

## **PENTECOST:**

*Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter.*

# **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAINT DAVID**

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## **WELCOME!**

**Service for the Lord's Day**

**June 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 PENTECOST**

*We gather on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. Peace and Friendship Treaties with the Mi'kmaq bind us together as we strive for reconciliation.*

## **Our Vision**

***A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community***

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## **God Calls Us to Worship**

Prelude:

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

\*Call to worship: *The Day of Pentecost is here: the day when the flames of faith dance in our hearts. The Day of Pentecost is here: the day when our babbling speech becomes the Good News for the world. The Day of Pentecost is here: the day when compassion is seared into our souls. The Day of Pentecost is here: let the people of God rejoice. Alleluia!*

\*Hymn: The Son of God proclaim 558

Prayer of Confession: *On this Pentecost Sunday, we confess to You, O Lord – our division, for we are not gathered together as Your people in one place; our fear of the rush of your Spirit in our lives and what it might call us to do or to be; our desire for a monolingual society, even when you allowed the early church to transcend all language, not favouring one over another; our actions that can be like the crowds that taunt and torment, mocking those who are filled with your Spirit that burns like fire and rushes like wind. On this Pentecost Sunday, O Lord – help us to let down our barriers to your Spirit; guide us to live with joy, abandon, and faithfulness; and create in us new hearts to be new people who worship only Y you. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon:

## **We Hear God's Word**

First Reading: **Genesis 11: 1-9**

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b** *O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. These all look to you to give them their*

**food in due season;** *when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.*

**When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

*When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works -- who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!*

\*Hymn: Holy Spirit, hear us 381

Community Conversation:

From the Acts of the Apostles: **Acts 2: 1-8; 12-21**

Gospel: **John 7:37-39**

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

\*Hymn: Filled with the Spirit's power 282

Sermon: **The Story of Pentecost**

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer John Wamboldt

### We Go Out to Serve God

\*Hymn: Revive your work, O Lord 284

\*Benediction:

\*Choral Amen

Postlude:

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

#### **THIS WEEK - (June 4-11)**

**Today** 9:00 am Early service with communion

10:00 am Circle of Prayer

11:00 am Traditional service

12:00 noon - refreshments

**Friday** David's Place

**Sunday** 9:00 am - Early service with communion

10:00 am - Circle of Prayer

11:00 am Communion service - Graduation

Sunday (also food bank Sunday) followed by spring BBQ!

**The session is called to meet at 7 pm, Wednesday June 14**

Presbytery June 21 5 pm

#### **Famine Relief in Ethiopia and South Sudan**

You can make a donation through PWS & D and up to June 30, 2017, the Canadian Government will match your donation. Put your donation in the collection plate. If you have offering envelopes, use the PWS & D line. Otherwise use any envelope, mark it "PWS & D FAMINE RELIEF" and include your name or your envelope number.

The 133rd Annual Meeting of the Halifax Lunenburg Presbyterial of the **Atlantic Mission Society** will meet Saturday, June 10 at First Presbyterian Church, Lower Sackville. Registration begins at 9:30. Cost is \$10 which includes lunch. The Sanctuary is wheel chair accessible. Lunch will be served on the Sanctuary level for those who need convenient accessibility. If needed contact Marian Tomlik at 902-865-7383. Mission speakers will be from Teen

Challenge with director, Matthew Barbour of Memramcook, New Brunswick. Everyone is welcome.

**Genesis 11: 1-9** Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east,\* they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.' And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.' The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, 'Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech.' So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused\* the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

**Acts 2:1-21** When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd

gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

#### **John 7:37-39**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

