



PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION MOMENTS: World Health Day (April 7)

“I was happy and relieved that my disease was diagnosed and that it was curable!” The gratitude Sher felt after getting answers to his health concerns and medicine to treat his leprosy is inspiring. But the road to recovery had an uncertain start. In an effort to heal a mysterious lesion on his foot, Sher tried a variety of herbal remedies. But the wound continued to fester. “I was in distress. I knew something was wrong.” Sher was referred to a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported clinic in Nepal where he was finally diagnosed. Though anxious at first, health workers comforted Sher and explained his treatment options. Now cured -and equipped with the knowledge and support to build a healthy future - Sher has peace of mind.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *As drought persists across many parts of Africa, pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners delivering food rations*

STEWARDSHIP Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.
-1 Peter 4:10

We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is a



! Breastfeed.

breastfeeding friendly facility. If desired a **nursery room** is available with an audio link.

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 Colin MacPherson. Our scripture reader for this morning is Nancy Tindall. Refreshments Sara and Jackie Kinley.

*The
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1544 Grafton Street at

Blowers, Halifax

Minister: Kenn Stright

Organist: Freeman Dryden **Clerk of Session:** Val Macdonald

WELCOME!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning!

“Take a hard look at Jesus. He’s the centerpiece of everything we believe.”

(Hebrews 3:1 The Message)

Service for the Lord's Day

Lent 5 – April 02, 2017

**All who are able are asked to stand.*

Our Vision

A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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Those of us who walk along this road do so reluctantly, Lent is not our favourite time of year. We'd rather be more active – planning and scurrying around. All this is too contemplative to suit us. Besides we don't know what to do with piousness and prayer. Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think, for thoughts come unbidden. Perhaps we're afraid to face our future knowing our past.

Anne Weems in 'Kneeling in Jerusalem'

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *We've come to worship God, who brings new life to dry bones and new hope to weary worshippers. Breathe life into these bones of ours, bring freedom to these lives that we might declare with heart and soul and voice that you are our Lord and our God.*

Lenten Liturgy:

*Hymn: Breathe on me breath of God **389**

Confession: *God of all consolation and compassion, your Son comforted the grieving sisters, Martha and Mary; your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may face despair and death with the hope of resurrection and faith in the One who called Lazarus forth from the grave.* [Silence]

Assurance of Pardon *Jesus says, 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.*

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

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

Responsive reading: Psalm 130 ❖ *Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.*

Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! *If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.*

*Hymn: Jesus' hands were kind hands **631**

Conversation: Head and shoulders (knees and toes)

From the letters: **Romans 8: 6-11**

Gospel: **John 11: 1-45**

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

*Hymn: O Christ you wept **604**

Sermon: **Unbind the Dead!**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

Prayers of the People:

The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: To God be the glory **350b**

* Commissioning:

*Choral Amen:

Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

THIS WEEK - (April 2-9)		
Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service and Sunday School
	12:15 pm	Lenten Study in the minister's study
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Friday		David's Place
Sunday	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service and Sunday School
The palm/Passion Sunday will have special music (see below)		
	12:15 pm	Final Lenten Study in the minister's study

Joining us next week: The newest ensemble of the Halifax Music Coop is the **Vesuvius Chamber Choir**. It is made up of hard-core singers committed to performing at a high level. Besides working with our music director, this ensemble works regularly with guest artist, John Overton, for workshops, coaching, and concerts.

The deadline for the next **newsletter** is Friday, April 7. If you have any contributions, please send them to Carol Dobson by that date. Her e-mail is caroljdobson@gmail.com

The Helen M. Watson Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Saint

David: Applications for financial assistance from the Helen M. Watson Fund will be received prior to April 30, 2017. The Helen M. Watson Fund of The Presbyterian Church of Saint David produces income to be used “exclusively for local missionary work in Nova Scotia”. If you have any questions, please contact Mac Fyfe (902) 425-3844, Mac Mackay- (902) 422-5481 or Johannah Roberts (902) 457-2836. Application Form and Guidelines document, may be obtained from the Web site.

St. John’s United is hosting its monthly Taize Prayer this evening, 7 pm, in the Judith Grant Room at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Rd. All welcome. Please use the St. Matthias Lane entrance.

Ecumenical Holy Week Services

10-13 April 2017; 7:30 - 8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast after each Service

Monday, April 10

Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1330 Cathedral Lane

Tuesday, April 11

St. John’s United, 6199 Chebucto Road

Wednesday, April 12

St. Mary’s Cathedral Basilica, 5221 Spring Garden Rd

Thursday, April 13

St. Andrew’s United, 6036 Coburg Rd

MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER SERVICE

St. David’s, 7 pm with Calvin Presbyterian

Led by Rabbi David Ellis

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

10:30 First Baptist

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Point Pleasant Park (lower entrance) 6:20 am (sunrise 6:28)

EASTER SERVICES

Early service – 9 am Easter Breakfast 9:40

Traditional Communion Service

The **flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today by the Kinley, Case, and Creaser families in memory of their son and brother, Andrew James Kinley.

You are invited to participate in a study program today after church exploring the Sunday Lenten readings, **“Learning from the Lectionary.”** Feel free to join us for any or all the series!
Palm Sunday readings: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Matthew 21: 1-11

“Carol Dobson and Anne Sommerville wish to thank all those who supported the healthy **Phoenix House** Snack Program.

Ezekiel 37:1-14 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath Thus says the Lord GOD Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on

your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Romans 8:6-11 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

John 11:1-45 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two

miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "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?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.