



PASTORAL CARE

Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact

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MISSION MOMENTS: World Day of Social Justice (Feb 20) In the community where Clara lives in rural Guatemala, many people believe that women can't be strong leaders. As a result, Clara once lacked confidence in her abilities. This all changed when she participated in PWS&D-supported workshops designed to strengthen women's voices at home and in the community. Clara now works as a treasurer and health commissioner with organizations that are making her community a better place to live. While fulfilling her passion for leadership, Clara is paving the way for future generations of women to help build more prosperous, just communities. "We are highly grateful to PWS&D for supporting us in order to significantly change the hard reality of oppression and marginalization that exists."

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Give thanks for Presbyterians who strive to support peace efforts, build respect for human rights, reduce poverty, honour right relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, and care for God's creation.

STEWARDSHIP Real charity doesn't care if it's tax deductible or not. -*Anonymous*



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 Val Macdonald. Our reader for this morning is Johannah Roberts. Our refreshment hosts are Barb and Gary Smith.



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

February 18, 2018 First Sunday in Lent

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: [Psalm 25:4-5]

*Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.*

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Hymn: "Come, let us to the Lord our God"

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"Remember your Baptism"

Sung Response: *"The Lord is my song"* **446B**

The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:
all my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:
God, the well-spring of life.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Faithful God, in every generation . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us confess our sin to God.

**Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out our transgressions.**

**Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity,
and cleanse us from our sin.**

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within us.**

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in us a willing spirit. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: [from Psalm 25:8,10]

*"Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
. . . All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those
who keep his covenant and his decrees."*

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

EQUIPPING

PWS&D Lenten Liturgy

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-10

¹ *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

² *O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.*

³ **Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

⁴ *Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.*

⁵ **Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day
long.**

⁶ *Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.*

⁷ **Do not remember the sins of my youth or my
transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**

⁸ *Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in
the way.*

⁹ *He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.*

¹⁰ **All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and
faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

Hymn: *"Lord of all being, throned afar"* **308**

Community conversation

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

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

Hymn: *"Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth"* **80**

Sermon: **Teach me your paths**

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)

SENDING

Hymn: *"Lord of all power"* **626**

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

Postlude

Our worship continues with our service in the world.

THIS WEEK – (February 18-25)

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

Upgrading of the organ began last summer and will continue for some time. You can contribute to these improvements: If you have collection envelopes, clearly write the amount you are giving to the organ upgrade. Or you can use any envelope: Write “organ upgrade”, the amount and your offering number (or name and address) and drop it in the collection plate.

If you wish you can give by e-transfer. Call **Mac Fyfe, 425-3844** for details.

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 (sandwiches, rolls, and sweets welcomed).

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Halifax will celebrate the 2018 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER with a service at **2:00 p.m., Friday, March 2** (storm date **March 9**). at Halifax Christian Church, 51 Farnham Gate Road. The 2018 theme is “All of God's Creation is Very Good”, prepared by the WDP committee of the Republic of Suriname. Guest speaker, Reverend Diane Parker, retired Anglican minister, will speak on “God's Creation”. Reception to follow. All Welcomed - friends, family.

Genesis 9:8-17 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Mark 1:9-15 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.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”