



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax

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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 10, 2016 *Easter 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: Prelude in a by Purvis

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *Brothers and sisters. If you lift your net and it is empty,
Come here! We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance. If
you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, Come here! We'll
find the Risen Christ in all Creation. Come here, sisters and
brothers! To give blessing and honour and glory to God!*

*Hymn: I worship you, O Lord

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Prayer of Confession: *Lord, save us from ourselves.*

**We continue to do the same things over and over,
expecting different results.**

Lord, save us from doing too much.

**We go fishing every day,
not noticing you waiting with a meal on the beach.**

Lord, save us from doing too little.

**We say we love you,
and yet so often we neglect your sheep.**

Lord, save us from ourselves.

Help us to hear and respond when you say, "Follow Me."

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 9:1-6

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 30** *I will extol you, O God, for you
have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O God
my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O
God, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from
among those gone down to the Pit. Sing praises to God, O you
God's faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.
For God's anger is but for a moment; God's favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."
By your favour, O God, you had established me as a strong
mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. To you, O God, I
cried, and to you I made supplication: "What profit is there in
my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it
tell of your faithfulness? "Hear, O God, and be gracious to me!
O God, be my helper!" You have turned my mourning into
dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O God my
God, I will give thanks to you forever.*

*Hymn: Come children, join to sing


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Conversation:

From the letters: **Revelation 5:11-14**
 Gospel: **John 21:1-19**
One: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ**
 *Hymn: Come know my joy **788**
 Sermon: **UNFINISHED BUSINESS...**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthems  **Deep River by Moses Hogan**
 *Doxology: *"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"* **830**
 Offertory Prayer
 Announcements
 Prayers of the People

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Come to us **262**
 *Benediction: * Choral Amen
 Postlude: March in D by Purvis (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 Marie Wamboldt. Our refreshments hosts are Don and Margot Knox.

THIS WEEK - (April 10-17)

April 10 9 am and 11 am Refreshments after 11 am
 Session will meet briefly after the service.
 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 Mission Awareness Sunday
Anniversary Sunday is April 24th

Our Mission dollars: Presbyterians Sharing: Up to March 31st, \$7,775.00 has been received. This is 35% of our target of \$22,000

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

St. David's will host a two-part study on **Human Sexuality entitled 'Body, Mind and Soul'**, Tuesday, April 19th at 6:30 and Saturday 23 at 10 am (finished at 12:30). Study Guide available on our website or borrow from any elder.

The Helen M. Watson Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Saint David: Applications for financial assistance from the Helen M. Watson Fund will be received prior to April 30, 2016. The Helen M. Watson Fund of The Presbyterian Church of Saint David produces income to be used "exclusively for local missionary work in Nova Scotia". If you have any questions, please contact Mac Fyfe (902) 425-3844, Mac Mackay- (902) 422-5481 or Johannah Roberts (902) 457-2836. Application Form and Guidelines document, may be obtained from the Web site.

The Spring Fellowship of the **AMS Halifax Lunenburg Presbyterial** will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Dartmouth, Tuesday, April 12 at 11:30. The speaker will be Karen Goudey, Manager of the Food Bank of Dartmouth, (FOOD) Bring a sandwich. Dessert and beverage will be provided. All are welcome to this Mission Event.

Christian Men from across the maritimes are invited to an interdenominational **Men's 1-Day Rally** on **Saturday, April 23** in Amherst NS, where the guest speaker will be Maj. the Rev'd Charles Deogratias - who started life in a Rwandan refugee camp, emigrated thru the grace of God to the USA and later Canada, felt a call to ministry, was ordained in the Presbyterian church, joined the Canadian Forces as a Padre, was deployed in Afghanistan, and is now serving in CFB Gagetown. For further info, click or go to <http://marconf.ca/46450-biennial-mens-gathering/> Organize a

carload for a great time together! If further info required, call 902-434-2482 or don.hill@ns.sympatico.ca

Acts 9:1-6 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Revelation 5:11-14 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshipped.

John 21:1-19 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that

it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."



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: *The Upper Musquodoboit Pastoral Charge is a shared ministry comprised of three congregations, one of which you know quite well, the other two possibly less well. Sharon Presbyterian Church, in Dean is the Presbyterian congregation in the charge. The other two congregations are St. James in Upper Musquodoboit, and Higginsville United. Our Pastoral Charge is a member of both Presbyteries. Higginsville is the smallest congregation in the Pastoral Charge. While there is no Sunday School at this congregation, each Sunday the congregation still likes having a children's story, which often leads to a good time of discussion. Humour is important to the people of Higginsville United.*

St. James United Church is the largest congregation in the pastoral charge. There is an active United Church Women (UCW) group, a very busy Board of Stewards, a Christian Education Committee, and a Playground Committee. The people of St. James built and maintains the largest wooden playground in Nova Scotia. The Upper Musquodoboit Pastoral Charge helped found the Arimathea Funeral Cooperative. It is located upon land owned by St. James. Pray for the people of the Musquodoboit Valley, for spiritual revival and renewal, for continued good relationships between the churches. May we be more effective witnesses for Christ.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for the Rev. Mwawi Chilongozi and her family, of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Synod of Livingstonia in Malawi, as she pursues a Master of Theology degree.

STEWARDSHIP Generosity is to materialism what kryptonite is to Superman. *Lloyd Shadrach*



I Breastfeed.

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.