



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 20, 2016 Palm Sunday

**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:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship: *Children of God, Rejoice! Sing out in celebration, God's people! Your Saviour is coming to you, humble, riding on a donkey, on a donkey's foal. Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the Lord's name. Glory to God! Hosanna!*

*Hymn: All Glory, Laud and Honour

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Prayer of Confession: *We confess that we are not so different from those who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday yet later shouted 'Crucify him!' or remained silent in the face of injustice. We have betrayed you too, Lord Jesus by our sins both secret and known. Yet you died for people like us, and you rose on the third day that we might be redeemed. For the sake of Jesus Christ do not hold our sins against us.*

Assurance of Pardon: *In Christ Jesus we are a new and renewed community. In Christ, God hears; God answers; God sets us free. In Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!*

We Hear God's Word

Lenten Liturgy (see insert)

Madeleine Roop

First Reading:

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

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

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank

you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I



will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

*Hymn: Ride on, Ride on 217

Conversation with the young people:

From the letters: **Philippians 2:5-11**

Gospel: **Luke 19:28-40**

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

*Hymn: May the mind of Christ my Saviour 644

Sermon: **Experiencing... Peace on Palm Sunday**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:

*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: Praise him, Praise him 372

*Benediction: *Choral Amen:

Postlude:

*Worship is now ended
Let our service begin!*

Once again Saint David's is being asked to support the snack program at Phoenix House. This is a once a year contribution that goes towards healthy snacks for the youth who use Phoenix's facilities. We have been asked to provide \$175 and anyone who wishes to contribute is asked to give their donations to Carol Dobson or Anne Sommerville. (Income tax receipts will be issued). Thanks!

Refugee committee meeting – April 3, 2016 @ 1230

in Saint Matthew's United Church gymnasium.

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

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 at Calvin Presbyterian 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 20-27)

Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service – Sunday School at 11:15
Monday to Friday		see above
Thursday	7:45	Choir practice at Calvin
Friday		David's Place
Sunday		(see schedule above)

Isaiah 50:4-9a The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Philippians 2:5-11 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 19:28-40 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."⁴¹ As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it,⁴² saying, 'If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.



PASTORAL CARE

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MISSION MOMENTS: St. John's Presbyterian Church, Windsor, is part of a two point charge with First Sackville, served by the Reverend Jean MacAulay. The Representative Elder is Maudie Haley. It is a small, amiable, and dedicated, congregation. They are a diverse and inclusive group who enjoy a good sense of humor. A highlight of each month is the Fellowship Sunday with food and fun after the service. God has given them a sense of joy and ability to be compatible. They have a gift of enthusiasm for Christ's vision and sharing this with others, meeting people where they find them. Join in prayer with St. John's to be what they are called to be in Christ growing better and broader in word and deed

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP MARCH 22 (World Water Day) Give thanks for the sacred gift of water. Pray that all people in Canada have access to safe, clean water, especially Aboriginal communities that are under boil-water alerts.



STEWARDSHIP There's no good reason to be the richest man in the cemetery. *Colonel Harland David Sanders*

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 is Colin MacPherson Our scripture reader for this morning is Refreshments host is Val Macdonald.