

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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Sola Gratia - Grace Alone

Sola Scriptura - Scripture Alone

Sola Fide - Faith Alone

Solus Christus - Christ Alone

Sola Deo Gloria - For God's Glory Alone

THE REFORMATION @ 500

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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

October 30th 2016 Pentecost 24

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.

MISSION MOMENTS Today we remember and give thanks for the Reformation - "when the Spirit led the church kicking and screaming into a new reality." We can pray that the Spirit will, as Jesus promised, continue guiding us into all truth, including fuller unity with other Christians. We can recommit ourselves to living out the classic Protestant motto, *Ecclesia reformata semper reformanda secundum verbum Dei* — "The reformed church, always being reformed according to the Word of God." We mark Reformation Sunday in the humble confession and joyful conviction that God, with amazing grace, is not done reforming the church and the world.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP We pray for the continued re-formulation of the church in changing times.

STEWARDSHIP "Let us focus on generosity, or returning God's gifts with increase, through the generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure."

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 Colin MacPherson. Our reader today is Val Macdonald. Refreshment Host is Johannah Roberts.

VISION: *The church as we see it at its best and the church as we dream it!*

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community
This is the church we want our neighbours to see.

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GATHERING



Prelude: Psalm 23 by Howells

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship: *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

God's love surrounds us every day; our God is merciful and gracious.

*Hymn: A Mighty Fortress is our God **315**

Prayer of Confession: (together) **God of the Covenant: we have known your hopes for us, and disappointed every one of them; we have heard your words of faithfulness, and forgotten every one of them; we have seen your dreams for us, and turned every one of them into ashes. Forgive us, Hope's Heart. Silence every blustering word, so we may hear your mercy; still every feeble attempt to justify ourselves, so we may be made right with you; melt every frozen heart, so we might be drenched in your river of joy. May Jesus Christ continue to live in us, so we might be free to live forever with you.** *Silence is kept*

Assurance of Pardon *Be still and know the good news: God has not forsaken nor forgotten us, but redeems us. Why should we be afraid? God is in our midst - forgiving, restoring, sending. Thanks be to God! Amen.*

PROCLAIMING

First Reading: **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

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

Responsive Psalm 46: *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of*

the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*Hymn: Sing them over again to me **498**

Community Conversation:

From the letters: **Romans 3: 19-28**

Gospel: **John 8: 31-36**

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

*Hymn: Salvation and Immortal Praise **629**

Sermon: **THE REFORMATION @ 500**

RESPONDING

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Sing Alleluia forth

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

Offertory Prayer Announcements:

"Lord, listen to your children praying" (unannounced) **449**

Prayers of the People (John Wamboldt)

The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

SENDING

*Hymn: Amazing Grace **670**

*Benediction:

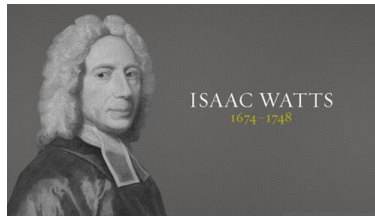
*Choral amen

Postlude: Toccata in D by Gigout



Worship is now ended let our service begin!

Church of England. This prevented Isaac from attending either Cambridge or Oxford. Benjamin Franklin is credited for bringing the hymns of Watts to America where they gained popularity during the revolutionary war. He was frail, sickly, and barely 5 feet tall. His only love refused to marry him; loving his hymnody but not his looks.



John Wycliffe

William Tyndale

John Knox

Martin Luther

John Calvin

THIS WEEK - (October 30-Nov 06)

Next Sunday 9:00 am Early service
 10:00 am Circle of Prayer
 11:00 am Traditional Service
 commemorating Remembrance Day
 11:15 am Sunday School
 12:15 am Adult Study Class

Thursday 7:30 pm Choir
Friday David's Place.

UPCOMING: Session meets at its regular time of 7 pm on Nov. 09.

On Nov 13 we will have as a special guest at St. David's. Stephen Allen, Associate Secretary for Justice Ministries of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

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.

Adult Study begins after church: *'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 2: **Loving with Empathy and Compassion:** Creation began with singing and was soon followed by the need for companionship. It is God who first longs for a creature made in God's own image, with whom God can have a relationship (Genesis 1:27). And in the second account of creation, God creates *adam* (Hebrew for "creature of earth [*adama*]", the first human being) and immediately realizes that *adam* needs a companion and partner (Genesis 2:18). We are created for relationship, and so loving with empathy and compassion is at the heart of our identity as God's people.

The Cactus plant is placed in memory of Harold and Bunny Wright and Forrest and Elizabeth Fyfe.

The St. David's and Friends Sunday suppers group is scheduled to provide a ham and vegetable casserole on Nov. 13. New volunteers are welcome to prepare and deliver a casserole, or even to serve at the dinner at St. Andrews Church on Sunday evening. Anyone interested in participating can call Nicole Watkins Campbell 222-1691 for details. You might also recently have found you have coats, jackets, mittens, hats, and jeans and sweaters you don't plan to use this winter. Donations of these items are appreciated.

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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be

justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed

Hymn writers of the Reformation:

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) was an English theologian. He is most remembered for as the "father of hymnody" especially in the Reformed (Presbyterian) tradition. Many of his over 600 hymns are still sung regularly in our services (see 629 being sung today). He was the eldest of nine children in a family that refused to follow the