



PASTORAL CARE

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MISSION MOMENTS: International Day of Families (May 15) - When families are able to form safe and nurturing relationships, meet their basic needs and lift each other up, it can have a significant impact on a country's well-being and development. On the International Day of Families, we reflect on the importance of responding to families facing hunger, poverty and injustice across the globe. The compassionate youth at Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Beaconsfield, QC know how important it is to empower vulnerable families to achieve their full potential. The group filled a piggy bank with \$144 for PWS&D's Farming for the Future Sunday School Challenge, which equips rural families in Guatemala with seeds, tools and training to improve their food security and nutrition.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Thank God for the love we have. Pray that we learn to love more and more, and ask that the fullness of God's love and grace shines bright today.

STEWARDSHIP A cheque book is a theological document; it will tell you who and what you worship.

Billy Graham (b.1918), preacher.



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 Colin MacPherson. Our reader for this morning is Mac Mackay. Our refreshment host is Joan MacLeod



*The
Presbyterian
Church of
Saint
David*

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax, N.S.

Interim Moderator: Iona MacLean

Clerk of Session: Valerie Macdonald

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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

May 13, 2018 Seventh 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 if able*

GATHERING



Prelude:

*The chimes and The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Clap your hands, all you peoples;

shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great ruler over all the earth.**

Prayer of Adoration:

*O God, you command the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.*

Great is your name, great is your love.

*For the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.*

Great is your name, great is your love.

*For the rulers of the earth shall bow,
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.*

Great is your name, great is your love.

*For the families of the earth and your family, the church,
shall praise you with heart, soul and mind.*

Great is your name, great is your love.

Your love and mercy shall last forever.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

Great is your name, great is your love.

Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn: *"For the beauty of the earth"* **434**

EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 78:1-7a

*Listen, dear friends, to God's truth,
bend your ears to what I tell you.*

I'm chewing on the morsel of a proverb;

I'll let you in on sweet old truths,

stories we heard from our fathers,

counsel we learned at our mother's knee.

**We're not keeping this to ourselves,
we're passing it along to the next generation--**

**God's fame and fortune,
the marvelous things he has done.**

He planted a witness in Jacob,

set his Word firmly in Israel,

**Then commanded our parents
to teach it to their children**

so the next generation would know,

and all the generations to come--

**Know the truth and tell the stories
so their children can trust in God.**

Hymn: *"Saviour, teach me day by day"* **698**

Community conversation

From the letters: Philippians 1:3-11

Gospel: John 17:6-11, 17-23

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

Hymn: *"Jesus, our mighty Lord"*

Sermon: **Threshold Prayers**

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: *"Blessing and honour and glory"* **369**

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

Postlude:

Our worship continues with our service in the world.

THIS WEEK – (May 13-20)

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
Friday		David's Place -
Sunday	4:00 am	Traditional service – Note time change

Thank you to the members of the Sunday School who are readers today.

The first New Beginnings small group begins its conversation today after worship with Judi Henderson leading. The other groups will begin the week of May 20. There is still room in all the groups so please sign up today! Your voice is valued as we at Saint David's seek to discern where God is leading us.

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

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.

www.contemporaryart.ns.ca

On Sunday, May 13 the Nova New Horizons band program will present its annual Metro based end of term concert at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel in Dartmouth starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for A Spring Fling Thing are \$15.00 per person – Nachos and Salsa will be on the tables and there will be a cash bar.

Sunday, May 20 - Bluenose Marathon Day - **The regular service will be at 4 p.m.** There will be no morning services or Sunday School. The change is to ensure access to the church for everyone and also, we hope, to welcome marathon visitors to join us in worship. Spread the word!

Sunday School will end on June 3. This will also be Communion Sunday.

If you know of anyone graduating from high school or university this year, please let someone on the Worship and Church Life committee know. Thanks.

Services will continue here through July. On July 29 we will meet together with St. John's and First Baptist. Schedule to follow.

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**Acts 1:6-14** So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**Phillipians 1:3-11** I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**John 17:6-11, 17-23** “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.