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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

September 04th 2016 Pentecost 16

We gather on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. Our ancestors entered into Peace and Friendship Treaties with the Mi'kmaq. We strive for healing.

Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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GATHERING

Prelude: *Be Thou My Vision*

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship: *Nothing about us is hidden from God - God knows us better than we know ourselves* **The loving presence of God surrounds us.** *God made us in our intricate complex detail. God knows us from our birth to our death. God knows us all day, every day, for all of our days.*

*Hymn: You are before me, Lord 101

Prayer of Confession: *We approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. We have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Search us, O God, and know our heart; test us and know our thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.*

PROCLAIMING

First Reading: **Jeremiah 18: 1-11**

One: The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18** *LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.*

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. *How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!* I try to count them - they are more than the sand; I come to the end - I am still with you.

*Hymn: We are one 471

Community Conversation:

From the letters: **Philemon 1-21**

Gospel: **Luke 14: 25-33**

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

*Hymn: Precious Lord, take my hand 571

Sermon: **To the Depths of my Being!**

RESPONDING

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *All Who Are Thirsty* sung by Tristan

*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)

SENDING

*Hymn: Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go 652

*Benediction:

*Choral amen

Postlude: *March in A by Handel*

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

**Welcome back after our long summer of wandering
amongst the four churches.**

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of St. David has determined to add to its number those called and elected by God and our community of faith. The election will be held in the fall and you are prayerfully asked to consider those whom God may be calling to this office. Phyllis Morrison is convener of the nominating committee.

THIS WEEK - (September 04-11)

Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service
Friday		David's Place.
Sunday	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service Food Bank Sunday

The Session is called to meet September 14 at 7 pm

The 13th Wave of the Metro New Horizons band program will begin with an instrument demonstration and experimentation session on Sunday, September 11 from 1:00 until 2:00 above the Long & McQuade store at 124 Main Street in Dartmouth. This beginner band for seniors is open to anyone 50 years of age or older - no experience is necessary.

AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia would like to invite you to the annual *Scotiabank AIDS Walk* on September 25th 2016, at the Pavilion Site on the Halifax Commons. Everyone is welcome to

come out and enjoy the afternoon with your friends, family, coworkers, and even your furry four legged friends.

Sunday Morning Hosts:

Since Val Macdonald has moved on from the Worship and Church Life committee, those of us left now have to find refreshment hosts. Some of you may not be aware that when Valerie didn't have anyone step forward, she would provide the refreshments. I would say she probably did this about a quarter of the Sundays throughout the year. I don't intend to do that. If people don't offer--well we may have coffee (Rod Macdonald usually makes the big pot) but no eats!! Other churches often just have simple store bought cookies. Don't think you have to bake something elaborate. Please see me after church or call me (429-4353) or email me (pmorrison@eastlink.ca) if you are willing. I want to make up a roster so we will know well in advance who is on for a given Sunday. Thanks so much for your consideration and support.

Want to deepen your faith? Why not register for the Ewart Centre's on line lay education program this fall. There are two 6 week courses offered. There are no educational prerequisites. Reformed Faith and Spirituality by Rev. Dr. Dong Ha Kim September 12 to Oct 24th and Reformed Worship by Rev. Dr. Emily Bisset Oct 31 to Dec 15. Go to www.knox.utoronto.ca Study at Knox Lay education to see course descriptions

The
GOD
Who Sees

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was

useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.



PASTORAL CARE

We are pleased that you are here and look forward to discovering ways that we can grow in faith and service together. We pray that you will be blessed in worship today and that you will come again soon. Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact one of the following:

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MISSION MOMENTS September 8 is International Literacy Day

Gloria Navaya is wearing her mandatory school uniform, but her bright green high tops and wide smile show her individuality as she proudly strides up the path leading to Neno Girls Secondary School in Malawi. Presbyterian World Service & Development works with local partners to provide bursary support for vulnerable girls in the region. Gloria, whose family was unable to afford school fees, can now receive a proper education in a secure environment. “I really like going to an all-girls school. It’s fun and it feels safe.” Gloria dreams of becoming a doctor when she grows up. She is thankful for the chance to continue her education, work towards her dreams and access meaningful opportunities ahead.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for first-time university and college students as they move away from home, that they may find community and support.

STEWARDSHIP Seek joy in what you give, not in what you get.
Anonymous

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 is . Our reader today is Nancy Tindall. Refreshment Host is Phyllis Morrison.

