

The  
Church  
Saint



Presbyterian  
of  
David

1544 Grafton Street

at Blowers, Halifax

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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  
Easter 5 – May 14, 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: *Come, people of God! Take refuge in the Lord, who listens when we cry out, who rescues us when we call, and who leads and guides us according to his unfailing love. **You are our God; our lives are in your hands. Let's worship God together!***

\*Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" 299

Prayer of Confession: *Our God, we come in humility, confessing who and what we are. **We are often unresponsive, for we are afraid. When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears, for we fear what you***

might call us to do. *When your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths, embarrassed to speak your Word. When the wind of your Spirit blows, we close the windows of our hearts, afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives. When the fire of your Spirit touches us, we quench the flame, afraid of the new life it might bring.*

**Forgive us, O Lord. Amen.**

*Lord have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

Assurance of Pardon

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading:

*Acts 7: 55-60*

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 31** *In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.*

**Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.**

*Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.*

Hymn "What a friend we have in Jesus" 746

Community Conversation: *Show us the way*

Gospel: *John 14: 1-14*

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

Hymn "When voices are confusing" 636

Sermon: **"NE PLUS ULTRA – No More Beyond."**

### 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  
Lord's Prayer (debts)

**We Go Out to Serve God**

\*Hymn: "Be still my soul"

749

\*Commissioning

\*Benediction:

Choral Amen:

Postlude:

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

**THIS WEEK - (May 14 – May 21)**

**Sunday** 9:00 am Early service  
10:00 am Circle of Prayer  
11:00 am Traditional Service – today



is Food Bank Sunday –please give generously!

**Friday** David's Place

**Sunday** Service will be held at 4 pm on May 21 due to the Bluenose Marathon and the complications that arise every year!

**The deadline for the next 'At Saint David's'** will be Friday, June

2. Please have submissions in to Carol Dobson at caroljdobson@gmail.com on or before that date.

**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**.

**Pot Luck Meal & Meeting, Fort Massey, St. David's & St. Matthew's Refugee Committee** Date: Wednesday May 31st  
**Time: 5.30 Place: Fort Massey United Church, church hall. It appears that June 14<sup>th</sup> will be the departure date for our family!**

**Financial News** February and March followed the same pattern as in 2016: Once again income fell short of our expenses and we had to borrow from our investments. This is the usual pattern. For much of the year our income is less than our expenses. Most years the result is a deficit which is at least partially covered by increased offerings in November and December. Easter Sunday was a wonderful surprise. The total offering was just over \$11,000. This allowed us to pay April bills without further borrowing. Many thanks.

If you will not be able to attend on a regular basis this summer, please consider giving in one of the following ways:

1. Make a lump sum offering before you leave.
2. Provide Saint David's with postdated cheques.
3. Join the PAR program (Pre-Authorized Remittance). Application forms are available from the finance convenor.
4. If you are away you can mail your offering to St David's Church, P. O. Box 36061 Spring Garden, Halifax B3J 3S9

**Presbyterians Sharing:** January to April: \$8,991 was received,. This is 45% of our \$20,000 target.

**Acts 7: 55- 60** But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

**John 14: 1-14** "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

## PASTORAL CARE

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

Kenn Stright office: 423-1944

Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893

**MISSION MOMENTS: "I am lucky that I joined this group"** "Poverty is reduced in my family," shares Tickiness, smiling. "My grandchildren are going to school and my life has changed." This is something Tickiness never thought she would say, having spent most of her life burdened by poverty. After adopting her orphaned grandchildren, she could barely afford food, let alone the school fees. But a village savings and loans group through a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported program in her Malawian community has been a source of hope. Tickiness has been accessing small loans and saving with other group members. With the money she has saved, Tickiness can afford to send her grandchildren to school and is improving her family's living conditions. "This project is a blessing."

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** We pray that Presbyterians across Canada know that their faithful support to *resbyterians Sharing* touches thousands of lives.

**STEWARDSHIP** The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord.  
*-James L. Kraft*

**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 Greeters this morning is Colin MacPherson and Gary Smith. Our scripture reader for this morning is Davida Mackay. Refreshment Hosts Marilyn Drew Martin and Elizabeth Cameron.

*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.*