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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

September 24, 2017 Pentecost 16

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: Toccata in D minor - J.S. Bach

*The chimes and The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: *Return to the Lord your God, for God is*

gracious. Confess to the Lord your God, for God is merciful.

Repent to the Lord your God, for God is slow to anger.

Praise the Lord your God, for God abounds in steadfast love.

Worship the Lord your God. Together, let us worship God!

*Hymn: "Bless All Who Trust in God"

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Prayer of Confession: **It seems we cannot decide, Cloud of Glory. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honours Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, home. We believe that the gospel can transform lives, (at least, for those who need it - not us). Forgive us, Presence of Peace. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.**

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: *Exodus* 16: 2-15

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45**

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 he brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled. Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it. He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night. They asked, and he brought quails, and gave them food from heaven in abundance. He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river. For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant. So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the

wealth of the peoples, that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the LORD!

*Hymn: "Simply Trusting Day by Day" **689**

Community conversation:

From the letters: Phillipians 1: 21-30

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

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

*Hymn: "Rock of Ages" **240**

Sermon: "CAN I TRUST YOU?"

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)

SENDING

*Hymn: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" **324**

*Benediction:

Postlude: Fugue in G minor - J.S. Bach

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

THIS WEEK – (September 24-October 1)

Today	9:00 am	Early service with communion
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional Service –
	12:00 pm	Refreshments
Friday		David's Place -
Sunday	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service –

Today after worship we will be blessed to welcome the Al Sagherji family to a meet and greet during refreshment hour.

Calvin Presbyterian Church is hosting the PCC Atlantic Synod meeting October 16-18/2017 to which many elders and clergy from Atlantic Canada attend and may need billeting. 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.

The **Nova Scotia Youth Choir** will present a concert today at Grace United Church, 70 King St., Dartmouth at 7:30. Tickets (\$15) are available at the door and from the church office (902-466-3329).

On Saturday, September 30 at 2:00pm in the Round Church (2222 Brunswick Street), Matthew Vanderkwaak will share the fruits of his summer research project into the architecture of the Round Church entitled: "**Sacred Geometry: the Architecture of the Round Church, 1800-1827**"

"The Women's Inter-Church Council of Halifax-Metro annual Fall Rally and "Fellowship of the Least Coin" Service" will take place at Bayers Road Baptist Church, 7077 Bayers Road, Halifax at 7:00pm on Monday, October 16, 2017. The guest speaker will be Lisa Mullin, Executive Director of Marguerite Centre, a long-term residential facility for women in recovery from addictions and abuse. A free-will offering will also be received for the Marguerite Centre.

The elders will meet with the Presbytery Committee regarding the upcoming vacancy on Monday, September 25 at 7 pm in the sanctuary.

Calling all those who can sew. Some of our choir gowns require new zippers. If you feel you can help out please contact Phyllis at 429-4353 or phyllismorrison115@gmail.com

Exodus 16:2-15 The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him--what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Philippians 1:21-30 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20:1-16 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them,

'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."



PASTORAL CARE

Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact
Valerie Macdonald 455-1893

MISSION MOMENTS: September 24: Youth in action to end hunger Last winter, the compassionate Grade 4-6 class at St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, ON, took on Presbyterian World Service & Development's Farming for the Future Sunday School Challenge to raise money for a program that helps food insecure families in rural Guatemala. At a bake sale at the church, the class made \$350 in sales on top of the \$400 they raised through the collection of pop cans! The children donated the proceeds to PWS&D with the hope of helping vulnerable families get what they need to grow maize, vegetables and fruit trees for years to come. By working together, small actions can help families overcome challenges and build brighter futures.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

STEWARDSHIP

The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), German Lutheran pastor, theologian and anti-Nazi dissident



I 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. Greeting you this morning is Colin McPherson. Our reader for this morning is Barend Kamperman. Our refreshment host is Claudia Saoud. Thanks to Jane Brown for the birthday cake.