



PASTORAL CARE

Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact
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MISSION MOMENTS: Universal Children's Day

(November 20) Presbyterian World Service & Development is committed to protecting the rights of children, including the right to food that helps them grow and thrive. A lack of food threatened the life of one-year-old Kai when violent conflict near their village forced his family to flee their home in South Sudan. After they'd walked for days, Kai was showing signs of severe acute malnutrition. Fortunately, when they arrived at a UN protection camp, the little boy was admitted to a feeding centre that is part of a PWS&D-supported nutrition treatment program with Canadian Foodgrains Bank. After two months Kai was discharged, having grown healthier, stronger and better able to face each day while waiting for peace to be restored in South Sudan.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP: On Universal Children's Day, we pray that God may strengthen health professionals in Haiti as they work to provide 4,000 children with crucial malnutrition treatment with support through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

STEWARDSHIP: Give even an onion graciously.
-Afghan proverb



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 Anne Sommerville. Our refreshment host is Elizabeth Fraser.



*The
Presbyterian
Church of
Saint
David*

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

Interim Moderator: Iona MacLean

Guest Minister: Thomas Kay

Clerk of Session: Valerie Macdonald

Organist: Nick Veltmeyer

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

November 19, 2017 Pentecost 24

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: *Almighty Lord, Who Has Me Brought* -Thomas Ford

*Call to Worship: Lord, *you have been our dwelling place in all generations; you have been our home through all the ages. You were there before the world was made, and will be forever. From everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

Hymn: *"Be thou my vision"* **461**

Prayer of Confession: **Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honouring one another. When we**

place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your constancy for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination: **Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts this day, that we may be illumined by your living Word and walk together as children of light. Amen.**

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7,12-14

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 90:1-12

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn us^[b] back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals." For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance. For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end^[c] like a sigh. The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you. So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Hymn: "Help us to help each other, Lord" **489**

Community conversation

From the letters: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

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

Hymn: "God, whose giving knows no ending" **663**

Sermon: **Concerning the Times and the Seasons**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Almighty and Everlasting God* -Orlando Gibbons

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Hymn: "Rejoice, the lord is King" **267**

Benediction

Postlude: *Little Prelude and 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 –

Thanks to members of St. David's and Calvin churches (and some other friends) for preparing casseroles today for Sunday Suppers. As a group, we will prepare a delicious, nourishing hot meal for about 300 people who wouldn't have had one tonight. This is Loving Our Neighbour in action!

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.

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.

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, **this afternoon at 4pm** at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax. Tickets (\$10 students, \$25 general) available at tickethalifax.com.

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 25th at 3pm**, and will feature countertenor **Andrew Pickett** and harpist **Ellen Gibling**. The concerts will be under an hour in length and there will be a free will offering admission.

The deadline for the next newsletter is December 1. Please send your contributions to Mac Mackay. His e-mail is macmackay@ns.sympatico.ca.

Zephaniah 1:7,12-14 Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon

them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25:14-30 "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. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did

not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'