



PASTORAL CARE

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MISSION MOMENTS: Earth Day

After an especially dry summer in Badin, Pakistan, subsistence farmers have seen their agricultural land and kitchen gardens suffer. Struggling to grow crops in a changing climate, farmers and their families sink deeper into hunger and poverty. With the aim of improving food security for drought-affected families, a PWS&D project is teaching cost-effective, soil-friendly farming methods in the community. Through the project, Bachlan learned a new method of irrigation to grow her spinach, tomatoes and radishes. She buries old pitchers in her garden and fills them with water, which then percolates into the soil. "This ensures a productive growth of vegetables in our gardens through the year," reports Bachlan. This resourcefulness is helping farmers care for creation while continuing to harvest fruitful yields.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Celebrate the gift of God's creation! Pray that God's precious gifts, like the air we breathe and the water we drink, will be treated more wisely for the good of all and for generations to come.

STEWARDSHIP All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Acts 2:44-45



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 Johanna Roberts. Our reader for this morning is Val Macdonald. Our refreshment host is Sally Fyfe



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Interim Moderator: Iona MacLean

Clerk of Session: Valerie Macdonald

Organist: Nick Veltmeyer

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

April 22, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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**Please stand as able*

GATHERING



Introit: *Let all the World in every corner sing*

*The chimes and The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!**

*Prayer of Adoration:

**The heavens and earth rejoice, O God,
in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!
We, too, raise our voices with joy and thanksgiving.
You have destroyed sin and death;
you have given us new life;
you have begun the new creation.
Glory be to you, O God:
Creator, Saviour, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Hymn: *"My shepherd is the King of love"* 691

EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
**he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**
⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
**for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.**
⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
**you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**
⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.**

*Hymn: *"Sing praise to God on mountain tops"* 322

Community conversation

From the letters: I John 3:16-24

Gospel: John 10: 11-18

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

*Hymn: *"This joyful Eastertide"* 259

Sermon: **Life-giving Love**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Greater Love Hath No Man* -John Ireland

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

SENDING

*Hymn: *"Christ is the King"* 612 vv.1, 5-7

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

Postlude:

Our worship continues with our service in the world.

THIS WEEK – (April 22-29)

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 –

We extend the sympathy of the congregation to David and Nancy Tindall and family on the death of Nancy's mother, Margaret Edwards, last Sunday in Ontario.

The memorial service for Gloria Mader will be held in the sanctuary next **Saturday, April 28 at 2 pm.**

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. We also have a website, which has all kinds of interesting pictures, bulletins, newsletters and announcements. It can be accessed at saintdavids.ca.

Refreshment hosts are needed for May and June. Please see Phyllis to sign up. Thanks.

The Refugee Sponsorship Training Program (RSTP) is hosting two Public Talks with featured speaker Jean-Nicolas Beuze, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' representative in Canada. One will be held from **6:30- 8:30 on April 23 at the Halifax Central Library**. The second will be held in **Fredericton on April 25**.

On **Monday, April 23rd at 7 pm**, Dr. Boris Worm will present "Healthy Ocean, Healthy People," a presentation examining the role the ocean plays in supporting our daily lives. This event will be held at St. Andrew's United Church, and will feature an art display from 14 Bells Fine Art Gallery.

Ladies Fellowship Spring Tea and Bake Sale , Calvin Presbyterian Church, 3311 Ashburn Ave, **April 28 from 11 am- 12:30 pm** , Tickets are \$8.00 at the door.

Nova Voce's Spring concert at St. John's United Church in Fall River (3360 Highway #2) will take place on **Sunday, April 29th at 3 pm – doors open at 2:30 pm**

Tickets are \$15, available from choir members, on line www.novavoce.com or at the door.

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**Acts 4:5-12** The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

**I John 3:16-24** We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has

commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**John 10: 11-18** “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”