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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

June 25th 2017 Pentecost 4

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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GATHERING



Prelude:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship: *We have come to worship God, all-gracious God, who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God!*

*Hymn: Jesus stand among us 452

Prayer of Confession: *Lord, we praise you for you know the whole story of who we are and what we do. From beginning to end, you see it all. Give us the humility to admit our limitations. For we don't always see the*

past accurately, our vision of the present is often blurred, and we are blind when it comes to the future. *Help us fasten our eyes on you, trusting in your vision for our life and in your watchful care. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! Amen.*

PROCLAIMING

First Reading: **Genesis 16: 13 ; 21:8-21**

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 ❖ *Incline your ear,*

O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. ❖ **Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.**

You are my God; ❖ *be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.* ❖ **Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift**

up my soul. ❖ *For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.* ❖ **Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;**

listen to my cry of supplication. In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me. ❖ *There is none like you among the*

gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. ❖ **All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and**

shall glorify your name. ❖ *For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.* ❖ **Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your**

strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl.

❖ *Show me a sign of your favour, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.*

*Hymn: God who made the earth 705

Community Conversation: Sparrows

From the letters: **Galatians 4:21-5:1**

Gospel: **Matthew 10: 24-39**

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

*Hymn: Open my eyes Lord 445

Sermon: **'The God who sees**

RESPONDING

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

SENDING

*Hymn: Open my eyes that I may see

500

*Benediction: *Choral amen

Postlude:



Worship is now ended let our service begin!

THIS WEEK - (June 25-July 02)		
Today	9:00 am	Last Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional Service
Friday		David's Place.
	10:15 am	Northwood service
Sunday	10:30 am	Service at Saint John's United

Summer services are as follows (10:30 am):

July 2& 9 at St. John's

July 16& 23 at Saint David's

July 30/Aug 6 at First Baptist

Aug 13, 20 and 27 St. Andrew's

Genesis 16:13 Genesis 21: 8-21

¹³Then she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, "Have I also here seen Him who sees me?"... The child (Isaac) grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac

that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Galatians 4:21-5:1 The Allegory of Hagar and Sarah

²¹Tell me, you who desire to be subject to the law, will you not listen to the law? ²²For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and the other by a free woman. ²³One, the child of the slave, was born according to the flesh; the other, the child of the free woman, was born through the promise. ²⁴Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One woman, in fact, is Hagar, from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery. ²⁵Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷For it is written, 'Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children,

burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs; for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than the children of the one who is married.'

²⁸Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac. ²⁹But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh

persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. ³⁰ But what does the scripture say? 'Drive out the slave and her child; for the child of the slave will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman.' ³¹ So then, friends, we are children, not of the slave but of the free woman. ⁵ ¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Matthew 10:24-39 "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.



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 that you will come again soon. Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact one of the following:

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MISSION MOMENTS **Finding her voice** Shumaila, a timid 16-year-old from Afghanistan, dreamed of having the confidence to work in politics and guide the peaceful development of her country. One day, her school's principal announced that a summer camp offering training on human rights, leadership and public speaking would be starting shortly. The camp, supported by PWS&D, lasted four days but changed Shumaila's life forever. "I became confident and developed knowledge on politics and the rights of women and children," she shares proudly. In a mock election, Shumaila was voted president - but she won more than just a title. "It was during the election campaign that I got the confidence required to deliver speeches in public.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP We pray for the many missions and ministries in Canada and around the world that we support together through gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*.

STEWARDSHIP It is better to return a borrowed pot with a little something you last cooked in it. *Aboriginal proverb*

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. **We are '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 ----. Our reader today is Johannah Roberts Refreshment Host Johannah Roberts.