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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

November 13th 2016 Pentecost 26

We acknowledge the Mi'kmaq people on whose territory we gather this morning. This acknowledgement is not a simple or superficial statement but is one that points to the heart of reconciliation. It acknowledges the unceded rights and title of the Mi'kmaq people and our desire for healing and reconciliation.

Our Mission:

To Share the good news of the love of God in Jesus Christ by living what we believe, by loving and serving others, through listening to them and responding in practical ways, showing that God is active in our lives and in the world.

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GATHERING

Prelude: Climat by Alain
*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: In Christ there is no East or West

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Prayer of Confession: *We ask you to open us to the truths about our collective history recorded in the long journey to wholeness made by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission We confess that our minds remain closed to the complex and subtle ways that past mistakes, arrogance, misuse of authority, and sinfulness have damaged our social fabric in ways we have barely begun to redress. We ask you to open our hearts: that we may continue to listen even when the truth challenges us; that we may understand that we are heirs to a system that has shown itself capable of domination and cruelty, whether or not we personally contributed to building it that way; that we now have opportunity to commit ourselves in all humility to do what we can especially as the many recommendations begin to be implemented.*

Assurance: *Friends, be confidence that by God's grace we may yet grow into a community of love and forgiveness.*

PROCLAIMING

Intro to readings: Many and Great (choir)

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First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

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

Responsive Psalm 98 *O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. his right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory. The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.*

*Hymn: Just as I am 682

(The words of this hymn were written by Charlotte Elliott. Her husband, Peter, served as priest at Six Nations in the early 1800s.)

Community Conversation:

Gospel: *Luke 21:5-19*

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

*Hymn: For the healing of the Nations 736

Sermon: **STEPHEN ALLEN, JUSTICE MINISTRIES**

RESPONDING

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Remember by Stephen Chatman

*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: O for a world where everyone respects 730

*Benediction: *Choral amen

Postlude:



Worship is now ended let our service begin!

David's Place is asking for your donation of Canadian Tire money to be used in the support of David's Place development of its vegetable garden project. There is a box on one of the tables at the beginning of the centre aisle of the Church; your donations will be gratefully accepted, and put to good use. Nicole Watkins Campbell has already made a donation of over \$67.00 (CTM) to this project.

THIS WEEK - (Nov 13-20)

**Please stay for refreshments after church
and join in our adult study as well!**

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
		Mission and Outreach committee
Tuesday	10:00 am	Presbytery in Windsor
Thursday	7:30 pm	Choir
Friday		David's Place.

Advent begins Nov. 27.

- **Come and decorate! November 25th – jobs for everyone!**
- **Dec. 4th Rev. Dr. Richard Topping will be our guest speaker both at 9 am and 11 am.**
- **Set aside Dec. 18 at 3 pm for a special Christmas Concert featuring our choir and friends under the direction of Tristan Cleveland-Thompson.**

Adult Study 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 next week - Session 4: **Welcoming All Ages:** Little can be clearer from the accounts of creation and the salvation history of God than that God has always intended to foster intergenerational relationships. "Be fruitful and multiply" is the mantra of God's creative task. The goodness of creation and the promise of the covenant were always intended for generations of God's people, and not just one family or one generation. Passing the story on to new generations is at the core of how God works in the world and among God's people.

Today is Food Bank Sunday for our friends at David's Place

Suddenly LISTEN presents the Ken Aldcroft Convergence Ensemble at St. David's next Saturday, Nov. 19 at 8 pm. This is an improv group featuring an alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, drums and percussion and a bass player. Come and hear these instruments played as you may never have heard them before.

Panel Discussion on Medically Assisted Dying: A just expression of care for the dignity of every human being Wednesday, November 23, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Great Hall, Anglican Diocesan Centre 1340 Cathedral Lane, (formerly Martello Street).

A Christmas **Art Show and Sale** by the Contemporary Art Society will be held at Sacred Heart School , 5820 Spring Garden Road : Friday, 25th November 7:00 – 9:00 pm and Saturday & Sunday, 26th & 27th November 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Everyone welcome!

“The **Miracle Sunday** Special Appeal: So far the Special Appeal has raised \$15,790. To everyone who contributed, thank you very much indeed! We were \$30,000 behind but your response has eliminated half of that figure, allowing us to pay bills and repay funds borrowed during the summer period. Donations can still be made.”

Holiday Parade of Lights Saturday, November 19. The Cathedral Church of All Saints will be serving delicious – free! - Hot Chocolate.

What talents do YOU have? Are you artistic? Do you have a flair for decorating? If so, we need you. . Christmas will be here before we know it and each year a group of six or seven of us drag out the same old decorations. If you have any new ideas, that won't cost too much, we'd like to hear them. Do you make great bows to update the wreaths, etc.? Thanks for you input. ***We plan to decorate the sanctuary on Nov. 25*** in the afternoon. Come along and get in the Christmas spirit.

Isaiah 65:17-25 For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD-- and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent--its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Luke 21:5-19 When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will



be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.



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 **Truth and Reconciliation Commitment**

Act Bill 40 was introduced last Tuesday in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly asking for the following: THEREFORE be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows: 1. This Act may be cited as the Truth and Reconciliation Commitment Act. 2. The Province is committed to implementing the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada as set out in the Commission's Final Report, "Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future". 3. The Premier shall table annually a report in the House of Assembly on the Province's progress towards implementing the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP We pray for all ongoing efforts for Healing and Reconciliation especially the work of Engage NS.

STEWARDSHIP Of all the teachings we receive, this one is most important: Nothing belongs to you of what there is, of what you take, you must share. *Chief Dan George*

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 -----. Our reader today is Mac Mackay. Refreshment Hosts are Don and Margo Knox.