



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax, N.S.

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Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day
February 21, 2016
LENT 2

**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: Fairest Lord Jesus

Call to Worship: *Who is the Lord? The Lord is our light and our salvation! Again, I ask you, who is the Lord? The Lord is the stronghold of our life! But evil assails you and temptations*

abound. What gives you such confidence? We believe that we shall see the goodness of the Lord! And what are you here to do? To wait for the Lord, to be strong, and to let our hearts take courage! Let us worship and wait for the Lord!

*Hymn: The Lord is my Light

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Prayer of Confession: *You are doing a 'new thing' among us, though, it is hard to see at times what that 'new thing' is. We bring to you our grieving over what is being lost, our fears about what the future might hold, our desire to love and serve you. By the power of your Holy Spirit, you are refining us, purifying our discipleship, pulling us into following Jesus in this new world. Grant us mercy and grace to trust you more deeply, for the only secure place is with you, our light and our salvation, the stronghold of our life.*

Response: Safe in your Hands

(choir)

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We Hear God's Word

Lenten Liturgy (see insert)

Vanora Haldane

First Reading:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 27 *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh-- my adversaries and foes-- they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing*

and make melody to the LORD. Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. **Do not hide your face from me.** Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. **Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!** If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up. **Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.** Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence. **I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.** Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: What a Friend 746

Conversation with the young people:

From the letters: **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Gospel: **Luke 13: 31-35**

One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ

*Hymn: Give wind to thy fears 326

Sermon: **EXPERIENCING... FEARLESSNESS**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Even Such is Time by Bob Chilcott

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

"Lord, listen to your children praying" (unannounced) 449

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: O love that casts out fear 297

*Benediction:

*Choral Amen:

Postlude: Prelude in A Minor by Willan

Worship is now ended.

Let our service begin!

"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 21-28)		
Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service
Thursday		Sunday School at 11:15
		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 Third Sunday in Lent
Session will meet March 2, at 7 pm – Please note the change of date.	

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday March 06, 2016 following the morning service. Reports should be received by now! Annual reports were requested for February 18th. Please email yours to Mac Fyfe, forest.fyfe@dal.ca. It will be combined with the **annual men's 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 (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 **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

A final wrap-up session will be held after Easter. Each study will begin at 6pm.

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates...."

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to

himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

*The Lord is my light and my salvation—
WHOM SHALL I FEAR?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
OF WHOM SHALL I BE AFRAID?*
PSALM 27:1



PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION MOMENTS: The beautiful Church of St. Matthew's Presbyterian has been at a busy corner in Elmsdale for 150 years. The congregation loves this old Church and the presence of God within its wall. The minister, the Rev. Beth Mattinson serves here and at Hardwood Lands. Cindy Shea is Representative Elder. The congregation has been gifted with a love of music and offers a contemporary music worship service once a month. Inspiring studies of the Word have been continuous in their congregational life. Their love for children is shown in offering a VBS for community children ages 5-9. A Christmas tea and sale is held by the Women's Guild. This congregation sponsors a child through World Vision, gives to two families through the local Caring and Sharing, and shares with those in need. They see themselves as a growing community of committed believers who offer a safe place where seekers of God's Truth and Grace are welcomed. pray for a spirit of discernment as they seek God's will for the current building. Pray that they will be encouraged in their worship, studies and the sharing of God's Good News.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for victims of gender-based violence and for the Presbyterian World Service & Development program in Haiti helping women and girls combat this injustice.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS: Living is giving. We live life best as we give our strengths, gifts, and competencies in the service of God's mission.
Kennon Callahan

Marie Curie – **'nothing is to be feared, only understood.'**

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 Val Macdonald. Our scripture reader for this morning is Davida Mackay. Refreshment Host is Claudia Saoud.