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MISSION MOMENTS: Working with international mission partners Effective mission partnership is a covenant relationship between people who are striving to bring about God's realm of justice and peace. In 2017, gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* provided some of the PCC's international partners with 30 grants totaling \$320,000. These grants supported Bible translation in Nigeria and Mauritius; women's pastoral programs in Guatemala; biblical, theological and pastoral training in Mauritius and Guatemala; theological seminaries in Lebanon, Malawi and Romania; lay training centres in Ghana and Malawi; refugee programs in Lebanon and Palestine; and medical centres in India. Mission and vital world-wide ministry partnerships that put people first happen because of the faithful generosity of Presbyterians across Canada. Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* allow our church to be with those on the margins and change lives around the world.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP We give thanks that every person is made in the image of God and that every person has unique gifts and abilities that help build God's kingdom.

STEWARDSHIP God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say 'thank you?'

William A. Ward, writer (1921-1994)



! 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 Mac Mackay. Our refreshment host is

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

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



Introit: *How brightly beams the morning star*

*The chimes and The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: *[based on Psalm 111]*

Here in the midst of God's people,

let us give thanks to God with our whole heart!

How wonderful are the things that God has done!

God is faithful and just in all things.

God has set us free, and offers us an everlasting covenant.

Let us give thanks to God with our whole heart!

Hymn: *"Let us with a gladsome mind"*

Prayer of Adoration: **O Lord, we give you whole-hearted thanks as we gather in worship. Your work is full of honour and majesty; your righteousness endures forever. You are gracious and merciful, ever mindful of your covenant. Holy and awesome is your name. Receive our praise in the name of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

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: Deuteronomy 18:15-22

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 111

¹ *Praise the Lord!*

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² **Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

³ *Full of honour and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures for ever.*

⁴ **He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

⁵ *He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.*

⁶ **He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

⁷ *The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.*

⁸ **They are established for ever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹ *He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever. Holy and awesome is his name.*

¹⁰ **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practise it have a good understanding. His praise endures for ever.**

Hymn: "*Although I speak with angel's tongue*" **695**

Community conversation

From the letters: I Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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

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

Sermon: **Love builds up**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *There Shall a Star* -Mendelssohn

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

Offertory Prayer:

Announcements:

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

SENDING

Hymn: "*O Breath of life, come sweeping through us*" **384**

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

Postlude:

Our worship continues with our service in the world.

THIS WEEK – January 28-February 4

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| 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 – |

Camp Geddie staff applications are now available from the website www.campgeddie.ca

We will observe United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week during the first week of February. The community gathering on **Feb. 4** will be at the Halifax Central Library. The website ihhalifax.ca contains all of the details.

Those who have to provide reports for inclusion in the annual report should have them to Mac Fyfe by **February 4**.

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.

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**Deuteronomy 18:15-22** The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die." You may say to yourself, "How can we recognize a word that the LORD has not spoken?" If a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD but the thing does not take place or prove true, it is a word that the LORD has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; do not be frightened by it.

**I Corinthians 8:1-13** Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not

yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

**Mark 1: 21-28** They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.