



PASTORAL CARE

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MISSION MOMENTS: Investing in the future of our partner churches Leadership Development grants are an investment in the future. In 2011, with support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Rev. Takuze Chitsulo from Malawi began to study at the University of Kwazulu-Natal in South Africa. In 2016, he graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Studies and one year later, he was appointed as the new Principal of Zomba Theological College in Blantyre, Malawi. The Rev. Dr. Chitsulo sees his appointment as an opportunity to give back to the Malawian community. In thanking the PCC, he said "You didn't only educate me, but you taught the whole church in Malawi."

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray today for climate justice. Ask that we find the means and the will to be the guardians all of God's creations.

STEWARDSHIP I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

Martin Luther (1483-1546), reformer and theologian



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 Anne Sommerville. Our reader for this morning is Anne Sommerville. Our refreshment hosts are Don and Margot Knox.



*The
Presbyterian
Church of
Saint
David*

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

Interim Moderator: Iona MacLean

Clerk of Session: Valerie Macdonald

Guest Organist: Ian Bent

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

February 25, 2018 Second 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 22:27-28]

*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.*

For dominion belongs to the Lord who rules over the nations.

Hymn: "New every morning is the love"

815

"Remember your baptism"

Sung response: *"The lord is my song"*

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**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:

Dominion belongs to you, O Lord,

through whom we now confess our sin together:

**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

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Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:22-31

²² *I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;*

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

²³ *You who fear the Lord, praise him!*

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴ **For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;**

he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

²⁵ *From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.*

²⁶ **The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live for ever!**

²⁷ *All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.*

²⁸ **For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**

²⁹ *To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.*

³⁰ **Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,
³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.**

Hymn: *"In the bulb, there is a flower"*

674

Community conversation

From the letters: Romans 4:13-25

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

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

Hymn: *"Take up your cross"*

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Sermon: **Imagining the future**

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: *"To Abraham and Sarah"*

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

Postlude

Our worship continues with our service in the world.

THIS WEEK – (February 25-March 4)

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
Friday		David's Place -
Saturday	3:00 pm	Hymnody Workshop
Sunday	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service
	12:00 pm	Annual Congregational Meeting
		Men's Soup Contest

We extend a warm welcome to Ian Bent who is playing for us this morning while Nick is performing with the Theatre of Early Music in Montreal.

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 on the envelope 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.

On **Saturday, March 3 at 3 pm**, Nick Veltmeyer will present a one hour workshop on hymnology and hymnody. The workshop will focus on singing our way through the journey of lent, and will include discussions of history, theology and theory alongside lots of singing. The event is open to all, no choral singing experience necessary, free will offering taken in support of the music programme.

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.

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**Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16** When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

**Romans 4:13-25** For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to

the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

**Mark 8:31-38** Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”