

The  
Church  
Saint



Presbyterian  
of  
David

1544 Grafton Street at

Blowers, Halifax

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## WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day

Easter 4 – May 07, 2017

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

### Our Vision

*A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community*

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### God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *We are God's church: We come together to worship. He has given us his Word: We come together to learn from him. He has filled us with his power: We go out to bring others to him. He has called us into his family: We come together to share our lives. He has put his words on our lips: We go out to tell the world about him. He has given us his Spirit: We come together to celebrate.*

\*Hymn: The Lord's my Shepherd 11  
Opening Prayer: *Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.*

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Acts 2: 42-47

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 23

*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.*

\*Hymn: Saviour like a Shepherd lead us 485

Conversation with the children:

From the letters: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel: John 10: 1-10

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

\*Hymn: He leadeth me 650

Sermon: **Lost and Found**

### 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: My Shepherd is the King of love **691**

\* Commissioning:

\*Choral Amen:

Postlude:

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

**THIS WEEK - (May 07-14)**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service and Sunday School
<b>Session will hold its regular stated meeting on Wednesday, at 7 pm in the Assembly area</b>		
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
<b>Food Bank Sunday</b>		

The second Sunday of every month is **Food Bank Sunday**. We either distribute the items brought in to our guests at David's Place or use them to make the meals each week.

Taize service at St. John's United at 7 pm tonight.

Refreshment host are needed! Please talk to Phyllis Morrison.

Please set aside May 28 immediately after church for a conversation on our **communication's document**.

Also immediately after worship on the 28<sup>th</sup> is a meeting of the **Refugee Sponsorship committee** at St. Matthew's United.

Please look for **updates** on our service for May 21 (Bluenose Marathon). Worship may be at 4 pm to avoid the chaos.

First Sackville Presbyterian Church, 60 Beaver Bank Road, Lower Sackville, a special service in conjunction with Clan Lamont, a **Kirkin' of the Tartans** will be held. Scottish music, singing, a bit of Gaelic.

**Acts 2:42-47** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**1 Peter 2:19-25** For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**John 10:1-10** Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear

his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

## PASTORAL CARE

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

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## MISSION MOMENTS: Sharing and Caring in Malawi

Through PWS&D's "Building Sustainable Livelihoods" program, groups of women are being supported as they form self-help groups. Although they are often the poorest in their communities, they are learning to save and lend generously amongst themselves in order to build better futures. Prior to joining her self-help group, Mary Jere cut grass and sold thatch for income. She often struggled to afford enough food to feed her family. Today, Mary's main source of income comes from the group. Two small loans totaling about \$30 allowed her to grow vegetables and buy fertilizer. She has used the profits to build her family a new brick house and help others in her community as well.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** *Pray for those who receive and count the Sunday offering—that they will be blessed in this important task.*

**STEWARDSHIP** Take care of yourself — you never know when the world will need you. *Rabbi Hillel*

**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 scripture reader for this morning is Davida Mackay. Refreshment Hosts Nancy and David Tindall

*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.*