



## PASTORAL CARE

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## MISSION MOMENTS: PWS&D Sunday

PWS&D Sunday is a day to reflect on the work our church is doing to support marginalized and vulnerable people through programs in international development and emergency relief. Together, we are responding to those who struggle for basic necessities and helping families get what they need to rise above poverty, recover from emergency situations and freely pursue their hopes for the future. Today, we give thanks for compassionate individuals and congregations across Canada and dedicated global partners who follow Jesus, living for justice, mercy and peace. By sharing Christ's love in vulnerable communities, we are helping build a more sustainable, compassionate and just world.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Give thanks for the faithful support that allows the church to respond to suffering in vulnerable global communities.

**STEWARDSHIP** You belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God. Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries.

*1 Corinthians 3:23-4:1*



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 Caleigh Davis. Our refreshment host is Nicole Watkins-Campbell



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**Clerk of Session:** Valerie Macdonald

**Organist:** Nick Veltmeyer

## WELCOME!

### Service for the Lord's Day

**February 4, 2018 Fifth 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



Prelude: *Blessed Jesus, at your word*

-J.S. Bach

\*The chimes and The Entry of the Scriptures

\*Call to Worship: *Praise God! It is good to sing praises to our God.*

**God is great, abundant in power;**

**God's grace is beyond measure.**

*Let us lift our hearts in praise to God.*

Hymn: *"Creating God, your fingers trace"*

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 (to the tune of #4)

Prayer of Adoration: Eternal God, all the earth is filled with your glory; in your presence the angels stand in awe. Enlarge our vision today, that we may recognize your power at work in the life of your Son Jesus, and enable us with apostles, and with saints and martyrs and fellow believers, to speak your saving word in our time. We ask this in His name who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen

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: Isaiah 40:21-31

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 147:1-11

*Praise the Lord!*

*How good it is to sing praises to our God,*

**The Lord is gracious and a song of praise is fitting.**

*The Lord builds up Jerusalem,*

*And gathers the outcasts of Israel.*

**The Lord heals the broken-hearted,**

**And binds up their wounds.**

*The Lord determines the number of the stars,*

*And gives them all their names.*

**Great is the Lord and abundant in power,**

**Whose understanding is beyond measure.**

*The Lord lifts up the downtrodden,*

*But casts the wicked to the ground.*

**Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;**

**Make melody to our God with the Lyre.**

*The Lord covers the heavens with clouds,*

*Prepares rain for the earth,*

*makes the grass grow on the hills.*

**The Lord gives to the animals their food,**  
**and the young ravens when they cry.**

*The Lord takes no delight in the strength of the horse,*  
*nor pleasure in the speed of a runner;*  
**but the Lord delights in those who show reverence,**  
**In those who hope in God's steadfast love.**

Hymn: "At evening, when the sun had set"

**824**(omit v. 2)

Community conversation

From the letters: I Corinthians 9:16-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

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

Hymn: "Those who wait on the Lord"

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Sermon: The beginning of a long battle

## We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Geistliches Lied*

-Brahms

(See insert for translation)

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

**830**

Offertory Prayer:

Announcements

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

## SENDING

Hymn: "O thou, my soul, bless God the Lord"

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

Postlude: *Fugue in G Minor*

-J.S. Bach

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

### THIS WEEK – (February 4-11)

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](http://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](http://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**.

Next Sunday, February 11 is food bank Sunday. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Session will meet **Wednesday, February 14, at 7pm.**

**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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### Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?  
It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;  
who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.  
Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?  
He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?  
Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

**I Corinthians 9:16-23** If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

**Mark 1: 29-39** As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

### Geistliches Lied - Brahms

Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren  
mit Trauren,  
sei stille, wie Gott es fügt,  
so sei vergnügt mein Wille!

Do not be sorrowful or regretful;  
Be calm, as God has ordained,  
and thus my will shall be content.

Was willst du heute sorgen auf  
morgen?  
Der Eine steht allem für,  
der gibt auch dir das Deine.

What do you want to worry about  
from day to day?  
There is One who stands above all  
who gives you, too, what is yours.

Sei nur in allem Handel ohn  
Wandel,  
steh feste, was Gott beschleußt,  
das ist und heißt das Beste.  
Amen.

Only be steadfast in all you do,  
stand firm; what God has decided,  
that is and must be the best.  
Amen.