

PASTORAL CARE

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MISSION MOMENTS: Gifts that make a difference

As we reflect on giving and receiving gifts this Christmas, let us give thanks for Presbyterians across Canada who are making a difference through their gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing!* Together, we are supporting inner city missions, equipping congregations, encouraging children and youth, enabling congregational renewal and development, supporting theological education, maintaining international partnerships, sending mission staff – and so much more! Together, we are making mission and ministry happen in Canada and around the world. This Christmas Eve, we anticipate celebrating the greatest gift of all – Jesus Christ our Lord – whose example of giving inspires our own.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP As we celebrate the birth of Christ, we pray that Christians in Israel and Palestine who gather to worship in joy and peace.

STEWARDSHIP A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.

-Proverbs 18:16



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.



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

Interim Moderator: Iona MacLean

Clerk of Session: Valerie Macdonald

Organist: Nick Veltmeyer

WELCOME!

7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2017



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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Prelude
Entrance of the Bible

*CHRISTMAS RESPONSES:

One> Light looked down and saw darkness.

ALL> "I will go there," said Light.

One> Peace looked down and saw war.

ALL> "I will go there," said Peace.

One> Love looked down and saw hatred.

ALL> "I will go there," said Love.

One> So he, the Lord of Light, the Prince of Peace, the King of Love,
came down, and crept in, beside us.

*HYMN: 154 Silent night, holy night

PRAYER OF ADORATION (said together)

We bless and adore you, O Christ,

Son of God, yet born of Mary;

Son of God, yet our brother;

Eternal Word, yet a child without speech;

clothed in glory, yet wrapped in bands of cloth;

Lord of heaven and earth, yet laid in a manger;

strong in your weakness,

glorious in your humility,

mighty to save.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the

Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and

ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (PWS&D Insert)

RESPONSIVE 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.

THE PROPHETS: Isaiah 9:2-7

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM 96: 1-4, 7-13

¹ O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

² **Sing to the Lord, bless his name;**

tell of his salvation from day to day.

³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous works among all the peoples.

⁴ **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.**

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

⁹ Worship the Lord in holy splendour; tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰ **Say among the nations, 'The Lord is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity.'**

¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

¹² let the field exult, and everything in it.

**Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy ¹³ before the Lord;
for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.**

**He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.**

*HYMN: 161 What child is this

THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

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

SERMON: "The Light of all people"

*HYMN: 162 On Christmas night all Christians sing

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Doxology, Offertory Prayer

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

*HYMN: 159 Oh come, all ye faithful

*BENEDICTION (. . . with you all. *And also with you.*)

*Postlude: Finale

-Widor

Isaiah 9: 2-7 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Luke 2:1-20 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Announcements:

If you are making a donation to Saint David's Church and you want your tax receipt dated in 2017, then your last opportunity is to place your donation through the letter slot in the north west passage door before **2 pm on Friday December 29th.**

There will be no 9am service or Circle of Prayer next Sunday, December 31st.