



PASTORAL CARE

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MISSION MOMENTS: Liftoff Evangelism Network

Imagine what it would be like if each congregation in The Presbyterian Church in Canada was intentional about equipping their members to share their faith and to invite others to experience the fullness of life in Christ. Supported by gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*, Canadian Ministries is spearheading a program to turn this dream into a reality. In October 2017, five congregational leaders from across the country gathered to learn more about evangelism and to begin crafting the first stages of projects to take back to their congregations. These leaders will be supported through one-on-one coaching as they begin their work in evangelism over the next year. This meeting between leaders is a first step towards developing a network that will support a culture of evangelism in local congregations across Canada.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for all whose burdens and struggles are heavy. Pray for peace and that they will experience God's comfort.

STEWARDSHIP Take care of yourself — you never know when the world will need you.

Rabbi Hillel (BC 110 – AD 10), scholar, sage, religious leader



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 Nicole Watkins-Campbell Our refreshment host is Phyllis Morrison.



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

March 11, 2018 Fourth 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



Introit: *If ye love me*

-Tallis

*The chimes and The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: [from *Psalm 107:1, 21-22*]

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let us thank the Lord for his steadfast love. . .

and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

Hymn: *"Jesus, where'er thy people meet"*

431

"Remember your baptism"

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

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: [from Psalms 19 & 51]

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for you are good. . . .

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.

PWS&D Lenten Liturgy

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EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

¹ *O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;*

for his steadfast love endures for ever.

² **Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,**

those he redeemed from trouble

³ **and gathered in from the lands,**

from the east and from the west,

from the north and from the south.

¹⁷ *Some were sick through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;*

¹⁸ *they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.*

¹⁹ **Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress;**

²⁰ **he sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from destruction.**

²¹ *Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.*

²² **And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.**

Hymn: "Where cross the crowded ways of life" 760

Community conversation

From the letters: Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

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

Hymn: "We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet" 202

Sermon: God so loved the world

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Ubi Caritas* -Durufle

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

SENDING

Hymn: "Jesus, life of all the world" 776

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

Postlude:

Our worship continues with our service in the world.

THIS WEEK – (March 11-18)

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 –

Thank you to the five gentlemen who prepared delicious soups last Sunday and congrats to our winner this year--Gary Smith. Thanks also to the three judges and to those who brought sandwiches and sweets.

Once again Saint David's is asked to support the inter-denominational "Food for Phoenix" healthy snack programme for homeless and at-risk youth. This is a once-a-year contribution. Cost per week is approximately \$175 but any donated amount is greatly appreciated by Phoenix House. Anyone who wishes to contribute toward this programme is asked to give their donation to Anne Sommerville (income tax receipts will be issued).

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

We don't hear the organ much at present. As the organ upgrade progresses, the organ will be played again. You can contribute to the organ 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 your 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.

Find your church on the Twitter @St_Davids_Hfx and on and Facebook @StDavidsPresbyterianHfx (or just search Saint David's Presbyterian Halifax, and we should show up). As well, the Saturday Afternoon Concerts at Saint David's series has a Facebook page, @ www.facebook.com/saturdaysatstdavids/ (or search Saturday Afternoon Concerts at Saint Davids). To hear about news and events, click Follow on the Facebook pages and follow us on Twitter.

Holy Week Ecumenical Services: South-end churches invite everyone to attend joint Holy Week services. [Services begin at 7:30am followed by a light breakfast at 8:00am.](#)

Monday, March 26: All Saints Cathedral

Tuesday, March 27: First Baptist Church Halifax

Wednesday, March 28: St. Mary's Basilica

Thursday, March 29: St. Matthew's United Church

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**Numbers 21:4-9** From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

**Ephesians 2:1-10** You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of

flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

**John 3:14-21** And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

## ***New Beginnings***

### **A Process of Assessment, Discernment, and Decision for The Presbyterian Church of St. David**

"What is God calling our congregation to do and be in this time and in this place?"

Over the next few months, we will look at ourselves as a congregation and enter into prayerful discussion about our life and mission in downtown Halifax. You will be invited several times along the way to engage in this process. We begin with the visit of Rick Morse, of Hope Partnership, the designer of New Beginnings, along with staff from our Presbyterian church offices in Toronto.

#### **March 21-24, 2018 Assessment Visit Schedule for the Congregation**

##### **Wednesday, March 21**

**7 p.m. - Appreciative Inquiry Session** - Up to 30 church participants interested in the future of the congregation are welcome to attend. An opportunity to share with Rick Morse the things you appreciate about our church. Moderated by the Rev. Sandy McDonald, Clerk of the Presbytery of Halifax-Lunenburg. Come and celebrate St. David's!

##### **Friday, March 23**

**6 p.m. - Coffee/Snacks & Conversation**

**7 p.m.- 9 p.m.- Gathering** open to everyone who would like to participate in the house meetings or just wants to attend to see what the process is about

##### **Saturday, March 24 - Small Group Leaders Training**

**8:30a.m. – Coffee/Snacks**

**9 a.m. - 3 (or 4) p.m. - House meeting facilitators/  
leaders and the Interim-Moderator.**

Small House Groups will meet for 4 weeks during the spring. You will have an opportunity to sign up for a group and participate in the conversation. Please join us so that together we can discern and decided where we believe God is leading us. Let us move forward in hope and joy!