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Welcome to the Church at Worship

February 05 Epiphany 5

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

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

This is the church we want our neighbours to see.

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GATHERING



Prelude: *Prelude in D Minor* J.S. Bach

Gebet L. Van Beethoven

*The Entry of the Beadle with Bible

Call to worship *How shall we worship our God? We have heard what the Lord requires of us. Leave empty talk and pride behind. We must walk the walk. Prepare to step out in faith, even into troubled waters. Only God knows where we might need to go. Don't be afraid. Jesus will guide our steps along the way, Teaching us to walk humbly, to love boldly, to serve God with body, soul, mind, and strength. Let us pray for the humility and courage to follow where the Spirit leads.*

*Hymn Guide me O thou great Redeemer **651**

Prayer of Confession: *Forgiving God, as we imagine a future in which all your children are safe and protected, we become more aware of the inequalities and dangers that plague the world's most vulnerable people.*

We confess that we do not pay enough attention to those who suffer, we enjoy comfort and satisfaction, and yet we are indifferent about the comfort and satisfaction of others.

We ask forgiveness for forgetting the needs of others, for taking more than our share of resources, for closing our ears to the cries of the poor. May your passionate love inspire us and enable us to live differently. May we be always mindful of the possibility of new life. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: *Brothers and Sisters, there is no failure that God cannot redeem. There is no distance God cannot cross. In our sinfulness, God does not push us away, but gathers us in. This is true freedom – to be loved in the fullness of our humanity. We have been forgiven, and made free. Amen.*

PROCLAIMING

First Reading: **Isaiah 9: 1-4**

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 27:1, 4-9** *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me*

in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

*Hymn: Follow me the Master said 645

Community Conversation

From the letters: **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Gospel: **Matthew 4:12-23**

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

*Hymn: I have decided to follow Jesus 570

Sermon: ***FOLLOW ME.***

RESPONDING

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Notturmo Mendelssohn

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

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

SENDING

*Hymn: Will you come and follow me

*Benediction:

Postlude: *Psalm XIX* Benedetto Marcello

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

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THIS WEEK - (February 05-12)

Next Sunday: Early communion service at 9 am

Prayer Circle at 10 am Traditional Service at 11 am

David's Place continues on Friday

Session meets Wednesday at 7 pm

ANNUAL MEETING is March 5th! Reports due by Feb. 17th

Men's chowder contest at noon March 5th

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

St. John's United Church, Halifax, would like to invited you to its
monthly Taize Prayer this Sunday, tonight at 7 p.m.,

St. David's is supporting the **Out of the Cold Shelter** at St. Matthew's
again this winter. This organization ensures that anyone who wants to
get out of the cold can do so any winter night between Dec. 1 and
April 30. We prepare and deliver 15 lunches on the first Saturday night
of each month, and we're looking for volunteers for March 4 and April
1. If you would like to participate in this mission to our community,
please contact Nicole Watkins Campbell at 902-222-1691.



Isaiah 9:1-4 But there will be no gloom for those
who were in anguish. In the former time he brought
into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of
Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the
way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The
people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived
in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. You have
multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For
the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of
their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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forsake me, O God of my salvation!*

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4:12-23 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.



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 consider making us your church home in 2017. Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact one of the following:

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Mission Moments: PWS&D Sunday Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, Presbyterian World Service & Development envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world. On February 5 - PWS&D Sunday - we remember the work our church is doing to uphold God's promise in vulnerable communities around the world. With generous gifts from individuals and congregations and the commitment of partners around the world, PWS&D is able to carry out programs in international development and emergency relief to help communities rise above poverty and disaster and access basic necessities like nutritious food, clean water, health care, quality education and basic human rights."

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Please pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development programs and partners in development and relief that are empowering vulnerable communities and enabling abundant life.

Stewardship: The first great gift we can bestow on others is a good example.
-Thomas Morell

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 Colin MacPherson. Our reader today is Val Macdonald. Refreshment Hosts are Don and Margo Knox.