



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 Dostoevsky said, *‘To live without hope is to cease to live.’ Pray that many will find hope this Easter*

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 is Colin MacPherson. Our reader today is Murray Alary.



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WELCOME!



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

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April 16/17 Easter

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:

*The Entry of the Beadle with Bible

Call to worship: *The veil of darkness transformed to the brightest light. The most dreadful end became the most beautiful beginning.*

The depths of despair fade to reveal hope everlasting. The curse of death defeated by eternal life. Thank you Lord, for the wonder of Easter.

Easter Liturgy

*Hymn: *“The strife is over”*

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Prayer of Confession:

PROCLAIMING

First Reading: **Jeremiah 31: 1-6**

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

Anthem: The trumpet shall sound Andrew Lappin

Trumpet Obbligato Sarah Krawiec

Responsive reading: **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** *O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly." I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

*Hymn "Alleluia" 260

Community Conversation

From the letters: **Colossians 3: 1-4**

Gospel: **Matthew 28: 1-10**

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

*Hymn "Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus" 370

Sermon: ***An Easter faith for an Easter people***

RESPONDING

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Duet: BACH: Andante from the Sonata in E minor

Kathy Chisholm (flute) and Jude Williams (cello)

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

Invitation to the Table

*Hymn: "I come with joy" (1-3) 530

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 564

The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

Sacrament of Communion

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

*Hymn: "I come with joy" (4-5) 530

*Benediction and choral Amen:

Postlude:



Worship is now ended let our service begin!

THIS WEEK - (April 16 – April 23)

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

David's Place continues on Fridays

April 23--Anniversary Sunday with Iona MacLean

Kenn will be away the next two Sundays (Ap. 19-May 1)

Rev. Dr. Sandy McDonald will be on call - contact through Val

Refreshments hosts are needed for May and June. Please let Phyllis Morrison know if you will help. Notice to sign up is near the coffee urn.

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.

The roses are placed by Valerie and Roderick Macdonald in loving memory of Val's dad, the Rev. Dr. John McBride

Jeremiah 31:1-6 At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

Colossians 3:1-4 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Matthew 28:1-10 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."