



The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax
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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 13, 2016 LENT 5

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

Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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We Gather in God's Presence

Prelude

Call to Worship: [Isa. 43:19a; Phil. 3:13,14] *The Lord says: "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, we press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.*

*Hymn: Just as I am, without one plea 682

Prayer of Confession: *O Lord, we remember with praise and adoration the ways in which you have brought your people from slavery to freedom from despair to hope from tears to laughter. Especially when we feel dried up and our energy gone, we recall the times you have refreshed us and made us new, and we trust your power to renew us again. We confess our need for renewal, O God. Frightened of the future, we stay mired in the past. Confused by new realities, we cling to the familiar, good or bad. We forget the great things you can do for us and through us. Restore our fortunes, O Lord. Forgive our sin and lead us into the freedom of forgiven people; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

Response: Jesus, remember me 206

We Hear God's Word

Lenten Liturgy (see insert)

Carol Dobson

First Reading: **Isaiah 43:16-21**

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 126** *When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.*

*Hymn: One more step along the world I go 641

Conversation with the young people

From the Letters: **Philippians 3:4b-14**

The Gospel: **John 12:1-8**

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

*Hymn: The church of Christ, in every age 486

Sermon: **"Forward to what lies ahead"**

Rev. Iona MacLean

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:

*Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

Prayers of the People - The Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

We go out to serve God

*Hymn: O Master, let me walk with thee 642

*Benediction

*Choral Amen

Postlude

*Worship is now ended
let our service begin!*

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.

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

THIS WEEK - (March 13-20)

Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service - Sunday School at 11:15
Thursday	6:00 pm	Lenten Study continues
	7:30	Choir practice
Friday		David's Place
Sunday	9:00 am	Early communion service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Palm Sunday and Parade Sunday School

Isaiah 43:16-21 ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Philippians 3: 4b-14 If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal,

a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

John 12: 1-8 12 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'



PASTORAL CARE

Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact:

Kenn Stright office: 423-1944
Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893



MISSION MOMENTS: CAMP GEDDIE'S FUTURE MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING

The new multipurpose building for recreational use is a \$70,000 project. The new building will be larger than the current craft hall allowing it to be used for more activities.



PRAYER PARTNERSHIP We pray for the volunteers who assist those who are hungry and cold through food banks and homeless shelters.

STEWARDSHIP No one has ever become poor by giving.

Anne Frank



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 Colin MacPherson. Our scripture reader for this morning is Colin Roop. Refreshment host is Johannah Roberts.