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February 19 Epiphany 7

We acknowledge the Mi'kmaq people on whose territory we gather this morning. It acknowledges the unceded rights and title of the Mi'kmaq people and the desire for healing and reconciliation.

The church lives to praise God. We have no higher calling than to offer the worship that belongs to God day by day.

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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GATHERING



Prelude: Voluntaries by S.S.Wesley

*The Entry of the Beadle with Bible

Call to worship: *God would teach us to love, even the imperfect people, so we can love others as we love ourselves. God would teach us to deny ourselves, even walking the extra mile with us, so we can give ourselves to others as generously as Christ has been given to us. God would teach us new ways to journey through life, so we can follow the footprints of the Jesus all the way to the kingdom.*

*Hymn "Christ you call us all to service" 585

Prayer of Confession *Holy Jesus, you call us into a life that others have told us is easy, but it is not. You challenge us to forgive, to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us. We want the easy way, but you have given us the hard path. Grant us the patience and endurance to journey with you, to allow ourselves at times to stumble, to live into the hard way so that we might fully experience your love, grace and peace in this world, by becoming a people full of love and grace and forgiving others. In your name we pray. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon: *Today we pray for our enemies and those who oppose us. Open our hearts to love and to see that all people are made in your image, to care for creation and affirm life in all its wondrous diversity. You are forgiven. You are loved. You are reconciled to God. Go and share the love of God with everyone you meet. Amen.*

PROCLAIMING

First Reading: **Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18**

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 119:33-40** *Teach me, O God, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain. Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways. Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you. Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good. See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.*

*Hymn: "We are one in the Spirit" **471**
 Community Conversation
 From the letters: **1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23**
 Gospel: **Matthew 5:38-48**
One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ
 *Hymn "The love of God" **474**
 Sermon: 'Walking the Second Mile'

RESPONDING

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
 Chorale Prelude on RHOSYMEDRE - R. Vaughan Williams
 *Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" **830**
 Offertory Prayer
 Announcements:
 Prayers of the People John Wamboldt
 The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

SENDING

*Hymn: "May the mind of Christ" **644**
 *Benediction and choral Amen:
 POSTLUDE - CHORAL SONG - S.S.Wesley



Worship is now ended let our service begin!

THIS WEEK - (February 19 - 26)
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 is March 5th!
Men's soup contest at noon on the 5th

St. David's is supporting the **Out of the Cold Shelter** at St. Matthews 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. A significant financial contribution from our Watson fund ensures the continued operation of this vital ministry.

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.

Regular Session meeting March 8th. **Session** will meet on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7 pm in the sanctuary, for the purposes of considering the Communications Document.

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will

incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, 'He catches the wise in their craftiness', and again, 'The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.' So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future - all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Matthew 5:38-48 [Jesus said:] "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."



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

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Mission Moments: World Day of Social Justice (Feb. 20)

Presbyterian World Service & Development responds to situations where poverty and gender power imbalances prevent women who are victims of sexual violence from seeking treatment and the assistance to combat this widespread injustice. PWS&D works for social justice by promoting the rights of vulnerable groups and removing barriers that prevent individuals from meeting basic needs. After being raped at home, a young woman in Haiti received medical care, emotional support and counsel through PWS&D's program. Her words of gratitude are a testament to just how impactful the project is: "If today I can keep my head up and live my life, it is thanks to you. Please keep up with the good work you are doing."

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP We pray for all who have lost loved ones in tragedies around the world. May they see hope in the future.

Stewardship Moments: Don't tell me where your priorities are. Show me where you spend your money and I'll tell you what they are. - James W. Frick

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 Greeters this morning is Johannah Roberts Our reader today is Mac Mackay. Refreshment Host Jane and Gordon Brown.