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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

September 10, 2017 Pentecost 14

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: Trio Sonata in C major Mvt. 1 - J.S. Bach

*The chimes and The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: *God is among us as we gather in the name of Jesus to learn love for one another.* **We turn our feet from evil paths, our hands from shameful deeds, our minds to wisdom, and our hearts to God's grace.**

Hymn: God is love

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Prayer of Confession: *Merciful God, you call us to turn away from behaviours and attitudes that belong to the darkness, to live honest and transparent lives as children of the light. We confess the times when we have failed, giving in to our darker thoughts and desires; and acting in ways that did not bring honour to Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us.*

Teach us how to live as children of the light. *You call us love one another, to put the needs and interests of those around us above our own; to love others as deeply as we have been loved by You. We confess the times when we have failed, allowing our own desires and interests to take precedence over the needs of others. Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us. Teach us how to love as we have been loved. Give us hunger to know You more, so that we may do Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.*

EQUIPPING

First Reading:

Ezekiel 33:7-11

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

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 119:33-40 ❖ *Teach me, O LORD,*

the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. ❖ **Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.** ❖ *Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.* ❖ **Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.** ❖ *Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.* ❖ **Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.** ❖ *Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.* ❖ **See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.**

Hymn: Jesus loves me

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Community conversation:

From the letters:

Romans 13: 8-14

Gospel:

Matthew 18:15-20

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

Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling

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Sermon:

It really is the way of Love

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:

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

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Offertory Prayer: *Generous God, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have shown us what it means to love. And You've called us to follow Your example - to love our neighbours as we love ourselves, to offer our lives and our resources in Your service. Accept the gifts we bring today.*

May they help to spread the love we have received to the world around us. Amen.

Announcements:

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Hymn: In Loving Partnership

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Benediction: Choral Amen:

Postlude: Fugue on a Theme by Corelli - J.S. Bach

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

THIS WEEK – (September 10- 17)

Today	9:00 am	Early service with communion
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional Service Food Bank Sunday
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Session
Friday		David's Place -
Sunday	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service – we will welcome the Rev. Jeanne M.M. Stright to the pulpit as Kenn attends the National Presbyterian reconciliation gathering in Pickering.

Our job is to love others

**WITHOUT STOPPING TO
INQUIRE WHETHER OR
NOT THEY ARE WORTHY.**

- Thomas Merton -

sympathy

The
of the

congregation goes out to the family and friends of Marilyn Hollett who died on Thursday.

Worship and Church Life committee is in need of more members. This year we lost two valued members. This committee meets once a month. Day and time are quite flexible. The committee oversees the worship service, music, Christian Education (Sunday School) Congregational Life, Pastoral Care for example. If you feel you could spare the time, we would appreciate your talents and ideas. Please see Phyllis Morrison or Colin MacPherson. Or call 429-4353 or email phyllismorrison115@gmail.com.

September 24 after worship we will be blessed to welcome the Al Sagherji family to a meet and greet following our regular morning worship during refreshment hour.

St. John's United, is resuming its monthly Taize Prayers this Sunday, Sept. 10th @ 7 p.m.

Calvin Presbyterian Church is hosting the PCC Atlantic Synod meeting October 16-18/2017 to which many elders and clergy from Atlantic Canada attend. Those from out of town may stay at hotels/motels or some may choose to stay with billets. Calvin has some volunteers willing to host billets, but we may need more. We will know the # needed by the end of September. Billets would need to stay at a home overnight Monday and Tuesday and need a light breakfast on Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Other meals are provided. Most will have their own transportation, but some may need to be transported to Calvin Tuesday and Wednesday morning- we would try to billet them as close to Calvin as possible. They would need to be picked up or met on Monday evening after the opening ceremony - between 9 and 10 pm. If anyone would be willing to help us out or have any questions, please contact Lilla Tanner at lftanner1@bellaliant.net or by phone - 902-869-0105.



Ezekiel 33:7-11 So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not

turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Romans 13:8-14 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18:15-20 "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."



PASTORAL CARE

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

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PRAYER PARTNERSHIP We pray for children's and youth ministry leaders. May they experience and share God's loving presence as they journey alongside young people this year.

STEWARDSHIP I never would have been able to tithe the first million dollars I ever made if I had not tithed my first salary, which was \$1.50 per week.
-John D. Rockefeller



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. Greeting you this morning is Valerie Macdonald. Our reader for this morning is Mac Fyfe. Our refreshment host is Anne Sommerville.