



## PASTORAL CARE

Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact  
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**MISSION MOMENTS: October 8 – Day of the Girl** A major obstacle to development in many vulnerable countries is that too many women and girls are unable to pursue their hopes and goals, hindered by discrimination and inequality. In Afghanistan, sports are generally male-dominated, but Fahima had a talent for cricket and longed for the chance to play. Presbyterian World Service & Development's Girls Education Program equips schools with sports equipment and leads awareness-raising sessions on the benefits of physical education for students' cognitive development. Fahima's school is participating in the program and now has sessions dedicated for girls to play sports. The young athlete could not be more thrilled. "The school made a cricket team and I was selected as captain," shares Fahima. "I plan on leading my team to victory!"

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** During this Thanksgiving Day, when most tables are filled with food, we pray that many will hear the needs of food banks, soup kitchens, shelters and other food programs.

## STEWARDSHIP

Money often costs too much

-*Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882), American essayist, lecturer, and poet*



! 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 Val MacDonald. Our refreshment hosts are Margot and Don Knox.



*The  
Presbyterian  
Church of  
Saint  
David*

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

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**Clerk of Session:** Valerie Macdonald

**Organist:** Nick Veltmeyer

# WELCOME!

**Service for the Lord's Day**

**October 8, 2017 Pentecost 18**

*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: Shmucke Dich – J.S Bach

\*The chimes and The Entry of the Scriptures

\*Call to Worship: *God stretches out the heavens and shapes the earth.*

**Come and give thanks!** *God raises up the mountains and pours water into the seas. Come and give thanks!* *God calls forth plants from the soil and forms animals in infinite variety. Come and give thanks!* *God breathes upon us and fills us with life. Come lift your voices in praise!* *God loves us and surrounds us with love in abundance! Come and worship!*

Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" **434**

Prayer of Confession: **You are great, O God, and worthy of praise! Your goodness knows no limit; Your faithfulness toward us never ends! Your majesty and glory surround us here. We've come together to celebrate your goodness, and to offer songs of worship and praise. Gracious God, in love you spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. You feed, teach, heal and save us. We confess that we often forget to thank you. We let anxiety or greed or envy crowd out gratitude. We are often stingy about sharing with others. We are sorry. Please forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Help us to take such pleasure in your goodness that we will always be thanking you and showing your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: *God loves us more than we can ever imagine. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and we can begin again. Thanks be to God! Amen.*

**We Hear God's Word**

First Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 65:1-4, 9-13

*Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple. You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.*

Hymn: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" **435**

Community conversation

From the letters: Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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

Hymn: "For the Fruits of all Creation" **802**

Sermon: "Thanksgiving Feast"

**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

**SENDING**

Hymn: "Let All Things Now Living" **338**

Benediction

Postlude: Prelude in B Minor – N. Veltmeyer

**Worship is now ended let our service begin!**

THIS WEEK – (October 8-15)		
Today	9:00 am	Early service with communion
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional Service – Sunday School Food Bank Sunday
	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 –

Next week **Katharine Masterdon Sisk**, from the National Justice Ministries, will be sharing the service with Kenn.

**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](mailto:lftanner1@bellaliant.net) or by phone - 902-869-0105.

“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 next issue of the newsletter will be available on **October 15**. The deadline for submissions to Mac is **October 11**. Please send them to [macmackay@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:macmackay@ns.sympatico.ca) This is your newsletter, so please help Mac create a newsletter that tells you what you want and need to know and you want to read.

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.

Want to deepen your understanding and practice of your faith? Why not register for the 6 week on line course **Spiritual and Religious Diversity in our Neighbourhood** with instructor the Rev.. Dr. Andrew Irvine? The course runs from **Oct 16 to Nov 27**. For more information and to register go to [www.knox.utoronto.ca](http://www.knox.utoronto.ca) (Click on Study at Knox, non degree program, lay education)

A ‘Celebration of Life’ for Marilyn Hollett will take place here at **1 pm. next Sunday, October 15**. You are most welcome to stay after refreshments to celebrate her life and offer comfort to her family.

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](mailto:phyllismorrison115@gmail.com)**

**Exodus 32: 1-14** When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.” Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD.” So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry. Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, “These

are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’ “I have seen these people,” the LORD said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.” But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. “LORD,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth?’ Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’” Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

**Philippians 4:1-9** Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

**Matthew 22:1-14** Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who

had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie his hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”