



PASTORAL CARE

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MISSION MOMENTS: A history of Canadian mission in Taiwan History matters! Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Louise Gamble as she works with our partner church, the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, to transcribe and translate reports and correspondence of the Canadian North Formosa Mission. These documents are records of the development of the Christian Church in North Formosa, from the point of view of its missionaries. It includes over 7,000 documents from 1868 to 1923. Louise works in partnership with her talented and dedicated Taiwanese colleague, Mr. James Chen. They are working on the third and final series (1915–1923), which documents

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Give thanks for Indigenous leaders of all ages and nations who are contributing to their communities, and to Canada, through art, literature, language preservation, health care, law and education.

STEWARDSHIP God can have our money and not have our hearts, but He cannot have our hearts without having our money.
R. Kent Hughes (b.1942), pastor and author



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 Johannah Roberts. Our reader for this morning is Nicole Watkins-Campbell. Our refreshment hosts are Don and Margot 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

June 17, 2018 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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: [*Living Faith 10.1*]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God has prepared for us things beyond our imagining.

Our hope is for a renewed world

and for fullness of life in the age to come.

*Hymn: "Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you" 467

Prayer of Adoration:

Holy and eternal God, we gather to worship you with wonder and with love.

Your gracious reign is growing in your world even though we do not know how and cannot always see signs of it.

Yet you have assured its triumph through the death and resurrection of your Son our Lord.

In Christ there is a new creation: everything old has passed away, everything has become new!

Praise be to you for this great hope born of your love.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

EQUIPPING

First Reading: Habakkuk 2:1-4

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 20

¹ The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!

The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

² **May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion.**

³ May he remember all your offerings, and regard with favour your burnt sacrifices.

⁴ **May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfil all your plans.**

⁵ May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners.

May the Lord fulfil all your petitions.

⁶ Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand.

⁷ **Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.**

⁸ They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright.

⁹ **Give victory to the king, O Lord; answer us when we call.**

*Hymn: "Thy kingdom come - on bended knee" 784

Community conversation

From the letters: II Corinthians 5:14-19

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

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

*Hymn: "God bless your church with strength" 491

Sermon: "It's on its way"

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

SENDING

*Hymn: "Come sing, O church, in joy!" 757

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

Postlude:

Our worship continues with our service in the world.

THIS WEEK – (June 17-24)

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| Today | 9:00 am | Early service with communion |
| | 10:00 am | Circle of Prayer |
| | 11:00 am | Traditional Service |
| | 12:00 pm | Refreshments |
| Friday | | David's Place - |
| Sunday | 9:00 am | Early service |
| | 10:00 am | Circle of Prayer |
| | 11:00 am | Traditional service – |

Up to the end of May, donations to Presbyterians Sharing total \$9,601. This is 48% of our \$20,000 target. Thank you.

Congratulations to Lesley Roberts on obtaining her Board Certification as an ob/gyn. She has accepted a fellowship to further her studies in Winnipeg and will be heading West in July.

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

As part of the Saturday Afternoon at Saint David's concert series, Aureas Voces will present a concert of Tudor music on Saturday, June 23 at 4 pm. The program of English Renaissance music will include lute songs, motets and madrigals. Guest artist will be Andrew Pickett.

Musique Royale will present "Les Voix Humaines" in the sanctuary on Wednesday June 27 at 7 pm.

A noon-time organ recital will be given by James Burchill at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1330 Cathedral Lane (formerly Martello Street and Tower Road), Halifax, on **Wednesday 18 July 2018 at 12.10 pm**. The recital will last about 50 minutes and a collection in aid of the Organ Restoration Fund will be received. The programme will consist of a selection of variations by Felix Mendelssohn, William Felton, Jehan Alain, John Amner and Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck.

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

The following is the schedule for the New Beginnings small groups. There are places available in all of them, so pick the one that best suits your time schedule.

- **Sunday 12:30 pm** Meets in the sanctuary.
Next one is June 17 (Today).
- **Monday 7:00 pm** 1245 Wright Avenue
Next session, Monday, June 18
- **Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.** North Branch Library
Next Session Wednesday June 20
- **Thursday: 7:00 pm** 5872 Gorsebrook Avenue
Next session **Thursday, June 28 (next week)**
- **Thursday: 7:00 pm** 212 Waterfront Drive, Bedford
Next Session Thursday, June 21

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#### **Habakkuk 2:1-4**

I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.  
Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.  
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.  
Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

**II Corinthians 5:14-19** For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

**Mark 4:26-34** He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.