



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: Helping families come to life *Presbyterians Sharing* supports congregations that are involved in an intentional program of transformation, like Heritage Green Family Church in Stoney Creek, Ontario. Heritage Green's family style worship welcomes all ages with songs and prayers that make sense to kids and interactive activities that draw families into God's presence. Every service brings families together, with Christ at the centre. The congregation is working to build strong relationships between neighbours within their community and believes that the stronger a neighbourhood becomes, the healthier the families who live there will be.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP We pray for those in the church who are made to struggle with the issue of sexuality and their participation in the life and ministry of the church.

Stewardship Moments: We are surrounded by God's benefits. The best use of these benefits is an unceasing expression of gratitude.

-John Calvin (1509-1564)

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 Johannah Roberts. Our reader today is Phyllis Morrison. Refreshment Hosts are Gary and Barb Smith.



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WELCOME!



Our Vision: *A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community*

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February 26/17 Transfiguration

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.

GATHERING

Prelude: *Psalmodia* (Antonia de Catezon), *Fuguetta* (Johann Pachelbel), *Canzonetta* (Henry Coleman)

*The Entry of the Beadle with Bible

Call to worship: *Clouds of confusion, clouds hiding our path, clouds making unclear the direction our life is to proceed. Then the clearing - lifting of the fog, clarity of purpose, keen sight, the new course. Is this not also our story of journey up the hill? Our story of change? Of resolve? Come, let us worship.*

*Hymn: "We have come at Christ's own bidding" Beach Spring **187**
Prayer of Confession *Merciful God, it is good for us to be here, but we also tremble and recoil as did the disciples on the mountain. For we have not lived gloriously, nor listened to the One who bids us take up our cross and live the costly life of faith. We have prostrated ourselves before the false brightness of lesser lights, which blazon their false claims of truth, or fulfilment, or hope. Humbly we ask for your forgiveness.*

Assurance: *The glory of God is seen when we are fully alive and our eyes opened to the wonder around us. Thanks be to God!*

PROCLAIMING

First Reading: **Exodus 24: 12-18**
One: The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God.
Responsive Psalm: **Psalm 99** *God is ruler; let the peoples tremble! God sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! God is great in Zion; God is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is God! Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Extol the Sovereign our God; worship at God's footstool. Holy is God! Moses and Aaron were among God's priests, Samuel also was among those who called on God's name. They cried to God, and God answered them. God spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept God's decrees, and the statutes that God gave them. O Sovereign our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. Extol the Sovereign our God, and worship at God's holy mountain; for the Sovereign our God is holy.*

*Hymn: "Jesus bids us shine" **773**

Community Conversation

From the letters: **2 Peter 1:16-21**

Gospel: **Matthew 17: 1-9**

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

*Hymn "Lord, the light of your love is shining" **376**

Sermon: '**Shekhinah**'

RESPONDING

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Turn your eyes upon Jesus "The Men"

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

Prayers of the People from **World in Prayer**

The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

SENDING

*Hymn: "Swiftly pass the clouds of glory" Austria **186**

*Benediction and choral Amen:

Postlude: 'Flourish' by Gordon Young



Worship is now ended let our service begin!

THIS WEEK - (February 26 - March 05)

Next Sunday: Early communion service at 9 am
Prayer Circle at 10 am Traditional Service at 11 am

Men's soup contest at noon – congregation are invited to bring sandwiches and sweets to complement the meal.

Followed by Annual meeting

David's Place continues on Fridays

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.

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

St. John's United Church Choir and Handbell Ensemble presents "**Winter In Song**" – a program of music celebrating the winter season, on Sunday, March 5th – 7 p.m., in the Lilian Piercey Concert Hall at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts. Admission \$10 – Reception to follow.

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.

Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.

