



PASTORAL CARE

Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact
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MISSION MOMENTS: Take the Advent Challenge!

During the Advent season, we celebrate God's amazing gift—Jesus! This gift changed the world. Inspired by God's overwhelming generosity, we too work to make a difference for our sisters and brothers across the globe. Each week of Advent, Presbyterian World Service & Development challenges individuals and congregations to share the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love with those living in some of the most vulnerable communities in the world. In the midst of poverty, injustice and disaster, the Christ light shines. To help create bright futures through the Advent Challenge, visit WeRespond.ca/advent-challenge.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP: We remember nations and individuals traumatized by the horror of war and pray for Christ's healing.

STEWARDSHIP: One of the dangers of having a lot of money is that you may be quite satisfied with the kinds of happiness money can give and so fail to realize your need for God.
-C.S. Lewis (1898-1963), British novelist, poet, academic, lay theologian, broadcaster, lecturer



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 Colin Roop. Our refreshment host is Rita Fraser.



*The
Presbyterian
Church of
Saint
David*

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

Guest Minister: Thomas Kay

Clerk of Session: Valerie Macdonald

Organist: Nick Veltmeyer

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

November 12, 2017 Pentecost 23

*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



*The chimes and The Entry of the Scriptures

Introit: *If ye Love Me* -Tallis

*Call to Worship: *Rejoice and be glad! For God is our salvation. Rejoice and be glad! For our God is good. Rejoice and be glad! Let us worship God together.*

*Hymn: *"O God Our Help in Ages Past"* **330**

Prayer of Confession: **Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honouring you or loving one another as we ought. Have mercy on us, and help us that we**

may live in right relationship with you, and with our neighbours; in Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

EQUIPPING

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O LORD, make haste to help me! Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me. Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame. Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!" But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

*Hymn: "How clear is our vocation, Lord" **649**

Community conversation

From the letters: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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

Hymn: "Come, O thou traveler unknown" **693**

Sermon: **Now's the Day and Now's the Hour**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace* -Wesley

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

*Offertory Prayer:

Announcements

Prayers of the People

SENDING

*Hymn: "Be still, my soul" **749**

Benediction

Postlude: *Fugue in D minor* -J.S. Bach

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

THIS WEEK – (November 12-19)

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 will be decorating the sanctuary soon for Christmas. Each year we drag out the same tree and decorations and the wreaths I decorated many years ago. Anyone have a flair for decorating who would like to offer some suggestions it would be appreciated. Remember though we have little if any money to spend on this, so if anyone would like to donate any ornaments you are no longer using, please see Phyllis or call her at 429-4353. Thank you.

From the Finance Committee: As of October 31st, we have received \$17,751 for Presbyterians Sharing, 89% of our \$20,000 target. \$2,310 was sent to PWS&D on Kenn's behalf.

This evening at 8 pm suddenly Listen will present a concert with two trios: First guitar, cello and piano, and then trombone, guitar and drums. Admission is \$20 or pay what you can.

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 pianist **Peter Allen**, as well as his students **Jacob MacDonald** and **Sonia Hellenbrand**. The concerts will be under an hour in length and there will be a free will offering admission.

The King's Chorus will perform an enchanting program of early and modern choral music—Handel, Haydn and Halley—featuring boy sopranos, soloists and orchestra, on **Sunday, November 19 at 4pm** at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax. Tickets (\$10 students, \$25 general) available at tickethalifax.com.

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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25:1-13 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight

there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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