



PASTORAL CARE

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MISSION MOMENTS: World AIDS Day (December 1)

AIDS is now the leading cause of death among teenagers in sub-Saharan Africa, a region still devastated by the HIV epidemic. These deaths can be avoided through prevention and treatment, education, and sexual and reproductive healthcare. The Presbyterian Church in Canada, through Presbyterian World Service & Development, supports HIV and AIDS programs that fight stigma and discrimination, teach and equip people to prevent the spread and the transmission between mother and child, and provide home based care and medications to those living with the disease. On World AIDS day, we live in Christ's hope for a world without AIDS and pray for those whose lives remain affected.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP: During the consumer-driven days leading up to Christmas, let us focus on good stewardship and an awareness of enough.

STEWARDSHIP: Do not give, as many rich (people) do, like a hen that lays her eggs ... and then cackles.

-Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887), American Congregationalist clergyman, social reformer, and speaker



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 Nancy Tindall. Our refreshment host is Nancy Tindall.



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 26, 2017 Reign of Christ

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:

If Ye Love Me

-Tallis

*The chimes and The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: *God established the world from of old. God's reign shall never end. God delivered us in freedom and truth. God's love is everlasting.*

Hymn: *"The church's one foundation"*

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Prayer of Confession: **Holy God, how often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers instead of the power of your love; help us to turn our hearts toward you. Restore us in your**

love, and set us free to forgive as we have been forgiven, by the grace and mercy of Christ.

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

Assurance of Pardon

EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination: **Come, Holy Spirit; open our hearts to receive a word of truth, then set us free to follow in the power of Christ's love.**

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 95: 1-7a

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Hymn: "Fairest Lord Jesus" **375**

Community conversation

From the letters: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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

Hymn: "All my hope on God is founded" **462**

Sermon: **Our Shepherd King**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Like as the Hart* -Herbert Howells

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

Offertory Prayer:

Announcements:

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Hymn: "Loves divine, all loves excelling" **371**

Benediction: Choral Amen:

Postlude: Fantasia in G Major -J.S. Bach

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

THIS WEEK – (November 26-December 2)

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 –

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.

Tonight, Nov., 26, at 7 pm St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Dartmouth, will offer a service and ceilidh with the Kilted Choir to mark St. Andrew's Day. Guest Preacher will be the Rev. Thomas Kay, who was born in Scotland and now lives in PEI.

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.

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 vocalists and instrumentalists. The concerts will be under an hour in length and there will be a free will offering admission.

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

Ephesians 1:15-23 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe,

according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25:31-46 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."