



PASTORAL CARE

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MISSION MOMENTS: Encouragement through mentoring

Have you ever found yourself stuck and in need of good advice? Thanks to *Presbyterians Sharing*, ministers and ministries across Canada are receiving the encouragement and guidance they need to thrive through a variety of coaching networks. Programs such as the New Church Development Coaches and the Social Mentor Network bring direct support to ministries by matching them with trained coaches who provide guidance and support.

Whether getting a new church start off the ground or navigating the challenges of managing a church-based outreach mission, coaches help leadership teams hear where God is calling them and equip them with the tools needed to follow God's call. In 2018 Canadian Ministries will pilot two new coaching programs in the area of evangelism and congregational renewal!

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP: On this Reformation Sunday, we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and give thanks for God's guidance of the church.

STEWARDSHIP Got no checkbooks, got no banks. Still I'd like to express my thanks - I've got the sun in the mornin' and the moon at night.

-Irving Berlin (1888-1989), American composer and lyricist



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 MacPherson. Our reader for this morning is Phyllis Morrison. Our refreshment host is Davida Mackay.



*The
Presbyterian
Church of
Saint
David*

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax, N.S.

Minister: Kenn Stright

Clerk of Session: Valerie Macdonald

Organist: Nick Veltmeyer

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

October 29, 2017 Pentecost 21

*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



Introit: O Lord, Increase My Faith - Henry Loosemore

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*Call to Worship: *God calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us. God calls us to journey: to the place where God covenants with us, to receive the new names we are given. God calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news. God calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people. God calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life. God calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us. We are called to journey with God. Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.*

Hymn: "Guide me O thou Great Redeemer" **651**
Prayer of Confession: : *In becoming one of us, God became poor so we could receive the riches of mercy. In coming to us, God took on our death, so we could be made alive together with Christ. Come, offer your confessions, knowing that by grace you have been saved.* (Silence is kept)
Assurance of Pardon

EQUIPPING

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-5a
One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.
Responsive Reading: Psalm 71:17-24
O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and grey hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come. Your power and your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you? You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again. You will increase my honour, and comfort me once again. I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have rescued. All day long my tongue will talk of your righteous help

Hymn: "One More Step Along the World I Go" **641**
Community conversation: **Keep Calm**
From the letters: Hebrews 11:8-10
Ephesians 4:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-15
One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ.
Hymn: "Precious Lord Take My Hand" **675**
Sermon: **Meaning in Every Journey**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Anthem: *Oh Jesu Christ, meins Lebens Licht* - J.S. Bach
Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" **830**
Offertory Prayer
Announcements

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Hymn: "Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You" **635**
Benediction: Choral Amen:
Postlude: *Little Fugue in G Minor* -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 –

We extend the sympathy of the congregation to Shona and Cameron MacKeen and family on the death this week of Shona's mother, Grace Kinley.

From the Finance Committee: As of September 30th, we have received \$15,737 for Presbyterians Sharing, 79% of our \$20,000 target. \$1,530 has been received in regular PWS&D contributions, and an additional \$2,690 for PWS&D famine relief.

The Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg will be celebrating REFORMATION@500 here at **St. David's today 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 Presbytery's Outreach and Education Committee is hosting a free workshop for elders on **November 4 from 10-3** at the Fairbanks Centre (54 Locks Rd, Shubie Park, Dartmouth), entitled "**Caring for God's People.**" All elders are reminded to register before **October 30th** by emailing ehlpc@bellaliant.com.

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.

First Baptist Church, 1300 Oxford Street is holding their annual Tea and Sale on **November 4/17 from 1:30 until 4:30**. Tickets are \$8.00 each or \$30.00 for four and are available at the door.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Christmas Tea and Sale on **November 4 from 2-4 pm**.

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.

For All The Saints – The annual musical celebration of All Saints and All Souls with the University of King's College Chapel Choir, directed by Paul Halley. Featuring the Requiem (Mass for the Dead) by Cristóbal de Morales, composed in 1544 in Spain, juxtaposed by the Mass in G by Francis Poulenc (1937, France). A rare opportunity to hear these outstanding works performed live! **Sunday, November 5 at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax.** Tickets (\$25 / \$15 general admission, taxes incl.) sold in advance at www.tickethalifax.com / 902.422.6278. Tickets also sold at the door. Information at www.ukings.ca/concerts

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

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, November 18th at 3pm**, and will feature Peter Allen, Jacob MacDonald, and Sonia Hellenbrand (all on piano). The concerts will be under an hour in length and there will be a free will offering admission.

Genesis 12: 1-5a Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan.

Hebrews 11: 8-10 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Ephesians 4:1-6 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Matthew 25: 14-15 For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.