



The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax
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,
March 06, 2016 LENT 4**

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**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: Diptych by Pachabel

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship: *Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is covered. They are happy, for the Lord declares them "not guilty" and there is no deception in their hearts. Let us worship and rejoice in the One who is our hiding place and our refuge in times of trouble.*

*Hymn: We lay our broken world

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Prayer of Confession: *Loving God, you have reconciled us in Christ Jesus and have given us the ministry of reconciliation. We pray for all those from whom we are estranged. Bring healing to strained or broken relationships. Forgive us for the times we have wronged others, whether by ignorance, neglect, or intention. Grant us the courage and the grace to seek their forgiveness and opportunity to make amends. Where others have wronged us, grant us a gracious spirit, that we might forgive even as we have been forgiven in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon: *In Christ Jesus we are a new and renewed community. Thanks be to God! Old things are done away with, all things become new. Thanks be to God! We are agents of grace and reconciliation. Thanks be to God! With every step or stumble, Christ will be with us. Thanks be to God!*

We Hear God's Word

Lenten Liturgy (see insert)

Elizabeth Cameron

First Reading:

Joshua 5: 9-12

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 32** *Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but*

steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD. *Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.*

Gloria Patri (*sung*)

*Hymn: Softly and tenderly **440**

Conversation with the young people:

From the letters: **2 Corinthians 5: 16-21**

Gospel: **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

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

*Hymn: God forgave my sin **774**

Sermon: **Experiencing... FORGIVENESS**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: The Road Home by Stephen Paulus

*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: Forgive our sins **751**

*Benediction: *Choral Amen:

Postlude: Macphersons Lament

Worship is now ended

let our service begin!

Thank you to all who are participating in the annual Men's soup contest! Please stay for the Annual Meeting.

The deadline for the next newsletter is March 11. Please send your contributions to caroljdobson@gmail.com.

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

THIS WEEK - (March 06-- 13)

Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service - Sunday School at 11:15
Thursday	7:30	Lenten Study continues next week Choir practice
Friday	10:00 am -	1:00 pm David's Place (Hall).
Sunday	9:00 am	Early communion service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Fifth Sunday in Lent - Food Bank Sunday School

Rev. Iona MacLean will be leading worship on the 13th while Kenn is away.

If you would like to donate toward **Easter flowers**, please contact Vanora Haldane or Phyllis Morrison in person or at 429-4353 or pmorrison@eastlink.ca. If you prefer to buy your own flowers to donate --please NO lilies. Many thanks

Next week is Food Bank Sunday. We are low on two non-food items: toilet paper and toothbrushes(single pack). Perhaps you will be visiting your dentist at some point and could ask if they would be willing to donate some. We have found that some dentists are very generous with them. If you would like a letter of request David's Place has one prepared, so feel free to ask for one.

Joshua 5:9-12 The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he

made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' "

So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine

was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "

Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"



PASTORAL CARE

Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact:

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MISSION MOMENTS: Located in the picturesque farming community of Hardwood Lands is the Hardwood Lands Presbyterian Church. This is a shared ministry with St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church of Elmsdale. The Rev. Beth Mattinson is Minister. Cindy Shea is the Representative Elder. Ministry groups include Sunday School, AMS Auxiliary, Choir, and Bible Study. The Fundraising Committee sponsors several events including a Valentine Tea and Sale, Community Easter Egg Hunt, and bake sales at the local camp ground. Mission activities support the local food bank, Phoenix House, and Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box Project. The Church Hall is used for the community 4H club. Game nights, Gospel Music evenings, Spring and Fall Suppers provide ministry and fellowship.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Give thanks for clerks of session. May God bless them with wisdom and insight for the vital service and leadership they provide our congregations. We thank God for Murray Alary's 18 years of dedicated service.

STEWARDSHIP Safeguard Creation, because if we destroy Creation, Creation will destroy us! Never forget this! *Pope Francis*

We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is a breastfeeding friendly facility. If desired a **nursery room** is available with an audio link.

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 Colin MacPherson. Our scripture reader for this morning is Johannah Roberts . Lunch is provided by the Men's Soup contest (WCL).



I Breastfeed.