



# 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 17, 2016 *Easter 4*

## MISSION AWARENESS 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: *This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Come together as Christ's people, with wonder and with praise. We are called to serve, and called to reach out. You are the light of the world. Let our light shine! May God fill us with compassion as we worship.*

\*Hymn: In loving Partnership

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Prayer of Confession: *Glorious God, your faithfulness is everlasting and your glory stretches through the heavens. You have created and shaped us in love. You have begun a good work in us, and we are grateful. Merciful God, we admit that we get discouraged. We underestimate your light within us. Forgive us when we turn away from the needs of others. Help us to reach out in faith, and to be generous. Empower us to be your beacon of light in a troubled world, through Christ, Amen.*

Words of Assurance: *Rejoice and be glad! Our God is full of mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Dare to believe in the gift of a new beginning, and be at peace.*

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-12a

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 67** *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.*

<sup>5</sup> *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

<sup>6</sup> **The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

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

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Conversation: Don't just assume

From the letters: **Philippians 1:3-11**

Gospel: **Matthew 5: 13-16**

One: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

All: **Praise to you, O Christ**

\*Hymn: Come sing, O Church, in Joy

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Sermon: ***Learning and Reaching out Together in Love***

## We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem 

\*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" **830**

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Introduction to prayer: O Lord, hear my prayer **446**

A reminder of our mission: **Coverdale** Val Macdonald

Prayers of the People Nicole Watkins-Campbell

## We Go Out to Serve God

\*Hymn: I'm gonna live so God can use me **648**

\*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 Johannah Roberts. Our refreshment hosts are Gary and Barbara Smith.

### **THIS WEEK - (April 17-24)**

April 17 9 am and 11 am Refreshments after 11 am

April 19 6:30 pm First part of Human Sexuality conversation – setting the ground rules

April 21 7:30 pm Choir

April 22 David's Place in the morning

April 23 10 am Second part of Human Sexuality conversation

April 24 9:00 am Communion service

10:00 am Prayer Group

11:00 am 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Service - Looking

Back – Looking Forward... a number of conversations about our past and our future by those who will have contributed to both.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are placed by the choir in loving memory of Ross Nelson (Larry) MacLean. We thank Cecil Publicover for his donation to the Organ Fund in memory of Larry MacLean.

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'**, this Tuesday, April 19th at 6:30 and Saturday 23 at 10 am (finished at 12:30). Study Guide available on our website or 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.

### **Philippians 1:3-11 Paul's Prayer for the Philippians**

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of

righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**Matthew 5:13-16 Salt and Light** <sup>13</sup>You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

**Exodus 3:1-12a Moses at the Burning Bush** Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' <sup>4</sup>When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' <sup>5</sup>Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' <sup>6</sup>He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup>Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' <sup>12</sup>He said, 'I will be with you;

### **Prayers of the People:**

God of hope, we give you thanks for all the saints, past and present, who shape us and encourage us. Enable us to grow in faith and to be the body of Christ in the world. We are grateful for 'new worlds' into which we step, meeting new people, and learning about new realities.

God of love, shine your light in the world's dark places. We pray for all who are too weary to pray; for all who are ill and each one who cares for them; for the sick and anxious; and all who feel alone. We pray for each one who mourns the loss of a loved one, or the end of a dream. Grant strength and comfort, and open our eyes to a new beginning.

God of wisdom, guide the ministry of the WMS and AMS and all Mission and Outreach committees across the country. Enable our groups to learn about mission, to build relationships, to be generous in sharing our gifts, and to let our light shine as we reach out in difficult places.

Fill us with your love, that it may overflow as we reach out to the vulnerable in our communities and around the world. Grant us confidence as your children and courage as your servants to learn about people who are different from us. Be with communities burdened by poverty, disease, or war. Be with refugees fleeing their homeland and especially watch over our Refugee family as they make their way to us.. Bring peace and relief to all.

God of this broken world, we give thanks for moments of healing and new beginnings. Bring your forgiveness to couples where relationships are strained. Bring your peace to families who are overcome by the demands of work, play, and service. Be with us as our communities and churches change, that we may see a new way forward, by your grace.

In the silence, we lift up to you those known to us who are in need of your love and hope... (time of silence). All this we pray in the name of Christ, the Lord of love and life, who taught us to pray, saying together, Our Father....



## 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 Presbyterian Church of Saint David has been a mission church since its founding 91 years ago. Our life revolves around the many mission and service projects that take us out of our own space to touch the lives of others: Phoenix House, Out of the Cold, Coverdale, the NS Korean Church,*

*David's Place, Sunday Suppers, our Refugee sponsorship, Presbyterians Sharing, PWS&D are just some of the ongoing mission projects that help us express our life in Christ to others in word and deed. **Mission Awareness Sunday** is one more way of expressing how crucial mission is to our Vision of being Christ's Church, a 'beacon on the hill'. We thank members of the Mission and Outreach Committee for participating in the service this morning.*

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Thank God for people who give generously to enhance the mission and ministries of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

**STEWARDSHIP** A pig and a chicken were walking through a poor section of the city. The chicken said to the pig, "Look at all those hungry people. Let's give them ham and eggs for breakfast." The pig said, "Wait a minute. For you, it's a donation. For me, it's a sacrifice."  
*Anonymous*



! 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.**