



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 and continue the ministry of this congregation.

April 24, 2016 *Easter 5*
91st ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY
Looking Back – Looking Forward
**All who are able are asked to stand.*

Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

Mailing Address: 36061 RPO Spring Garden Halifax, NS B3J 3S9
Minister (Kenn Stright): stdavids.stright@bellaliant.com
Office: stdavids.office@ns.sympatico.ca Telephone: (902) 423-1944
Organist (Tristan Cleveland-Thompson): stdavids.music@bellaliant.com
Web site: www.saintdavids.ca

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *We have told stories to tell of faith in Jesus Christ:*

Ninety one years of love and service. *We give thanks and rejoice in our co-workers and companions: Ninety one years sharing ministry,*

challenge, struggle and blessing. *We pray that the eyes of our hearts be opened to a future of wisdom and grace;*
*May we come to know more fully the God of Christ Jesus, and recognize the hope to which we have been called: **Our true foundation and the rock upon which our faith is grounded.***

*Hymn: The church's one foundation **756**

Prayer of Confession: *When we do not listen to your voice in the depths of our own hearts, calling us to love and forgive: **Lord have mercy.** When we do not listen to your voice in our common life, calling us to welcome the stranger and create community: **Christ have mercy.** When we do not listen to your voice in our world, calling us to work for justice and to make peace: **Lord have mercy.***

Assurance of Pardon: *One: The Word is very near to us, in our hearts and on our lips. In Christ, we are forgiven; our lives are made new, and our future of hope is restored. **Thanks be to God! Amen.***

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Joshua 24: 24-28

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 90** ¹³ Turn, O Lord! How long?

Have compassion on your servants! ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. ¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

¹⁶ **Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. ¹⁷ Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands – O prosper the work of our hands!**

First Conversation: Revisiting our Property

Barry Cahill

*Hymn: Jesus loves me

373

Conversation:

Talking stones

From the letters:

Hebrews 11: 8-12

Second Conversation: The building speaks

Mac Mackay

Gospel:

Matthew 5: 13-16

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

*Hymn: Let saints on earth in concert sing

615

Third Conversation Tombstone Talk

Kenn Stright

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthems 

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

Offertory Prayer: *Lord, we remember the faith of those from long ago. We honour their courage, their wisdom and determination on this day of celebration. We stand on the shoulders of many clouds of witnesses. We bring to you our time, talents and money to continue the work you began with our ancestors.*

We stand in the middle of greater possibilities. You have carried us through many dangers, toils and snares. Eyes have not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered the heart of your people, things which you have prepared for those who love you. We bring all we have to you. Use it to continue the work you started long ago.

Announcements

Prayers of the People

John Wamboldt

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: You know the Lord is gracious **470**

*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 Our refreshments ...

THIS WEEK - (April 24- May 1)

April 24	9 am and 11 am Refreshments after 11 am
April 28	7:30 pm Choir
April 29	David's Place in the morning
April 24	9:00 am Communion service
	10:00 am Prayer Group
	11:00 am Traditional service

Refreshment hosts are needed for May and June. Please see the sign up sheet by the coffee urn.

If anyone is aware of a young person graduating from high school, university, or college please share the information with Valerie Macdonald or any of the elders. We will be honouring our graduates on Communion Sunday in June.

Church School will officially close for the year on Christian Family Sunday, May 8. There will be activity kits available after that for those who wish to bring their children

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

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.

Joshua 24: 24-28 The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.'²⁵ So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.²⁶ Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak in the sanctuary of the Lord.²⁷ Joshua said to all the people, 'See, this stone shall be a witness against us; for it has heard all the words of the Lord that he spoke to us; therefore it shall be a witness against you, if you deal falsely with your God.'²⁸ So Joshua sent the people away to their inheritances.

Hebrews 11: 5-10 ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Matthew 5:13-16 Salt and Light ¹³You 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. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In 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.

A prayer for Anniversary Sunday

God of our present and our future, as we gather here today we look for hope. The future is uncertain, we wonder what it will bring. Fill us with a vision for what we could be.

Give us hope for our congregation and our community.

Help us find the choices that lead to life in abundance.

God of hope, in a time of uncertainty we so often fall into fear and worry. Show us the opportunities in our chaotic world, remind us to consider seriously where our priorities and loyalties lie, push us to see how our choices matter, and then fill us with hope in a new heaven and a new earth.

God of our future, may we walk boldly into what may come, as people, not only of faith, but of hope. May we share your hope and promise with the world in which we live. Amen.



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.

Kenn Stright office: 423-1944

Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893



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 projects that take us out of our own space to touch the lives of others – Phoenix House, Out from the Cold, Coverdale, the NS*

*Korean Church, David's Place, 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'.*

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



I Breastfeed.

STEWARDSHIP The ministries of this church and of the Presbyterian Church in Canada would not be possible without your financial support. May we give not out of obligation, but in hope for all that our gifts can do.

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.