

The Presbyterian Church of

Saint David

1544 Grafton Street Halifax, N.S.

Minister: Kenn Stright

Clerk of Session: Valerie Macdonald

Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

Rev. Laurence Mawhinney guest preacher

WELCOME!



September 25th 2016 Pentecost 19

Today we celebrate the mission and ministry we do together through Presbyterians Sharing. Together, as Presbyterians across Canada, we proclaim the good news of the gospel in Canada and around the world.

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:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship: *We come to this place seeking something. But even more importantly, we come as people who are sought by the One whose other name is Love. Let us enter this time of worship with hearts and minds open. Come, let us worship God.*

*Hymn: Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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Prayer of Confession (unison) **Almighty God, you know our hearts. You know that we struggle to be faithful to you. From moment to moment and from decision to decision, we are inconsistent and fickle. Forgive us for our unfaithfulness. Forgive us even More when we justify our Unfaithfulness with formulas for our lives that serve us and not you. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon: *Minister: Friends, believe the good news.*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven**

PROCLAIMING

Responsive Reading: Psalm 146 *Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. **The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!***

Hymn: Jesus friend of all the children

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Community Conversation

From the Letters Philemon 1:1 and 3-7

Gospel: Luke 16: 19 - 31

One: the Gospel of the Lord **All: Praise to You, O Christ**

Hymn: Lord, speak to me (Verses 1 - 3) 767
Sermon: **“Poetry For Sisters and Brothers”**

RESPONDING

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:

*Doxology: *“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”* 830

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

Hymn 767 Oh fill me, Lord (unannounced, vs 4 and 5)

Prayers of the People The Lord’s Prayer (debts & debtors)

SENDING

*Hymn: God of all power 626

*Benediction:

*Choral amen

Postlude:



Worship is now ended let our service begin!

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/engagenovascotia> to see how you can invite a newcomer to Canada to share Thanksgiving with you!

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."

THIS WEEK - (Sept. 25-Oct. 2)

Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service
Elder election: Please ensure any nominations are in writing and given to Phyllis Morrison		
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir practice
Friday		David's Place.
Saturday	9:00 am	Workday!
Deadline for next Newsletter!		
Send to Carol Dobson: caroljdobson@gmail.com		
Next Sunday	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Word and Sacrament
	11:15 am	Sunday School
	12:15 pm	Congregational meeting

Oct. 2 is World Communion Sunday. A congregational meeting will follow for the election of elders.

October 9th Thanksgiving Sunday.

October 16th – Ordination of new elders.

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.

Nova Voce Men’s Choir is hosting a fall FUNraiser at MicMac Aquatic Club, Lake Banook , 192 Prince Albert Road , Dartmouth on Friday, September 30th at 7 pm. Choir selections, solos, quartets, etc. Tickets: \$20 (\$10 for youth), available from choir members or from www.novavoce.com

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.

Summer Blues: Offerings over the summer have been low and Saint David’s operating account (which pays salaries and utilities, etc.) has suffered. Please complete any summer offerings you missed. Enter your catch-up amount in your regular offering envelope. (If you do not have offering envelopes, put your offering in any envelope. Mark it with your envelope number or your name.) Please review your donations and please consider increasing them.

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.



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:

Kenn Stright office: 423-1944
Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893

MISSION MOMENTS Determined to Rise Above Hunger

Witness Ngofi used to have no trouble harvesting enough food for her family in Malawi. But periods of erratic, unpredictable weather have made it increasingly difficult for her to protect her crops. When Witness heard that a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported conservation agriculture program was starting in her village, she signed up right away. Conservation agriculture is a system of farming that helps revitalize the soil and increase yields. The process was challenging at first—the methods strayed from traditional farming and prompted discouraging remarks from other farmers. But despite having little rain, Witness’s crop of maize was soon thriving. As her plot continued to flourish, she became a role model for other farmers determined to overcome hunger for the long-term.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP let us give thanks for the faithful generosity of congregations across Canada as we share in mission and ministry together through *Presbyterians Sharing*.

STEWARDSHIP When we can share — that is poetry in the prose of life.
Sigmund Freud

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 ...