



PASTORAL CARE

Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact

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MISSION MOMENTS: A healing ministry

Through *Presbyterians Sharing*, Kenora Fellowship Centre is nurturing healing and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Also called Anamiewigummig, meaning “House of Prayer”, the centre provides sanctuary and hospitality for people marginalized and alienated by poverty and addiction. A weekly worship service held on Sunday afternoons often includes a sharing circle, drumming and the sharing of traditional foods. Through a drop-in centre, detoxification programs, street patrol, and soup kitchen, each day the hardworking staff share God’s love as well as friendship, community, and solidarity. This ministry represents a place of hope for healing and wholeness and serves as a model of Christian community for the wider church.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for university students as they finish this academic year. May God bring them peace as they complete this part of their journey and move on to the next.

STEWARDSHIP Gratitude is an opener of locked-up blessings.
Marianne Williamson (b.1962), author



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 Valerie Macdonald. Our reader for this morning is Barend Kamperman. Our refreshment hosts are Margo and Don Knox.



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

April 8, 2018 Second 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: *Rise up, my Love* -Healy Willan

*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:

Glory to you, O God:

**on this first day of the week you began creation,
bringing light out of darkness.**

**On this first day you began your new creation,
raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of
death.**

**On this Lord's day we join with all your works
in praising you for your great glory.**

**Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit,
we praise you now and forever. Amen.**

*Hymn: "O sing a new song unto the lord" **63**

EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 133

¹ *How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!*

² **It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,**

**on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**

³ *It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.*

**For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life for evermore.**

*Hymn: "God, we praise you for the morning" **436**

Community conversation

From the letters: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Gospel: John 20:19-31

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

*Hymn: "Jesus, stand among us" **452**

Sermon: **Easter Inspiration**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *If ye be risen again with Christ* -Orlando Gibbons

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

*Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

SENDING

*Hymn: "Thine be the glory" **258**

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

Postlude:

Our worship continues with our service in the world.

THIS WEEK – (April 8-15)		
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 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.

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**Acts 4: 32-35** All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

**I John 1:1-2:2** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus

Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

**John 20:19-31** On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.