



## PASTORAL CARE

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### MISSION MOMENTS: A shining light

Inspired by the words in Matthew's gospel, Lighthouse Arabic Ministry is a shining light in the city of Winnipeg, inviting all to see how great and wonderful God is. The congregation is known for providing newly arrived Arabic speaking immigrants with a spiritual home and support through Christian community. This ministry, supported by gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*, is one of the PCC's most recent new church developments and has seen consistent growth since its founding. The ministry is broad and it reaches many. It is exciting to see people's lives change as they follow Jesus. For people struggling to adapt to Canadian society, it is truly a lighthouse offering direction and pointing to God's love.

*Presbyterians Sharing is growing congregations*

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Pray for all Women's Missionary Society and Atlantic Missionary Society groups as they lead in Mission Awareness Sunday services across the country today.

**STEWARDSHIP** I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy. *Rabindranath Tagore, poet, playwright, and essayist*



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 Gary Smith. Our reader for this morning is Johannah Roberts. Our refreshment hosts are Barb and Gary Smith.



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**Interim Moderator:** Iona MacLean

**Clerk of Session:** Valerie Macdonald

**Organist:** Nick Veltmeyer

# WELCOME!

**Service for the Lord's Day**

**April 29, 2018 Mission Awareness Sunday**

*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 if able*

**GATHERING**



Prelude:

\*The chimes and The Entry of the Scriptures

\*Call to Worship:

*Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.*

**Sing praise to the Lord.**

*To him who rides the ancient skies above,*

**who thunders with mighty voice.**

*Proclaim the power of God*

whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the skies.

*You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary;*

**The God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God!**

\*Prayer of Adoration:

**Glorious God; Risen Lord; Spirit of Power; the wonder of your creation is all around us in this season of resurrection and new life.**

**You have created and shaped us in love.**

**You offer us forgiveness, guidance and the power to be all you call us to be.**

**You are faithful in all things, and we are grateful.**

Hymn: *"All who love and serve your city"* 721

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

### EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:25-31

*From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.*

**The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him— may your hearts live forever!**

*All the ends of the earth*

*will remember and turn to the Lord,*

**and all the families of the nations**

**will bow down before him,**

**for dominion belongs to the Lord**

**and he rules over the nations.**

*All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;*

**all who go down to the dust will kneel before him— those who cannot keep themselves alive.**

*Posterity will serve him;*

*future generations will be told about the Lord.*

**They will proclaim his righteousness,**

**declaring to a people yet unborn:**

**He has done it!**

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

Community conversation

From the letters: 1 John 4:7-21

Gospel: John 15:1-8

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

Hymn: *"Help us to help each other, Lord"* 489

Speaker: Rev. Maggie Whittingham-Lamont, Mission to Seafarers

Speaker: Kathy McKay, Sunday Suppers Program

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

### SENDING

Hymn: *"Called as partners in Christ's service"* 587

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

Postlude:

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

#### **THIS WEEK – (April 29-May 6)**

<b>Today</b>	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 a warm welcome to our guest speakers The Rev. Maggie Whittingham-Lamont and Kathy McKay and thank them for their participation in our Mission Awareness Service.

Mission and Outreach committee members would like to thank the Atlantic Mission Society for the order of service today.

Contributors to the materials were Carol Stymiest, Shirley Weatherbee, Margaret Craig, Penny Gillies, Jessie Kelly, Rob Griffiths, and Rev. Marion Barclay MacKay.

**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](http://saintdavids.ca).

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

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

Tickets are \$15, available from choir members, on line [www.novavoce.com](http://www.novavoce.com) or at the door.

The Contemporary Arts Society will hold its 45th Annual Juried Show at the Chase Gallery, Nova Scotia Public Archives, 6016 University Avenue, Halifax, from **May 1-15, 2018**. Gallery hours are: Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri, - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm; Wed - 8:30 am - 9

pm; Sat - 9 am - 5 pm. Free admission. Meet the artists at the **OPENING RECEPTION: WEDNESDAY, MAY 2nd 7- 9 pm.** [www.contemporaryart.ns.ca](http://www.contemporaryart.ns.ca)

Iona Presbyterian Church, Dartmouth, will hold their annual Mothers' Day Tea and Sale on Saturday, May 12, from 2-4 pm.

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**Acts 8:26-40** Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."

So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. The place in the Scripture which he read was this:

"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;  
And as a lamb before its shearer *is* silent,  
So He opened not His mouth.

In His humiliation His justice was taken away,  
And who will declare His generation?  
For His life is taken from the earth."

So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, *here is* water. What hinders me from being baptized?"

Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may."

And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

**1 John 4: 7-21** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.

If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also.

**John 15:1-8** "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to

you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

"I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.