

*Hymn: Take my life and let it be 637
 Prayer of Confession: *Righteous God, we confess that we are arrogant when we are called to be meek. Too often, we praise ourselves instead of praying for forgiveness. Too often, we point fingers at others instead of admitting our own wrongdoings. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us to be humble, Lord Jesus, that we may exalt your Holy Name by following you more faithfully. Forgive us, God of Grace, and deal gently with us. May we become more like the tax collector - humble, penitent, acknowledging our faulty lives to you. Then, may we receive the mercy promised to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.*

PROCLAIMING

First Reading: **Sirach 35:12-17**
One: The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God.
 Responsive Reading: **Psalm 84:1-7** *How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.*

*Hymn: Seek ye first 625
 Community Conversation:
 From the letters: **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**
 Gospel: **Luke 18:9-14**
One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ
 *Hymn: Just as I am without one plea 682
 Sermon: **REGARD WITH CONTEMPT**

RESPONDING

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
 Anthem:
 *Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" 830
 Offertory Prayer (together) **O God, we bring to you our tithes and our offerings, that they may be used in works of love, thankfulness, and obedience. May they be worthy gifts, a symbol of the depth of our faith and our commitment. In the same Spirit, we dedicate to you our lives, that you may use us as your grateful servants, to bless one another and the world you have made. Amen.**
 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 652
 *Benediction:
 *Choral amen
 Postlude:



Worship is now ended let our service begin!

THIS WEEK - (October 23-30)		
Next Sunday	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional Service
	11:15 am	Sunday School
	12:15 am	Adult Study Class
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Special Session meeting
Thursday	7:30 pm	Choir
Friday		David's Place.

Please stay for the special financial review!

The Fall Fellowship of the Halifax Lunenburg AMS Presbyterial will be held Tuesday, October 25, 11:30, at St. Andrew's, Dartmouth. Mission speaker will be Wendy Fraser from the Hospice Society. Bring bag lunch.

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.

Christmas Tea and Sale, First Baptist Church Halifax, Sat., Nov. 5, 2 - 4:30 pm. Cost \$7 per adult or 5 for \$30, \$1 children under 12 yrs. Emporium, Books, New to You, Jellies, Pantry, Aprons, knitted items, and of course, The Best Tea in Town! Early arrivals treated to music in the Sanctuary.

A Nova Voce Men's Choir Concert will be held on Saturday, October 29th at 7:30 pm at Bedford United Church , 1200 Bedford Highway . Tickets are \$15, available from: choir members, online at www.novavoce.com or at the door

Bible Study begins after church next week: *'Being the Church'* is the theme of the five sessions which include the following topics
1. Singing together 2. Loving with empathy and compassion
3. Creating safe space 4. Welcoming all ages 5. Believing in life beyond death.

Sessions start after refreshments! Introduction to Session 1:

Singing Together: In the book of Job, God speaks into the whirlwind and questions Job. Reflecting on the moment of creation, God says, “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth...when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?” (Job 38:4,7) Perhaps our singing together is an echo of that first morning star song.

Sirach 35:12-17 Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who

repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it; and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 18:9-14 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.