



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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

WELCOME!

*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.*

April 03, 2016 *Easter 2*

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



Our Vision
***A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming
Community***

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God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *This is the good news which we proclaim to you. Jesus Christ is raised from the dead! Walk in the light of his love. Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies. Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death. Let us celebrate the love of our Lord. Amen.*

*Hymn: Sing Praise to the Lord **107**
Prayer of Confession: *God of abundant and steadfast love, we gather to worship and praise you. With all that we have and all that we are, we praise you. Lord, we confess that we do not always praise you and glorify your holy name. Transform our praise. Make it more than feeble attempts at divine manipulation or rote obligation. Spirit away ambitions that are selfish or self-aware. Move us beyond words to a new life of praise.*
Words of Assurance: *Easter People, God has heard your song of praise and offers you salvation. Be at peace and live in hope. Amen.*

We Hear God's Word

First Reading **Acts 5: 27-32**
One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.


Responsive Reading: **Psalm 150** *Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet **466**
Conversation:
From the letters: **Revelation 1:4-8**
Gospel: **John 20: 19-31**
One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ
*Hymn: To God be the glory (second version) **350**
Sermon: **PRAISE THE LORD WITH...**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem 
*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" **830**
Offertory Prayer
Announcements

Prayers of the People

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Blessed Assurance **687**

*Benediction: *Choral Amen

Postlude: (please remain seated)

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

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 Jamie Campbell. Our scripture reader for this morning is Nancy Tindall. Our refreshments host is Phyllis Morrison.

THIS WEEK - (April 03-10)

April 03	9 am and 11 am Refreshments after 11 am Refugee sponsorship meeting at St. Matthews – 12:30. We're close so please make an effort to attend!
April 07	7:30 pm Choir
April 08	David's Place in the morning
April 10	9:00 am Communion service 10:00 am Prayer Group 11:00 am Traditional Service

St. John's United Church is hosting its monthly Taize Prayer today at 7 p.m.

Donations towards '**Phoenix House Drop-In Centre Food Programme**' will continue to be received in April- a programme under the umbrella of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (Halifax). For information on the programme, please see the Spring Newsletter. Carol Dobson and Anne Sommerville

Acts 5:27-32 When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we

are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Revelation 1:4-8 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 20:19-31 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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PASTORAL CARE

WE WELCOME YOU to worship this morning! We are glad you are here, and we invite you to worship with us regularly! If you are a visitor, have a prayer or pastoral concern, please contact.

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MISSION MOMENTS: *Located at the head of the Musquodoboit Valley in Dean is **Sharon Presbyterian Church**, the only church in the Valley which opted not to join Church Union in 1925. Over the many years service arrangements have been made and several pairings tried. In the late 1960s both Dean and the adjoining United Church charge were without the services of a settled minister. It was decided to try a Shared Ministry arrangement. This arrangement has worked out very well and continues to this time. It has enabled us to maintain Sharon Church as a focal part of the community. This joint ministry is presently served by the Reverend Michael Henderson. Frances Perrin is Sharon's representative elder. Ministry groups include Sunday School and Choir. As a sponsoring congregation of the Arimathea Funeral Co-Operative, we offer a special ministry through caring and support provided to grieving families in our community. Mission activities support the local Food Bank, Braeside Home for Special Care, World Vision and Presbyterian World Service and Development. Please join us in prayer that this Pastoral Charge will continue to work together in a sharing, compassionate manner to the honour and glory of God. May they be a source of inspiration to other struggling communities who need to think of ways of sharing in ministry.*

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for the Malawi Study Tour as participants explore the work of the Church with our northern and southern partners.

STEWARDSHIP Give to God what's right, not what's left.
Anonymous



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.