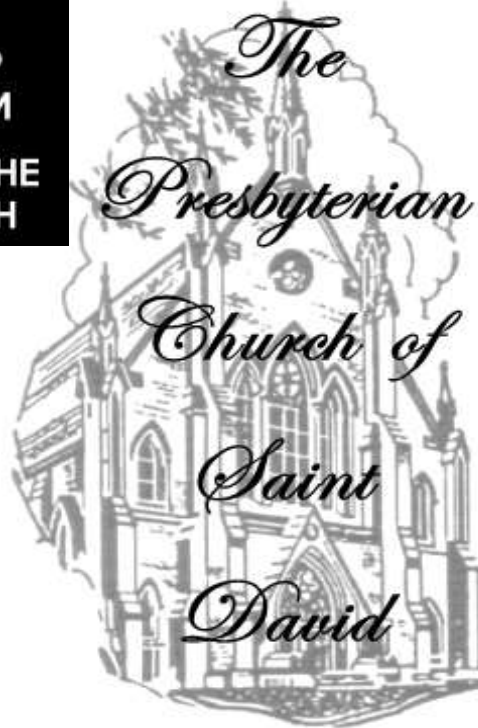


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TRUTH



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Welcome to the Church at Worship

February 12 Epiphany 6

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

It does not require many words to speak the truth

– Chief Joseph Nez Perce

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GATHERING



PRELUDES: *Arioso* - Bach, *Adagio from Sonata I* - Mendelssohn

Meditation - Saint-Saens

*The Entry of the Beadle with Bible

Call to worship *We are invited to worship in spirit and truth this day. We seek the truth and the truth will set us free. Let us worship the one who said 'I am the way, the truth, and the life.'*

*Hymn "All people that on earth do dwell" 65

Prayer of Confession *Loving God, you call us into community, teach us your ways, and bless us with abundant life. Yet we turn aside to follow other paths: we take the easy way out, listening to the world's call rather than your call to commitment; we quarrel with one another, letting differences divide us; we cherish our resentments, shutting off our hearts from forgiveness and reconciliation; we cling to petty jealousies, feeling we deserve more than we have. Forgive us when we wander from your love. Draw us into community with each other, and feed us with the milk of your grace, that we may grow in faithfulness and work together in peace. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon *God has placed before you life and death, blessings & curses. Therefore we choose life, following God's way. Be a people of reconciliation and integrity. Let your "yes" be "yes" and your "no" "no".*

PROCLAIMING

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 119:1-8** *Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD. Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways. You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances. I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.*

*Hymn: "Love the Lord your God" **715**
 Community Conversation
 From the letters: **1 Corinthians 3:1-9**
 Gospel: **Matthew 5:21-27**
One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ
 *Hymn: "Open my eyes that I may see" **500**
 Sermon: **TIME FOR TRUTH-TELLING**

RESPONDING

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
 ANTHEM - The Men "Take My Life and Let It Be" Havergal/Malan
 *Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" **830**
 Offertory Prayer
 Announcements:
 Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

SENDING

*Hymn: "Teach me O God your way of truth"
 *Benediction:
 POSTLUDE: *Allegro Moderato* - Alexandre Guilmant **80**
Worship is now ended let our service begin!



THIS WEEK - (February 12-19)

Today is Food Bank Sunday - please give generously!
Next Sunday: Early communion service at 9 am
 Prayer Circle at 10 am
 Traditional Service at 11 am
David's Place continues on Friday
ANNUAL Meeting March 5th
Men's soup contest at noon on the 12th

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

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Halifax Metro will celebrate the 2017 World Day of Prayer with a service being held at 2:00pm on Friday, March 3 (*storm date March 10*) at Fairview United Church, 3524 Dutch Village Road, Halifax NS. The service this year is from the Philippines with the theme "**Am I Being Unfair To You?**" The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer. Christians in more than 170 countries and in 2,000 communities across Canada will gather on this day to learn about, pray for, and celebrate in solidarity with the women of the Philippines.

St. David's is supporting the **Out of the Cold Shelter** at St. Matthews United Church 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. Our role is to prepare and deliver 15 lunches on the first Saturday night of each month, and we're looking for volunteers for Feb 4, 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.

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. *If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live* and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and

length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. *For we are God's servants, working together;* you are God's field, God's building.

Matthew 5:21-37 "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your

right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by

Jerusalem, the city of King. And swear by head, for cannot one hair black. *Let be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.*



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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. Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact one of the following:

Kenn Stright office: 423-1944
Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893

Mission Moments: *Presbyterians Sharing* supports Dr. Nicholas and Rebecca Bauman as they serve with the United Mission to Nepal, one of the PCC's long-standing partners. Nick will work as a general surgeon at the United Mission Hospital in Tansen, which serves a population of about one million people in western Nepal. The hospital's motto is "We serve, Jesus heals." Nick will engage in clinical work, with a heavy emphasis on teaching Nepali medical residents. Becky is an Occupational Therapist and is excited to discover ways in which to utilize her skills.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Random Act of Kindness week is February 12 to 18. Give thanks for the positive impacts that random acts of kindness have on our everyday lives.

Stewardship Moments: God's work done in God's way will never lack for funds. Generosity is contagious. God never promised to meet our budget, only our needs. *-J. Hudson Taylor*

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 Johannah Roberts. Our reader today is Davida Mackay. Refreshment Host is Val and Rod Macdonald