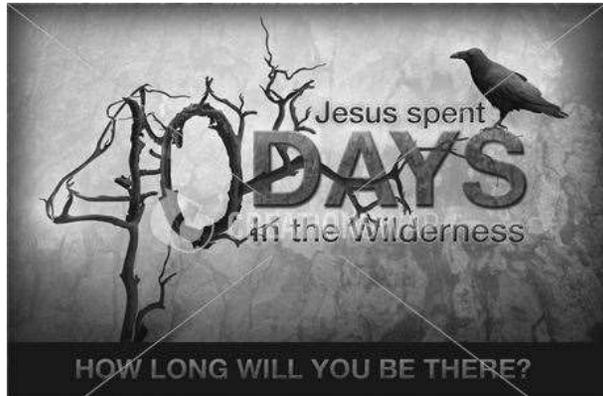
Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is

Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."



Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.



PASTORAL CARE

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MISSION MOMENTS: St. Paul's McClures Mills, Truro. St. Paul's is situated in an area of Truro known as McClure's Mills. The community near the site of McClure's Grist Mill began under the leadership of the Rev. W.C. Nicholson, minister of St. James. Known first as "the Mission" St. Paul's became a congregation with 42 charter members in 1951. First meeting in a store on Willow St., the congregation moved to the church building in 1954. A deaconess, Miss Evelyn Walker promoted programs for youth and women. She established a Sunday School. Although maintaining a distinct identity, St. Paul's has remained affiliated with St. James. The community around St. Paul's has changed over the years with an increasing focus on retirement housing. Each Sunday about 20 people gather for worship at 9:30am. The congregation continues to have an active Session, Board of Managers, Ladies Guild, and Bible Study. There is an Outreach Committee which leads worship once a month at the nearby Wynn Park Nursing Home. The congregation hosts monthly socials after worship and occasionally "Grand Ole Gospel" musical gatherings for the community. In 2014, with St. James, St. Paul's entered an Interim Ministry appointment with the Rev. Dr. David Sutherland. The congregation is now in a season of discernment of how God will be best served by St. Paul's in the years ahead.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Give thanks for people of African descent, and for their giftedness.

"Your pain is the breaking of the shell that encloses your understanding."

Khalil Gibran

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.**

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 Johannah Roberts. Our reader for this morning is Val Macdonald. Refreshment Host is Davida Mackay.