

The Presbyterian Church of



Saint David

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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

September 11th 2016 Pentecost 17

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

Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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GATHERING

Prelude:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship: We gather to declare the glory of God in our lives. We gather, strengthened by the Spirit, trusting that Christ dwells in our hearts. We gather to praise the One who calls us to serve others in love.

***Hymn:** Out of my Bondage **193**
Prayer of Confession: *God of wisdom, we confess the foolishness of our ways, and our failure to follow you in your paths of right relationships – with you and with others. We have gone astray; we feel lost. We have upheld our own interests first, to the detriment of others. We have failed to be generous with the poor, and abandoned our efforts to bring about justice. We feel the stains of our sins, God; have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. Wash the sinfulness out of us, and help us to live more faithfully as your servants. We seek your unfailing Lordship and ask for your guiding hand on our lives. You are the immortal, invisible One; to you be honour and glory forever; amen.*
Assurance of Pardon *Merciful and loving God, we thank you for never losing hope for us. When we are lost, you are there searching for us, bringing us back to you like the good shepherd that you are. May this joy flow into our lives each day, and be faithfully reflected into the world around us. Thanks be to God, our Great Shepherd.*

PROCLAIMING

First Reading: **Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28**
One: The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God.
Responsive Reading: **Psalms 14** *Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good. The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God. They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one. Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD? There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous. You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge. O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.*
***Hymn:** For the healing of the Nations **736**
Community Conversation: The wedding ring
From the letters: **1 Timothy 1:12-17**
Gospel: **Luke 15: 1-10**

One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ
***Hymn:** When Israel was in Egypt's Land **708**
Sermon: **It's the end of the world as we know it...**

RESPONDING

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)**

SENDING

***Hymn:** Arise your light is come **712**
***Benediction:** ***Choral amen**
Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

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 11-18)		
Next Sunday	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Session
Friday		David's Place.

St. John's United is holding its monthly Taize Prayer this Sunday, Sept. 11th @ 7 p.m. at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Rd. Please use St. Mathias Lane entrance. All welcome.

Sunday Morning Hosts: Please see Phyllis 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. If you like to bake but do not wish to work the kitchen on Sunday morning, or if you don't mind working getting things ready on Sunday but don't like to bake, I'm sure we can work out something."

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

1 Timothy 1:12-17 I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who

would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 15:1-10 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.



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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Valerie Macdonald	home: 455-1893

MISSION MOMENTS No longer a stranger

Presbyterians Sharing supports Almanarah church in London, Ontario, which provides community for Arabic-speaking immigrants who come to Canada from the Middle East. Many people's lives have been touched by the ministry, and their stories are incredible and encouraging. A member who recently arrived from Iraq, shares "When we came to Canada, we felt like strangers. I had a huge need to find good and honest friends who spoke my language and knew my culture, to help and support and guide us during our first days in Canada. I thank God I have found Almanarah Church, my new family in Canada. I am not a stranger anymore."

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP We offer you thanks, Oh God, for the thousands of women, children and men who serve their communities and their churches faithfully in your name.

STEWARDSHIP In our good works, nothing is our own.
John Calvin

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 Val MacDonald. Our reader today is Marie Wamboldt. Refreshment Host is Claudia Saoud.