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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

October 22, 2017 Pentecost 20

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



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Introit: *The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee* -Jean Berger

*Call to Worship: *The goodness of the Lord passes before us; The name of the Holy One is proclaimed for all to hear. God is gracious and merciful to whomever God chooses; Show us your glory, O Lord, we pray!*

Hymn: *"Glory Be to God"* **298**

Prayer of Confession: God of Grace, we know that you have chosen us, but we often forget that you have also chosen others. You call us to be imitators of Christ, yet many times we are

imitators of the world. You challenge us to turn from our idols, but we are tempted to turn back to them again and again. Rescue us, Lord, from ourselves. Show us your way. Guide our every action, that we may live as you call us to live.

Assurance of Pardon:

EQUIPPING

First Reading: Exodus 33:12-23

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 99

God is ruler; let the peoples tremble! God sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! God is great in Zion; God is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is God!

Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Extol the Sovereign our God; worship at God's footstool. Holy is God! Moses and Aaron were among God's priests, Samuel also was among those who called on God's name. They cried to God, and God answered them. God spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept God's decrees, and the statutes that God gave them. O Sovereign our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. Extol the Sovereign our God, and worship at God's holy mountain; for the Sovereign our God is holy.

Hymn: *"Lord of All Power"* **626**

Community conversation:

From the letters: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

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

Hymn: *"King of Glory, King of Peace"* **659**

Sermon: **"Giving Thanks to God"**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *O Thou the Central Orb* - Charles Wood

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

Offertory Prayer:

Announcements:

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Hymn: "Lord, Dismiss us with Your Blessing" **468**

Benediction:

Choral Amen:

Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in C Major* - J.S. Bach

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

THIS WEEK – (dates)

Today	9:00 am	Early service with communion
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional Service – Sunday School
	12:00 pm	Refreshments
Thursday	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday		David's Place -
Sunday	9:00 am	Early 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.

The Presbyterian Church of St. David is 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 next of these concerts will be held on **Saturday, October 28th at 3pm**, and will feature Janelle Lucyk (Soprano) and Nick Veltmeyer (Keyboards). 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.

The congregation expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Shirley Moir who died early Tuesday morning. Her life will be celebrated at a service at Snow's (Lacewood) tomorrow at 2 pm.

The congregation is invited to an Open House at Don and Margot Knox's, 5872 Gorsebrook Avenue on Saturday Oct. 28, from 4-6 pm to celebrate Kenn's ministry and mark his retirement.

On November 5, we will welcome Rev. Thomas Kay to both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. He will be with us for all of November.

Session will meet on November 15, 2017--one week later than usual.

Exodus 33:12-23 Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I

have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Matthew 22:15-22 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.



PASTORAL CARE

Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact
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MISSION MOMENTS: Thanks be to God! *Presbyterians Sharing* supports the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean, a Bible translation consultant working in partnership with The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan and The Bible Society in Taiwan. In a recent blog post, Paul writes: "Maelaanenge ki Twaumase!" (Thanks be to God!) These words were repeated during the joyful 3-hour thanksgiving service for the publication of the Ngudradrekai Bible on July 11, 2017 at Kucapungane Presbyterian Church in the mountain foothills of southern Taiwan. Nearly 30 years after The Gospel first took root in Old Kucapungane village, Ngudradrekai people now have the complete Bible printed in their own mother language." The Rev Peter Bush, Moderator of the 2017 General Assembly, attended the celebration. He shares, "To read the Bible in one's mother language is to be affirmed culturally as a people having value and it is to be called to discipleship following Jesus Christ."

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP We pray for guidance to be responsible with all that God has given us so that we might live in right relationship – justly and generously.

STEWARDSHIP To cherish what remains of the Earth and to foster its renewal is our only legitimate hope of survival.

-Wendell Berry (1934 -), American novelist, poet, environmental activist, cultural critic, and farmer



! 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 MacPherson. Our reader for this morning is Mac MacKay. Our refreshment host is Nicole Watkins-Campbell.