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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

September 03, 2017 Labour Day Sunday, Pentecost 13

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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We Gather



Prelude:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: *Come take off your shoes - for where we stand is holy ground. Come love your neighbour and do good to all around you - for where we stand is holy ground. Come and respect the planet - for where we stand is holy ground. We love all that God gave us, for we are all standing on holy ground*

Hymn: Jesus where'er thy people meet **431**

Prayer of Confession: *The burning bush flickers beside us. The presence of God invites us. In the presence of the holy forgive us our lack of notice. God of Exodus and the Burning Bush, of the Prophets and of Jesus, we hear your powerful calling to be your servants in the service of all those who are oppressed. At every turn we hear your voice in the cries of the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned and the broken, for you made yourself one with those who seek justice, freedom, and peace. We share a vision, a promise, and a yearning for the day of your reign, O God. You are our servant God, and we would be your serving people.*

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Exodus 3: 1-15

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 105 *O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones. Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham. And the LORD made his people very fruitful, and made them stronger than their foes, whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants. He sent his servant Moses, and Aaron whom he had chosen. Praise the LORD!*

Hymn: I the Lord of sea and sky **592**

Community conversation:

From the letters: **Romans 12: 9-21**

Gospel: **Matthew 16:21-28**

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

Hymn: When Israel was in Egypt's land **708**

Sermon: Back to the Burning Bush

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

We Go Out to Serve God

Hymn: Out of my bondage

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Benediction: Choral Amen: Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

THIS WEEK – (September 3-10)

Today	10:30 am	Traditional Service
Friday		David's Place -
Sunday	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service Food Bank Sunday

Upcoming Session meets September 13 at 7 pm

On Saturday, September 9 at 2:00 pm in the Little Dutch Church (2393 Brunswick Street), Garry Shutlak will present a lecture on the history of the building and the community that built it in celebration of the recently-completed restoration.


On Sunday, September 17 the 15th Wave Metro New Horizons band program will begin with an instrument demonstration and experimentation session above the Long & McQuade store in Dartmouth starting at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome

Refreshment hosts always need – talk with Phyllis!

Thought In her novel, "Briefing for a Descent into Hell," Dorris Lessing makes the point that perception is largely dependent on what we expect to perceive. A character in her novel observes that whole armies of angels could fly past a person, but if that person were not expecting such a phenomenon, it would likely go unnoticed. *'Earth's crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with God: But only he who sees, takes off his shoes, the rest sit round it, and pluck blackberries, and daub their natural faces unaware more and more, from the first similitude.'* Elizabeth Barrett Browning



Today at 2 pm there is a celebration of life for Joy Tanton.

 **Exodus 3:1-15** Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Romans 12:9-21 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16:21-28 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."



PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION MOMENTS: In Guatemala, the Francisco Coll School sits on a landfill site surrounded by shelters built by families trying to make ends meet by collecting trash. With the support of Presbyterian World Service & Development, Francisco Coll is providing vulnerable boys and girls with a proper education in a safe environment. Maria Herrera, a student at Francisco Coll, dreams of graduating from university and becoming an administrator. Her mother doesn't have a reliable income, but with support from PWS&D, she can continue going to the school she loves. In a letter thanking PWS&D for its support she says, "I ask God that every day you have good health and blessings and that you continue to be able to help adolescents achieve their dreams and goals, like me."

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for all of the students attending our theological colleges who will resume their studies once again for the fall semester.

STEWARDSHIP A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. *-Proverbs 11:25*



! Breastfeed.

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 _____ Our reader for this morning is Murray Alary. Our refreshment host
