



PASTORAL CARE

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MISSION MOMENTS: Combating racism in Japan

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support David McIntosh, co-director of the Centre for Minority Issues and Mission in Tokyo, which was established as a Christian response to a surge in racist activity in Japan. Hate speech in public places and abusive language via internet primarily targets people of Korean and Chinese heritage in Japan, but also other minority groups. The Centre is an ecumenical initiative led by PCC mission partner the Korean Christian Church in Japan, in collaboration with other Japanese churches, Christian organizations and international church partners. David and his co-director, Rev. KIM Shinya, work with partners to combat racism and urge the government to improve legal and administrative supports for vulnerable minorities. The Centre plans events that bring youth together to learn and think about the world through the eyes and stories of the vulnerable, and to pray and listen for God's call.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP We pray for those who have experienced the death of a loved one this year. May God's spirit of peace rest on them during the holiday season.

STEWARDSHIP I believe that if children fall in love with wildlife they will grow up wanting to protect it.

-Imogen Taylor, British children's author and illustrator



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 Mac MacKay Our reader for this morning is Caleigh Davis. Our refreshment hosts are Val and Rod Macdonald.



*The
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Church of
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David*

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

Interim Moderator: Iona MacLean

Clerk of Session: Valerie Macdonald

Organist: Nick Veltmeyer

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

December 3, 2017 Advent 1

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: *Wachet Auf* -J.S. Bach

*The chimes and The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: *God has prepared for us things beyond our imagining.*

Our hope is for a renewed world and for fullness of life in the age to come. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*Hymn: *"O come, o come Emmanuel"* **122**

*Advent Prayer: **The Candle of Hope** Schaefer/Hope Family

EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination: *O God of the weak, O God of the lowly, O God of the righteous, O shield of your people, speak now through your*

Word.

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

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

Hymn: "Hope is a Star" 119

Community conversation

From the letters: I Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

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

Sermon: **Advent Hope**

Announcements

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

*Hymn: "Let all mortal flesh keep silence" 542

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Adam Lay yBounden* -Boris Ord

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

Offertory Prayer

The Peace: *The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.*

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving Follow at 564

Breaking the Bread

Lifting the Cup

Sharing the Elements

The Grace (Response: **And also with you.**)

Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn: "Hark, the glad sound" 118

Benediction

Postlude: *Nun Komm Der Heiden Heiland* -J.S. Bach

Our worship continues with our service in the world.

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 -
Saturday	3:00 pm	Christmas Concert
Sunday	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service – Food Bank Sunday

Readers are needed for the month of December, as well as families to read Advent litanies and light the candles. Please let Phyllis know if you are interested.

Next week is Food Bank Sunday. Please remember our guests at David's Place. The weather is getting colder, so warm outerwear is appreciated, as well as the usual toilet paper, non-perishable food, and grocery bags for them to carry home items we may get from the Feed NS truck.

St. David's will again support families for Christmas. We have a tree with gift tags for some of the gifts and needs of the four families we will help this year. Feel free to take a tag (leave your name on part of it) and make the purchase on the tag. Return your unwrapped item to the church by **Sunday, Dec. 17** with its tag attached. Volunteers will finalize shopping, wrap everything, and prepare to deliver food and gifts the week of Dec. 18. Contact Nicole Watkins Campbell if you have questions. 902-422-5878.

Members of the congregation who would like to prepare and deliver 20 brown bag lunches to the Out of the Cold Shelter can contact Nicole Watkins Campbell, 422-5878 to finalize arrangements. We are scheduled for the **first Saturday night of each month until the end of April.**

The **Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO) – Halifax Centre** is presenting “Lessons and Carols For Advent and Christmas”, **Monday, Dec. 4th at 7 p.m.** in the Cathedral Church of All Saints’, Cathedral Lane, Halifax. The evening will begin with a recital of organ music for the seasons, given by members of our Centre. A free-will offering will be received. All are welcome.

The deadline for the next newsletter is December 6. Please send your contributions to Mac Mackay. His e-mail is macmackay@ns.sympatico.ca.

From “The Ashes” a Special Remembrance Concert by St. Matthew’s Chorale & Symphony Chamber Orchestra with Conductor: Wayne Rogers will be presented on **Wednesday, December 6th at 8 pm** at St. Matthew’s United Church, 1479 Barrington Street, Halifax. A new work “**The Halifax Explosion**” by (Mary Knickle) and Gabriel Faure’s “**Requiem**” will be featured. Get **Advance Tickets**: \$20 at www.eventbrite.ca or from 902-429-1680. Tickets at the door cost \$25.

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 our Lessons and Carols Service, held on **Saturday, December 9th at 3pm**, and will feature the St. David’s Choir, along with a number of guest performers. Admission will be by free will offering.

Join Terry Hurrell and guests in a Celebration Concert, **7:30 pm on Wednesday, December 13th** at St. Matthew’s United Church, Barrington and Spring Garden. There will be songs from St. Matthew’s musicals - *JC Superstar, Godspell, West Side Story, Joseph*, songs and humour from Berwick Choir Camps, war time - Canadian songs and much more. King Herod will be there; so will King Arthur - as will Albert (and the Lion)! Accompanist: Scott Taylor; Compere: Olga Misolevich. Admission by donation. Light refreshments. Proceeds to St. Matthew’s Outreach.

Isaiah 64:1-9 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

I Corinthians 1:3-9 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 13: 24-37 “But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”