

The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David



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Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day
September 18th 2016 Pentecost 18

*We gather on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. Peace and Friendship
Treaties with the Mi'kmaq bind us together as we strive for reconciliation.*

Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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GATHERING

Prelude: Macphersons Lament



*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship: *We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts. For something happens here that reminds us that we can live as God desires. God has made a promise of faithfulness to us and we can trust the promise.*

*Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory **490**

Prayer of Confession: *Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.*

Forgive us, you who are the balm of Gilead, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.
Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon *Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger of our lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us. We are God's beloved children, and will model God's grace and love in our hearts. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! Amen.*

PROCLAIMING

First Reading: **Jeremiah 8:18-9:1**

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 79:1-9 *God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins. They have given the bodies of your servants to the birds of the air for food, the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth. They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them. We have become a taunt to our neighbours, mocked and derided by those around us. How long, O LORD? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealous wrath burn like fire? Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you, and on the kingdoms that do not call on your name. For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation. Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.*

*Hymn: The wise may bring their learning **344**

Community Conversation:

From the letters: **1 Timothy 2: 1-7**

Gospel: **Luke 16:1-13**

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

*Hymn: Brother/Sister let me serve you **635**

Sermon: **Gotta serve Somebody**

RESPONDING

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: The Time for Turning by Craig Courtney

*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)

Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

**Masters,
two and more,
competing for our money
clamouring for our time
creating chaos in our lives.**

**Master,
one God,
quiet us and draw us near.**
(Katherine Hawker)

SENDING

*Hymn: Called as Partners

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*Benediction:

*Choral amen

Postlude: Skye Boat Song



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 up to eight in number. Phyllis Morrison is convener of the nominating committee. The nominating committee of the session, as well as professing members of the congregation, nominate suitable candidates. Nominations from church members must be in writing and made by at least two persons, either separately or together. Please submit names by **September 25** to Phyllis. A **congregational meeting** is called for **October 2** immediately following the service of Word and Sacrament at which time the Nominating Committee will offer a slate of candidates. Anyone wishing to vote and not able to attend worship may ask any elder for a ballot.

THIS WEEK - (September 18-25)

Next Sunday 9:00 am Early service
10:00 am Circle of Prayer
11:00 am Presbytery pulpit exchange with
the Rev. Laurence Mawhinney here at St. David's. This is also
Presbyterians Sharing... Sunday
Friday David's Place.

Oct. 2 is World Communion Sunday
A congregational meeting will follow

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Halifax-Metro annual Fall Rally and "**Fellowship of the Least Coin* 60th Anniversary Ingathering Service" will take place at Saint Theresa's Parish, 6351 North Street, Halifax at 7:00pm on Monday, October 17, 2016. The guest speaker will be Sister Jovita MacPherson who will speak on the street ministry in Halifax of the Sisters of St. Martha's. A free-will offering will also be received for the sisters of St. Martha's Street Ministry. A reception will be held following the service. All Are Welcome.

A work day will be held on Saturday October 1st beginning at 9 a.m. to clean and polish the sanctuary. There will be a sign-up sheet at coffee hour. This is a great time for fellowship. Please join us!

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."

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 October 31, 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.

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my

poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

I Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all--this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Luke 16:1-13 Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'



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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 21 is International Day of Prayer for Peace An unprecedented number of people around the world are suffering as a result of violent conflict. While war has always been a part of human history, the nature of armed conflict has changed. More than ever, victims of violence are noncombatants. Women, men and children endure displacement, hunger and unthinkable trauma. When war strikes, we are called to be peacemakers. PWS&D's Be a Peacemaker campaign provides relief and support to families suffering the devastating effects of war. PWS&D's response has provided food aid and essential non-food items to thousands of vulnerable families -restoring their strength and hope as they face each uncertain day.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP We pray for the Atlantic Mission Society Annual as they meet together in Moncton, NB. May they learn, love and laugh together.

STEWARDSHIP Remember this – you can't serve God and Money, but you can serve God with money. *Selwyn Hughes*

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 Refreshment Host is ...