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## WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day  
May 15<sup>th</sup> 2016

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

#### 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: *When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, **Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people; and kindle in us the fire of your love.***

\*Hymn: Come O Spirit

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Prayer of Confession: *Loving God, we know that in every generation you call forth prophets to proclaim your word. **We give you thanks that you are still speaking even today.***

*Your Spirit inspires the young to see visions of a new creation and elders to dream of a time not yet known. Yet we confess that we fail to hear your voice when it comes from an unexpected place. **Convinced that we are right, we miss the Good News of your reconciling love. Forgive us, God.***

***Restore us with humility and awaken us anew to your presence and your promise. Amen.***

Assurance of Pardon: *The God of creation is a God of mercy.*

***God is quick to forgive and God's promise of restoration is for all people. Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel.***

#### We Hear God's Word

First Reading:

Genesis 11: 1-9

One: *The Word of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading:

**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b O LORD,**

*how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. These all look to you to give them***

***their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.***

***When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works-- who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing***

**praise to my God while I have being.** *May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.* **Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

\*Hymn: Holy Spirit, hear us

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Conversation with the young people:

From the letters: **Acts 2: 1-21**

Gospel: **John 14:8-17, (25-27)**

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

\*Hymn: O Spirit, come, our hearts inspire

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Sermon: **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?**

### 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: Filled with the Spirit's power

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\*Benediction:

\*Choral amen

Postlude:



**Worship is now ended let our service begin!**

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.

Today is **Food Bank** Sunday for David's Place.

### **Genesis 11:1-9**

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.



**Acts 2:1-21** When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under

heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'



**John 14:8-17, (25-27)** Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "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.

Deadline for next newsletter is May 27.

Please have your contributions sent to Carol Dobson (caroljdobson@gmail.com) by that date.

RCCO Halifax Centre presents Shawn Potter in recital on the Létourneau organ at St. George's Round Church, Native

to Belmont, Hants County, Shawn was the first-prize winner of the RCCO National Competition in 2013. The recital program will feature works by Byrd, Buxtehude, Bach and Arvo Pärt. Tickets are \$20, available by calling (902) 425-5205, or at the door. Youth admission (15 and under) by donation.

#### THIS WEEK - (May 15- May 22)

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service Food Bank Sunday
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 pm	- choir practice
<b>Friday</b>		David's Place.
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	- Early service
	10:00 am	- Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional



#### 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 -----. Our reader today is Phyllis Morrison. Refreshment Host are Jane and Gordon Brown.