



## PASTORAL CARE

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**MISSION MOMENTS:** “I hope more people like me will be helped by this clinic” While working at her tailoring shop in Nepal, Sita noticed her hands were starting to feel numb and looked strangely white. As the numbness worsened, Sita grew very sick and weak. Unfortunately, the doctors she visited were unable to diagnose her illness. The future looked a little brighter when Sita learned she was pregnant and eventually delivered a healthy baby girl—but the onset of a severe fever shortly after shattered her fragile hope. Sita tried one last hospital where she was diagnosed with leprosy and referred to the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Banke Clinic for treatment. There, a hopeful journey to recovery got its start. “I am getting good treatment, nutritious food, and care from the staff,” reports Sita.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** We pray for children of the world whose lands are being ravaged by war, famine and drought and we ask God to protect and oversee their daily lives.

**STEWARDSHIP** And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.  
*2 Corinthians 9:8*



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 Johannah Roberts. Our reader for this morning is Davida Mackay. Our refreshment host is Anne Sommerville.



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**Clerk of Session:** Valerie Macdonald

**Organist:** Nick Veltmeyer

# WELCOME!

**Service for the Lord's Day**

**January 21, 2018 Third Sunday after Epiphany**

*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: *Drop, Drop Slow Tears* -Gibbons  
\*The chimes and The Entry of the Scriptures  
\*Call to Worship: [adapted from *Psalms 139:7,9,10*]  
*Where can we go from God's spirit?  
Or where can we flee from God's presence?*  
**If we take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there God's hand shall lead us, and God's right hand shall hold us fast.**  
Hymn: *"O worship the King"* 313

Prayer of Adoration:

**O God, your light has come into the world  
to reveal your justice and love.  
Your light shining in Jesus Christ  
has overcome the darkness and brought new life.  
So we offer you our worship with our lives  
glorifying and praising you in all that we do.**

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

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: I Samuel 3:1-10

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 139:1-20, 23-24

<sup>1</sup> *O Lord, you have searched me and known me.*

<sup>2</sup> *You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.*

<sup>3</sup> **You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

<sup>4</sup> **Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.**

<sup>5</sup> *You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.*

<sup>6</sup> **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

<sup>7</sup> *Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?*

<sup>8</sup> *If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.*

<sup>9</sup> **If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,**

<sup>10</sup> **even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

<sup>11</sup> *If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night',*

<sup>12</sup> **even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright  
as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

<sup>13</sup> *For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

<sup>14</sup> **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

<sup>15</sup> *My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.*

<sup>16</sup> **Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.**

**In your book were written all the days that were formed  
for me, when none of them as yet existed.**

<sup>17</sup> *How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!*

*How vast is the sum of them!*

<sup>18</sup> **I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

<sup>19</sup> *O that you would kill the wicked, O God,  
and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—*

<sup>20</sup> *those who speak of you maliciously,  
and lift themselves up against you for evil!*

<sup>23</sup> **Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.**

<sup>24</sup> **See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Hymn: "Teach me, God, to wonder" **704**

Community conversation

Gospel: John 1:43-51

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

Hymn: "Speak, Lord, in the stillness" **442**

Sermon: **Listening for God**

## We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Bethlehem Down*

-Warlock

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

Offertory Prayer:

Announcements:

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

## SENDING

Hymn: *"Ob, for a thousand tongues to sing"* **374**  
Benediction:  
Postlude: *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* - J.S. Bach

### **Our worship continues with our service in the world.**

#### **THIS WEEK – (January 21-28)**

<b>Today</b>	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 –

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.**

A huge "Thank You" to Catherine Read and Jane Reardon for bringing new decorating ideas to the sanctuary. They looked after downstairs and the wreaths and Anne Sommerville and Phyllis Morrison did the balcony. Thanks again for all the hours spent making the church look beautiful for the Christmas season.

**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.

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**1 Samuel 3:1-10** Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

**John 1:43-51** The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."