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MISSION MOMENTS: International Women's Day (March 8)

As we celebrate the achievements of women this International Women's Day, let us also reflect on the need to continue working for futures of hope and opportunity for women and girls around the world. In many countries, women do not have access to education or fair credit. They don't have control over decisions made about their health and well-being. Too often, this inequality prevents women from making a positive difference in their lives and empowering their families and communities. PWS&D is helping women claim their rights, access vital healthcare, learn about nutrition, develop vocational skills and achieve economic independence. Women's empowerment is critical to challenging poverty and building a more sustainable world.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray that all who are living with confusion, fear or conflict may have a sense of God's presence and enduring love and faithfulness.

STEWARDSHIP The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. *Psalm 24:1*



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 Don Knox. Our reader for this morning is Nancy Tindall.



*The
Presbyterian
Church of
Saint
David*

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 4, 2018 Third 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: *Prayer to Jesus* -George Oldroyd

*The chimes and The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: [*Psalm 19:7-10*]

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

*the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.*

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Hymn: "God's law is perfect" **9**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession: [from Psalms 19 & 51]

*The heavens tell your glory, O God, . . .
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 **See insert**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

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

Hymn: "Brother, sister, let me serve you" **635**

Community conversation

From the letters: I Corinthians 1:9-10, 18-25

Gospel: John 2:13-22

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

Hymn: "You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd" **356**

Sermon: **Faithfulness**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Remember Not Lord Our Offences* -Henry Purcell

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

SENDING

Hymn: "Light of the minds that know him" **355**

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

Postlude: *Fugue from the Well Tempered Clavier* -J.S. Bach

Our worship continues with our service in the world.

THIS WEEK – (March 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	Annual Meeting & Men's Soup Contest
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 – Food Bank Sunday

Thanks to members of this congregation, members of Calvin Presbyterian and other friends for providing casseroles tonight for the Sunday suppers heart- and belly-warming outreach. Together, Halifax's Presbyterian churches will show more than 300 people the power of God's love.

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 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.

Next Sunday is Foodbank Sunday. Our most needed items at David's Place are toilet paper, grocery bags, and non-perishable food items such as cereal, pasta, pasta sauce and canned meat, fish and fruit and are greatly appreciated.

Clocks go ahead next Sunday, so remember to adjust your alarms.

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**Exodus 20:1-17** Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**I Corinthians 1:9-10, 18-25** God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

**John 2:13-22** The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

## 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!