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## WELCOME!

### *Our Church At Worship*

**November 20<sup>th</sup> 2016      Pentecost 27**

*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 Welcome** *all people, without judgment, extending hospitality, and inviting them to join with us in worship and sharing.*

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## GATHERING

Prelude:

\*The Entry of the Scriptures



Call to worship: *Happy are those who live in God's house; Delighted are those who sing God's praises! The Lord provides the strength that we need. The glory of God will be made known in this place!*

\*Hymn: O Lord thou art my God and king

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Prayer of Confession: *The cross says another chance is before us. We are sorry and ask God's forgiveness, touch the hearts of the broken, homeless and afflicted and heal their spirits, in your mercy and compassion walk with us as we continue our journey of healing to create a future that is just and equitable.*

**Lord, you are our hope. Amen.**

Assurance: *God does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone. When all the prisoners of the land are crushed under foot, when human rights are perverted in the presence of the Most High, when one's case is subverted – does the Lord not see it?*

*Lamentations 3:32-36*

## PROCLAIMING

First Reading:

**Jeremiah 23: 1-6**

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

Responsive Reading:

**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: Let all the world in every corner sing

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Community Conversation:

From the letters:

**Colossians 1:11-20**

Gospel: **Luke 23:33-43**  
*One: The Gospel of the Lord.* **All: Praise to you, O Christ**  
**Choir:** Jesus, remember me **206**  
**\*Hymn:** Jesus Our Mighty Lord **273**  
**Sermon:** **WHAT KIND OF KING?**

### RESPONDING

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
 Anthem:  
 \*Doxology: *"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"* **830**  
 Offertory Prayer (together)  
 Announcements:  
*"Lord, listen to your children praying"* (unannounced) **449**  
 Prayers of the People: Johannah Roberts  
 The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

### SENDING

\*Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King **267**  
 \*Benediction:  
 \*Choral amen  
 Postlude:



**Worship is now ended let our service begin!**

### **THIS WEEK - (November 20-27)**

<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional Service – Advent 1
	11:15 am	Sunday School
	12:15 am	Adult Study Class
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 pm	Choir
<b>Friday</b>		David's Place

- **Come and decorate! November 25<sup>th</sup> – jobs for everyone!**
- **Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Bible Study** continues 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 5: **Believing in Life Beyond Death:**  
 Death has always been part of created life. The tree of life and immortality were off limits both in the garden and outside of it (Genesis 3:22–24). God created the first human being from the dust of the earth and commanded that to the dust our bodies would return (Genesis 2:7, 3:19). But the breath that gives us life is the breath of God (Genesis 2:7). As the story of covenant and salvation history unfolds, it becomes clear that death is the pathway to life. God continually works to bring us into eternity, the realm of God. Jesus links himself to the God of creation, the God of covenant and invokes God's holy name with the ultimate promise to humanity, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11: 25–26). When the church believes this promise and Christians can speak with ease about the hope that accompanies death, we are witnesses to the gospel; we are being the church that God calls us to be.

If anyone (or families) would like to light the **Advent Candles** please see Phyllis Morrison

**Flowers** today are placed in memory of Joseph Lappin by the Lappin family.

Interested in being a **Sunday greeter** – please talk with Colin MacPherson – 902-434-1674

Saturday December 3, 2016 at 7:00 pm, The **Nova Scotia Mass Choir** in concert at First Sackville Presbyterian Church, 60 Beaver Bank Road, Lower Sackville, NS. A Freewill offering will be collected.

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.

**St Andrew's**, Dartmouth, tonight 7 pm Preacher: The Rev. Ivan Gregan Port Wallis United Church 8 pm Ceilidh - music by Kilted Choir and Rev Iona MacLean

**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!

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 your input. **We plan to decorate the sanctuary on Nov. 25** in the afternoon. Come along and get in the Christmas spirit.

**Jeremiah 23:1-6** Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when *I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king* and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

**Colossians 1:11-20** May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased



to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**Luke 23:33-43** When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."



## PASTORAL CARE

*We welcome everyone to worship today. Your presence makes a difference. Our worship would not be the same if you were not here. 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 Restorative Justice Week Nov. 20-27

**Restorative justice** is a philosophy that views crime and conflict principally as harm done to people and relationships. RJ is a non-adversarial, non-retributive approach to justice that emphasizes healing in victims, the meaningful accountability of offenders, and the involvement of citizens in creating healthier, safer communities. RJ is about giving all parties involved in a conflict the opportunity to take an active role in a safe and respectful process that allows for open dialogue between the victim, the offender, and the community.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Pray for The *National Restorative Justice Symposium* being held here in Halifax, November 21-22.

**STEWARDSHIP** I don't care too much for money; money can't buy me love.  
*The Beatles*

**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 Don Knox. Our reader today is Johannah Roberts. Refreshment Host is Di Palmetter.