



## PASTORAL CARE

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## MISSION MOMENTS: World Water Day (March 22)

Worldwide, 663 million people live without improved drinking water sources. A lack of clean water is a significant development challenge. In areas of the world where access to water is limited, local Presbyterian World Service & Development partners are responding to improve water sources, build new ones and train volunteers to maintain wells. Support to improve sanitation ensures water stays clean and prevents the spread of illness. PWS&D equips communities to build hand-washing facilities and latrines and educates members about proper hygiene.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** *We give praise and thanks for the Rev. Mwawi Chilongozi of the CCAP Synod of Livingstonia in Malawi as she graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from the Stellenbosch University in South Africa March 15. Mwawi was our guest 3 years ago!*

**STEWARDSHIP** The worship most acceptable to God comes from a thankful and cheerful heart.

*-Plutarch*

**We welcome** younger children to our services!



I Breastfeed.

**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 Phyllis Morrison  
-. Refreshment Hosts are Don and Margo Knox



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

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**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!**

**Service for the Lord's Day**

**Lent 3 - March 19, 2017**

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

## Our Vision

***A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community***

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**Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!**

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: Fantasia/improve on Moseley (being used today for hymns 297&198)

\*The Entry of the Beadle with Bible

Call to Worship: *We've come to worship God, who makes streams flow from rock, who turns the parched earth into springs of water, who sends the rain from heaven and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish. As the deer thirsts for flowing streams, so we thirst for You, O God. Come, let us worship our life-giving God, who pours out living water on all who thirst.*

**Lenten Liturgy:**

\*Hymn: O love that casts out fear 297

Confession: *God of living water, we confess the dryness of our lives: the brittle words we have thought and spoken... the relationships that are crumbling... the arid perspective that centres on self ... the cracked and jagged edges of our world... Hear our confession, O Christ, and rain down your mercy upon us.* [Silence]

Assurance of Pardon *Jesus says, "Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of living water."*

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading: **Exodus 17:1-7**

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 95 ❖*come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!* ❖**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!** ❖*For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.* ❖**In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.** ❖*The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.* ❖**come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!** ❖*For he is our God,*

*and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!* ❖**Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,** ❖*when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.* ❖**For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways."**

❖*Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."*

\*Hymn: Tell me the stories of Jesus 348

Conversation with the children:

From the letters: **Romans 5:1-11**

Gospel: **John 4:5-42**

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

\*Hymn: I hunger and I thirst 198

Sermon: **There's more than water in the Well**

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Largo (Xerxes) G.F. Handel

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: I heard the voice of Jesus say 671

\*Commissioning:

\*Choral Amen:

Postlude: Trumpet Tune Jeremiah Clarke

**Worship is now ended let our service begin!**

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.

Thursday, March 16 at 7:30pm in **Saint George's Round Church, 2222 Brunswick Street, Halifax:** Emanuel Jannasch, Senior Instructor at the School of Architecture at Dalhousie University, discusses seven mysteries of Saint George's Round Church.

The King's Chorus in All Saints Cathedral today at 4:00pm - listen to Bernstein's dramatically exotic *Chichester Psalms*. Tickets at door.

Once again Saint David's is being asked to support the snack program at **Phoenix House**. This is a once a year contribution that goes towards healthy snacks for the youth who use Phoenix's facilities. We have been asked to provide \$175 and anyone who wishes to contribute is asked to give their donations to Carol Dobson or Anne Sommerville (income tax receipts will be issued).

**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!

Lent 4: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5: 8-14, John 9: 1-41

THIS WEEK - (March 19-26)		
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
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Mission and Outreach Committee
	6:30 pm	Session
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
	12:15 pm	Lenten Study in the minister's study

Today, Saint David's and Friends is preparing and serving 16 shepherd's pies for the **Sunday Suppers program**, held at Saint Andrew's Church. This hot nutritious meal will serve between 200 and 300 people who face poverty, loneliness, addictions, illness and other challenges. On behalf of Sunday Suppers, thanks to Saint David's for commitment to our community. Anyone who is interested in supporting this mission can contact Nicole Watkins Campbell, 902-422-5878.

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**Exodus 17:1-7** From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

**Romans 5:1-11** Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that

has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**John 4:5-42** So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is

in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”