



PASTORAL CARE

Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact

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MISSION MOMENTS: Ready to go back to work

Presbyterians Sharing is helping to transform the lives of people in Montreal's Little Burgundy neighbourhood. The statistics for Little Burgundy are grim: 2/3 of children and youth live below the poverty line and 32% of students drop out before finishing high school. But Tyndale St.-Georges Community Centre is helping provide community members with the tools they need to realize their dreams, at every life stage. Tyndale's employment programs not only teach job search techniques, but also build self-esteem and life skills. Jane shares, "I came to Tyndale during the lowest time in my life, and I decided to give it a shot. I was looking for something to bring back my self-confidence that would enable me to go back to the workforce. And Tyndale delivered exactly what I was looking for. And now I'm strong, I'm back again, and I'm ready to go back to work!"

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP We pray for churches that are going through times of transition. May they be open to seeing and acting on God's will.

STEWARDSHIP Unless we learn how to humbly tell each other our giving stories, our churches will not learn to give.

Randy Alcorn, *minister and author*



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 Don Knox. Our reader for this morning is Val Macdonald. Our refreshment hosts are Margo and Don Knox.



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Interim Moderator: Iona MacLean

Clerk of Session: Valerie Macdonald

Organist: Nick Veltmeyer

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

January 14, 2018 The Baptism of our Lord

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

*The chimes and The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: [from Psalm 29]

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour.*

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Hymn: "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

Prayer of Approach:

God of new life, we praise you.

You call us to be your people.

**Gather us now in the light of your presence,
in the strength of your Spirit,
and in the power of your promises to us.**

**Speak to us through the baptism of Jesus
so that we may truly know that we are yours,
called to serve you faithfully.**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: [II Cor. 5:17-18]

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!

**All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through
Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.**

EQUIPPING

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29

¹ *Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

² **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour.**

³ *The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.*

⁴ **The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

⁵ *The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.*

⁶ **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷ *The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.*

⁸ *The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*

⁹ *The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'*

¹⁰ **The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.**

¹¹ **May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

Hymn: "God, who made the earth" 705

Community conversation

From the letters: Acts 19:1-7

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

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

Hymn: "Christ, when for us you were baptized" 183

Sermon: **Beginning with baptism**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

SENDING

Hymn: "O love, how deep, how broad, how high" 205

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

Postlude: *Alla Breve* -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 -
Sunday	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service –

Session, on behalf of the congregation, extends a sincere thank you to Ray Whitley and Claudia Saoud, convenors of the Education Committee for our Refugee Partnership Committee, for the work they have done both before and after the arrival of the Al Saghrji family last Spring. They made sure that the process and equipment was in place prior to the family's arrival so that all their educational needs could be met. They have continued to provide support through translation, English language support, and general friendship to all members of the family. Ray and Claudia have selflessly given countless hours of their time. This has played an important role in welcoming the Al Saghrji's to Canada and ensuring that they are successful in their new home. Thank you, Ray and Claudia, for all you have done to help the family on behalf of all members of the congregation, and be assured of the continuing support and encouragement of Session and the congregation as the family works to establish their roots in our community.

This fall I have lost 5 or 6 readers due to moving, jobs, or health. At the moment I have only 12 people to rotate. If I had 12 more you would only have to read twice a year--if that. It's not hard. If I can do it--anyone can do it. I was nervous when I first started but you soon relax. Please see me or call me at 429-4353. Thanks.
- Phyllis Morrison

Please sign up for doing refreshments. As mentioned before, you do not have to bake anything fancy or anything at all. Mr. Sobey will do. Coffee is usually done already. Not much work. Please see or call Phyllis 429-4353. Thanks.

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.**

Join along with Christians of all denominations worldwide to celebrate our diversity and unity through prayer. Halifax South-end Churches will gather for short mid-day services (note differing times) throughout the week, all are welcome.

Tues 16 Jan at 12:15pm: First Baptist Church The Rev Kimber McNabb (Lutheran)

Wed 17 Jan at 12:15pm: All Saints Cathedral The Rev Brian MacMillan (Catholic)

Thurs 18 Jan at 11:45am: Atlantic School of Theology The Rev Paul Friesen (Anglican)

For more information on the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity sponsored by the Canadian Council of Churches, visit: www.weekofprayer.ca

Advance Notice: The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, March 4, following the 11 a.m. Service of Worship and the Men's Soup Contest. Those who have to provide reports for inclusion in the annual report should have them to Mac Fyfe by February 4.

Genesis 1:1-5 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Acts 19:1-7 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Mark 1:4-11 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."