



PASTORAL CARE

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MISSION MOMENTS: Smiling again

Pursottam was driving his bus when he experienced a sudden, agonizing pain in his hand. The ache spread through his body and became so intense that he struggled to finish his route. When the pain did not relent, Pursottam spent his savings traveling to visit neurologists, but no doctor could provide a diagnosis. Meanwhile, Pursottam grew frightened and anxious about his ability to continue working. His prayers were answered the day he heard about the PWS&D-supported hospital in the remote Banke district in Nepal. There he was diagnosed with leprosy and given effective medicine. Today, Pursottam's health has been restored. "I am so happy to see him smile again," shares Pursottam's brother. "We finally found relief here at the Banke Hospital."

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray that all people have access to the scared gift of safe, clean water.

STEWARDSHIP Children must early learn the beauty of generosity. They are taught to give what they prize most, that they may taste the happiness of giving.

Charles Alexander Eastman (1858-1939), Native American author



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 Colin MacPherson. Our reader for this morning is Murray Alary. Our refreshment host is Elizabeth Fraser.



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 18, 2018 Fifth 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: *Passion Chorale* -J.S. Bach

*The chimes and The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: [Ps. 51:10, 15]

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and put a new and right spirit within me.

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth will declare your praise

Hymn: *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

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"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:

We praise you, O God, our Creator;

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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 51:1-12

¹ *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

² **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³ *For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.*

⁴ **Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence**

and blameless when you pass judgement.

⁵ **Indeed, I was born guilty,**

a sinner when my mother conceived me.

⁶ *You desire truth in the inward being;*

therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

⁷ **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;**

wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ *Let me hear joy and gladness;*

let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

⁹ **Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

¹⁰ *Create in me a clean heart, O God,*

and put a new and right spirit within me.

¹¹ *Do not cast me away from your presence,*

and do not take your holy spirit from me.

¹² **Restore to me the joy of your salvation,**

and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Hymn: "God, you touch the earth with beauty" 667

Community conversation

Gospel: John 12:20-33

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

Hymn: "Living God, your joyful Spirit" 666

Sermon: **Words of Hope**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Cantique de Jean Racine* -G. Faure

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

SENDING

Hymn: "I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art" 678

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

Postlude

Our worship continues with our service in the world.

THIS WEEK – (March 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 –

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.

This **Saturday, March 24th at 7pm**, Aureas Voces will present a one-hour concert featuring Tallis' *Lamentations of Jeremiah*. This is a new early music ensemble consisting of professional singers under the direction of our organist, Nick Veltmeyer. Admission by donation.

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

Thursday, March 29 - 6:30 p.m. Joint Maundy Thursday Communion Service at Calvin Presbyterian Church

Friday, March 30 - 10:30 a.m. Ecumenical Good Friday Service at St. Andrew's United Church with St. John's United, First Baptist, St. David's, and St. Andrew's participating.

Sunday, April 1: Sunrise Service with First Baptist Easter Potluck at 9:30 AM

Jeremiah 31:31-34 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

John 12:20-33 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.