

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 today!

Service for the Lord's Day
Easter 6 – May 21, 2017, 4 pm

**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 gather together in the presence of God, the Lord of heaven and earth: the Creator of our world and everything in it; the One who gave us life and breath, the One who is never far away from any of us, the One in whom we live and move and have our being. Let's worship God together!*

*Hymn "To God be the glory"

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Prayer of Confession: *Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what God has done for me. I cried out for help, confessing my sin, and praising the holy name. We cry out to the Lord for help! If I had not spoken the truth, God would not have listened. But God listened and responded in my time of need! God heard my prayer, and forgave my sin. Praise God, who listens when we pray, and who responds with unfailing love and forgiveness!*

We Hear God's Word

First Reading:

Acts 17: 22-31

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 66:8-20** *Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place. I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.*

Hymn

"Come Children join to sing"

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Community Conversation:

From the Letters: *1 Peter 3:13-22*

Gospel: *John 14: 15-21*

One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ
Hymn "How sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" 357
Sermon: "When I too walked the Areopagus"

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*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: "We've a story to tell to the nations" 765

*Commissioning *Benediction: *Choral Amen:

Postlude:

Worship is now ended, let our service begin!

THIS WEEK - (May 21 – May 28)

Today 4:00 pm Traditional Service

Friday David's Place

Sunday 9:00 am Early service

10:00 am Circle of Prayer

11:00 am Traditional Service followed by

discussion of Communications Document.

The deadline for the next 'At Saint David's' will be Friday, June 2. Please have submissions in to Carol Dobson at caroldobson@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 14th will be the departure date for our family!



Each year we acknowledge our graduates. If you have a member of the family graduating from high school or a post secondary program, please let your elder or Valerie Macdonald know so that we can share the news. We will have special recognition on June 11. It would be great if the young person could be present to be recognized.

Acts 17:22-31 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him--though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

1 Peter 3:13-22 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.

Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

John 14:15-21 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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: Hope lives here! *Presbyterians Sharing* helps Toronto's ARISE Ministry offer outreach, case management and pastoral care to victims of human trafficking and people involved in the sex trade. As part of this ministry, the Rev. Deb Rapport sets out once a week at midnight with one or two others to chat with women they meet and find out if they are ok. They hand out bags filled by volunteers with things a woman might want - including hand sanitizer, tissues, lip gloss, chocolate and emergency numbers - and even more important, a sign that someone cares. Deb shares, "ARISE Ministry is where hope lives! Please pray for ARISE as we continue to plant, tend and care for the seeds of hope growing in the lives of individuals involved in the sex trade."

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP We pray for all participants of the National Women's Gathering this weekend. May they experience listening to God's voice, contemplating change and renewal and sharing the message they receive.

STEWARDSHIP Stewardship is what we do after we say, "We believe".

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 Andrew Lappin. Refreshment Hosts – the Knoxes

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.