



PASTORAL CARE

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MISSION MOMENTS: A journey toward reconciliation In June, 33 Presbyterians from across Canada visited three of the PCC's seven Indigenous ministries, worshipped at Mistawasis church and visited the sites where two residential schools were run by the PCC. The group listened

to stories of anger and pain and offered apologies. They also witnessed some of the ways in which PCC ministries are transforming lives. At Birdtail Sioux First Nation, site of the Birtle residential school, Doug Hanska thanked the visitors with an honour song. He explains, "The stop they did in Birdtail, I know it may not mean much to a lot of people, but to some of us it means a lot," he said. "We can forgive and move on, like our teachings tell us."

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for our staff in Justice Ministries - Katharine Masterdon Sisk who is our guest today along with Stephen Allen and Carragh Erhardt.

STEWARDSHIP May the stars carry your sadness away, may the flowers fill your heart with beauty, may hope forever wipe away your tears, And, above all, may silence make you strong. *Chief Dan George*

We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is a breastfeeding friendly facility.



I Breastfeed.

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 Colin MacPherson. Our reader for this morning is Davida Mackay. Refreshment Hosts are Sara and Jackie Kinley.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAINT DAVID

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Organist: Nick Veltmeyer

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

October 15th 2017 Pentecost 19

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: *Almighty Lord, Who Has Me Brought –*



Thomas Ford

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: *Let us give thanks to our Creator, for the Creator is always with us. **God is with us when we gather together and when we are alone.** We are here to answer that call to follow.*

*Hymn: Come, let us join our cheerful songs 413

Prayer for Reconciliation: *Creator God, you call us to reconciliation seeking understanding, healing, and a new beginning. **It has not always been an easy path, but we have sought to walk it together.** We have tried to listen to each other's stories. **We have sought to understand without judgement.** We have noted the differences in values and traditions, but also the places where we share values and traditions. **We are all your children. You embrace all in your love.** You call us now to reflect that love to each other. **You call us to be brothers and sisters on the path to reconciliation.***

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Genesis 9:11-13

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 8 *Divine Majesty and Human Dignity*** *O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. **Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.** When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; **what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?** Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour. **You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.** O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

Hymn: Your hand, O God, has guided 477

From the letters: Revelations 3: 14-22

Community conversation: With a Passion! (Kenn)

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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

Hymn: Come, O thou traveler unknown 693

Sermon: "**Water is a Sacred Gift**" - Katharine Masterdon Sisk

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Almighty and Everlasting God –* Orlando Gibbons

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

Announcements:

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

We Go Out to Serve God

Hymn: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven 407

Benediction:

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in A minor -- J.S. Bach

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

THIS WEEK – (October 15-22)

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| Today | 9:00 am | Early service with communion |
| | 10:00 am | Circle of Prayer |
| | 11:00 am | Traditional service |
| Monday: | | Please remember and pray for the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces meeting at Calvin Presbyterian starting tomorrow night at for opening worship. Synod is an 'open court' of the church and you are more than welcome to attend! |
| Friday | | David's Place - |
| Sunday | 9:00 am | Early service final service |
| | 10:00 am | Circle of Prayer |
| | 11:00 am | Traditional service |

The Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg will be celebrating REFORMATION@500 here at St. David's on October 29 at 3 pm. You are encouraged to attend and celebrate this milestone for the Reformation! Rev. Dr. Cameron Brett will be the guest speaker.

A 'Celebration of Life' for Marilyn Hollett will take place here at 1 pm. You are most welcome to stay after refreshments to celebrate her life and offer comfort to her family

“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.

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The Presbyterian Church of St. David will be presenting a Saturday afternoon concert series featuring talented local musicians. The concert series is organized and presented by **Nick Veltmeyer**, who recently was appointed Music Director at St. David’s. The first of these concerts will be held on **Saturday, October 21st at 3pm**, and will feature Jeff Torbert (Guitar), Adam Fine (Bass), and Ian Bent (Piano). The concerts will be under an hour in length and there will be a free will offering admission.

Applications for the Helen Watson Fund will be received until October 31, 2017. For information please contact Mac Mackay at 422-5481 or Mac Fyfe at 425-3844. The guidelines and application form are on the website.

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

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. Use your offering envelope or any envelope. Mark it “PWS & D FAMINE RELIEF” and include the amount and your name or your envelope number.

The Worship and Church Life Committee has lost a member and we need YOU to help us out. We meet once a month and our meeting time can be flexible. The committee looks after the worship service, music, Christian education and Pastoral care, as well as some other items that come up from time to time. Please consider helping out and speak to Phyllis Morrison. Thank you.

Genesis 9: 11-13 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.



Revelation 3:14-22

The Message to Laodicea

‘And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God’s creation:

‘I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. For you say, “I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.” You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich; and white robes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen; and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.’

Matthew 3:13-17 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Synod

The Synod is the second highest court in our Presbyterian Church in Canada court system. It is comprised of all ministers, members of the Order of Diaconal Ministries and representative elders on the roll of the presbyteries within its area. It oversees the Presbyteries, ensuring that business is conducted properly, and providing support and advice as needed. We belong to the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, which consists of the Presbyteries of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Halifax-Lunenburg, Pictou and Cape Breton.

Our Synod owns and operates Camp Geddie, located near Merigomish, NS. This provides wonderful opportunities for our children and young people to come to know Christ in a safe and caring place. It is also used as a facility for events and retreats during the off-camping season. The Synod employs a full-time Camping and Youth Consultant, Mrs. Whitney Canning, who organizes events for our young people and also serves as the Executive Director at Camp Geddie. The Synod also provides a Synod Hospital Visitor, Mr. Lindsay Rankin, who serves a chaplaincy function in the Halifax hospitals on a part-time basis, pastoring and caring for those who come to Halifax for care and treatment from throughout the Synod, and for their families as well.

The Synod also encourages, facilitates, helps arrange funding and organizes educational events and mission programs and initiatives throughout the presbyteries of the Atlantic region, with workshops

designed to assist congregations, particularly those in transition in these changing times.

The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces meets regularly once a year, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of October. Its business is usually complete by noon on the Wednesday of that week. This year the congregation of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Halifax NS will be hosting our Synod's meeting from Monday, October 16th, 2017 through to Wednesday, Oct. 18th.

L: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God,

Christ Jesus, your Son came to walk with us.

He taught us to love one another, and to remember and have faith in your promises and fulfill our covenant.

Jesus taught us you were making your kingdom into a home for us, and that we should share this world as we prepare to share our heavenly home.

Hear us as we pray, and guide your Church today,

Let your presence be with your faithful servants, who serve, who struggle, even suffer and persevere for the work of the gospel.

As the Atlantic Synod meets may you bless it with your purpose.

Illumined by your presence, enlighten us by all that they do,

May your Spirit grant them wisdom, true and full understanding, vision and knowledge, compassion and courage, and the desire to unite all your children in love and peace.

Lord, teach all of us, to be faithful stewards of your kingdom here on earth. As you show us love, show us what it is worth. May we and our Synod follow your will so that all your people may be uplifted, confirmed and growing in their faith, that every soul is gifted by your Spirit.

Grant us a renewed hope through what we believe today, and teach us again to look to Christ who not only shows us the way, but he truly is our way

And may your love be declared to all the world, through the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, our Lord. Amen.