



The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David

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Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

We are so glad you have chosen
to worship with us this morning!

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day, May 1st 2016
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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: *May the love that lights up the face of God
shine with favour upon us and bless us; teaching us God's way
of living and loving so that we may witness to that love
and grace.*

*Hymn: Jesus thou joy of loving hearts

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Prayer of Confession: *How easy we can learn of God's love -
how hard it is to live it! The world distracts us with its easy
choices, while we know how intentional we must be to love one
another. Join me as we confess our failures to love and we open our
hearts to God, saying, **Almighty God, you love us, but we
have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbours in need, wrapped up in
our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with
pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness. Holy God, help us to
face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in
mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

Assurance God's love and pardon

We Hear God's Word

First Reading:

Acts 16: 9-15

One: *The Word of the Lord*

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 43 *Vindicate me, O God,*

*and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from those who are
deceitful and unjust deliver me! For you are the God in whom
I take refuge; why have you cast me off? Why must I
walk about mournfully because of the oppression of
the enemy? O send out your light and your truth; let them lead
me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.*

**Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my
exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O
God, my God. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are
you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again
praise him, my help and my God** Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Jesus friend of All the children

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Conversation with the young people:

(Young people leave for Sunday School)

From the letters: **Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

Gospel: **John 14:23-29**

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

*Hymn: Blessed assurance Jesus is mine! **687**

Sermon: **PEACE IN TROUBLED TIMES**

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: Lead on O King eternal **742**

*Benediction: *I am leaving you with a gift – a gift the world cannot give: peace of heart and mind. So do not let your heart be troubled or afraid. Go from here to love and serve the Lord, confident in the peace that Christ offers to each one of us.*

*Choral response: Go now in peace **620**

Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Phoenix House Snack Program. Saint David's exceeded its goal this year.

Anne Sommerville and Carol Dobson

The regular **Session** meeting will be held on Wednesday May 11th at 7 pm.

Next Sunday is Food Bank Sunday for David's Place.

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

St. John's United Church, Halifax, is hosting its monthly Taize Prayer this Sunday, May 1st @ 7 p.m.

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

THIS WEEK - (May 1- May 8)		
Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service
		Sunday School at 11:15
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Worship and Church Life
Friday		David's Place.
Sunday	9:00 am	- Early service
	10:00 am	- Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional Service and Sunday School closing
		Food Bank Sunday – give generously!

Acts 16:9-15 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a

straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day — and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his

servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

John 14:23-29 Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. "You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."



PASTORAL CARE

*Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact
one of the following:*

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MISSION MOMENTS “**The Church on The Hill**”, Iona Presbyterian Church, has faithfully served the people of Dartmouth for 51 years. The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Chenard has led this congregation for 20 years. Linda MacKinnon is the Representative Elder. Iona is a congregation with active Session committees which support both the needs of the congregation and the larger community. The outreach activities of our two A.M.S. groups, Ladies Guild and other church groups are important to the community. We have a small but active Sunday School, and always welcome our children at worship. We are blessed to have a Parish Nurse who supports the health care of our congregation with education and hands on care such as monthly blood pressure clinics and foot care. Please join in prayer with us as we continue to discern how God wants us to serve God’s people and be faithful to Christ’s teaching in our community.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for peace worldwide and for the PWS&D partners supporting those who have lost their homes, families and livelihoods due to conflict.

STEWARDSHIP Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love. *Lao Tzu*

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.

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 Johannah Roberts. Our reader today is. Refreshment Host is