



PASTORAL CARE

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MISSION MOMENTS: New Ways to Nourish Families

Who better to learn new farming methods from than a farmer in your community? Through a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported farmer-to-farmer agroecology project in Malawi, farmers selected for training are able to share their agricultural knowledge with other families in their village. Techniques like composting and intercropping are helping women and men transform plots of land into thriving sources of nourishment. Since learning to plant groundnuts and pigeon peas together on one plot of land, farmer Abel has seen his soil's fertility improve and his yields double. He and his wife Mercy are incorporating the food they grow into new recipes. "Life has greatly changed for us," shares Abel.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP We pray for theological students who are beginning their studies in January at our three seminaries across Canada. May they be enriched and challenged through their studies.

STEWARDSHIP Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity, I know I am moving from fear to love.

Henri Nouwen (1932-1996), theologian



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 Andrew Lappin.



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 7, 2018 The Epiphany 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: *Arise, shine; for your light has come.*

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Bring your gifts and proclaim God's glory.

We bring the gifts of who we are, offered in worship and praise.

Hymn: *"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"*

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

EQUIPPING

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

¹ *Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.*

² **May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**

³ *May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.*

⁴ **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

⁵ *May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.*

⁶ **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**

⁷ *In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.*

¹⁰ **May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him
tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

¹¹ *May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.*

¹² **For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.**

¹³ *He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.*

¹⁴ **From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Hymn: "The first nowell" vv. 1, 2, 5, 6 **136**

Community conversation

From the letters: Ephesians 3:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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

Hymn: "What star is this" **170**

Sermon: **Home by another way**

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 & Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

One: Shine your light in us, O God

All: That we might shine for others

SENDING

Hymn: "The people that in darkness pined" **171**

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

Postlude: *Fugue in C Major* -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
Wed.	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
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 –

Next week is Food Bank Sunday. Please remember our guests at David's Place. Winter outerwear, toilet paper, toiletries, and blankets would be most appreciated as well as any food items.

We extend the sympathy of the congregation to Ken Mader and family on the death on Wednesday of his wife Gloria, a long-time faithful member of the congregation. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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.**

Isaiah 60:1-6 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Ephesians 3:1-12 This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2:1-12 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.