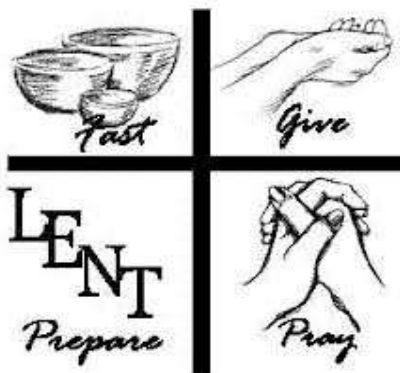




*The Presbyterian Church of*  
**Saint David**

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers,  
Halifax, N.S.  
Minister: Kenn Stright  
Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson



*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.*

## WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day, February 28, 2016 LENT 3

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

### Our Vision

*A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community*

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### God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Jesu Meine Freude by Bach

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship: *Come, you people, before your God! We are gathered to seek and to thirst. Come, you people, and follow our Lord! We will follow with praise and with courage.*

*Come, you people, and be sent in the Spirit! We will turn to the path laid before us. Come, you people, to lift up God's name! We will remember, rejoice, and be renewed. Come, let us continue our Lenten journey to which we are called...*

\*Hymn: Come, let us to the Lord our God 194

Prayer of Confession: *God of abundance, you have promised to provide us with more than mere survival; in seeking to satisfy our deepest hungers, we shall find an even more profound sustenance than human imagination could envision. In your holy love, you have given us so much: talents and treasure in unlimited supply. But often, we spend these on superficial needs. We throw away our plenty on little hungers and petty desires. We seek the fleeting delight of novelty, of prettiness, and of veneer. We follow the urges to momentary importance; We chase after happiness while neglecting joy; we chase after romance while neglecting love; we skim the surface while fearing the depths.*

Assurance of Pardon: *Come, all you who are thirsty. If you take the first step, if you are willing to plunge once again into the waters and to emerge into new life, you will receive a love beyond all you can envision.*

### We Hear God's Word

Lenten Liturgy (see insert)

Barb Smith

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

445

First Reading: **Isaiah 55: 1-9**

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 63:1-8** *O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.* Gloria Patri (*sung*)

\*Hymn: All the way my Saviour leads me **699**

Conversation with the young people: Don't drop it!

From the letters: **1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

Gospel: **Luke 13: 1-9**

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

\*Hymn: I heard the Voice of Jesus say **671**

Sermon: **Experiencing a 'DO OVER'**

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Listen to the Lambs by Nathaniel Dett

\*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: Just as I am **682**

\*Benediction: \*Choral Amen:

Postlude: Elevation by Couperin

**"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 28- March 6)**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service
		Sunday School at 11:15
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Worship and Church Life
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Session will meet.
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Study Group at 6 pm</b>
	7:30	Choir practice
<b>Friday</b>		David's Place
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Early communion service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Fourth Sunday in Lent
		Soup Contest
		Annual Congregational Meeting

Kenn will be on holiday from March 7-14. The Rev. Iona Maclean will be leading worship on March 13th

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday March 06, 2016 following the morning service. 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.

*Worship is now ended.*

*Let our service begin!*

### HOW TO PRAY IN YOUR OWN WAY

Our Lenten study will take us on a journey into various aspects of our prayer life. Be ready for some interesting and challenging reflections on the place and purpose (and power) of prayer in your life.

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.

**Holy Week services** Please join us for a half hour prayer service at 7:30 a.m. followed by a continental style breakfast.

All Saints Anglican Cathedral    Monday March 21, 7:30 am

First Baptist Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 am

St Mary's Basilica    Wednesday, March 23, 7:30 am

St Andrew's United Church Thursday, March 24, 7:30 am

**Maundy Thursday** service March 24 with Calvin Presbyterian (at Calvin) 7 pm

**Good Friday** service will be at St. John's United on Friday, March 25, at 10:30

**Sunrise Easter service** will be held at the Lower Parking lot of Point Pleasant Park, Sunday, March 27 at 6:55 am

**Early Communion** service at 9 am

**Congregational potluck** breakfast at 9:45 am.

**Easter Communion** service at 11 am. where we will be joined by the Nova Scotia Korean Presbyterian Church

**The flowers this morning are in memory of Dr. C. Bruce Fergusson and his wife Evelyn who made significant contributions to Saint David's and whose legacy will maintain our cemetery for years to come.**

The deadline for the next newsletter is March 11. Please send your contributions to [caroljdobson@gmail.com](mailto:caroljdobson@gmail.com)

**Isaiah 55:1-9** Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**1 Corinthians 10:1-13** I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of

them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

- ❖ **Luke 13:1-9** At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."
- ❖ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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## PASTORAL CARE

- ❖ *Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact one of the following:*
- ❖ Kenn Stright                      office: 423-1944
- ❖ Valerie Macdonald                home: 455-1893



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- ❖ **THOUGHTFUL MOMENTS:** Wise is the worshipping community that "does not neglect meeting together" (Heb. 10.25), but joyfully gathers in Jesus' name, eager to proclaim the Word of God, to offer praise and prayer, and to celebrate the sacraments, each of which are actions of the whole people of God, "the royal priesthood" (1 Pet 2.9).
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- ❖ **PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Thank God for people supporting refugee resettlement; attending meetings, fundraising, collecting furnishings, phoning landlords, welcoming at the airport, driving to appointments, teaching language and explaining local customs.
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- ❖ **STEWARDSHIP** Why do \$10 bills look so small at the grocery store but so big at church?  
*Anonymous*
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- ❖ **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.**
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- ❖ **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 Mac Mackay. Our refreshment hosts are Barbara and Gary Smith.

