



## PASTORAL CARE

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## MISSION MOMENTS: Achieving Independence Through Agriculture Training

Esther Beza has many responsibilities. The Malawian farmer takes care of her four children and her elderly parents, all while farming two hectares of land. But with changing rain patterns, low soil fertility and poor access to seeds, Esther's crops didn't yield enough food to feed her family. Esther had been skipping meals, but things changed after she participated in an agricultural training project with Presbyterian World Service & Development and Canadian Foodgrains Bank. "I no longer struggle to find seeds, and I have learned to use pig manure for fertilizer," shares Esther, motivated by the fruitful results of the farming techniques she's learned. Esther no longer worries about anyone going hungry.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Pray that God gives our ministers times of rest and spiritual refreshment.

**STEWARDSHIP** Giving is true loving.

*Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892), Baptist preacher*



**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 Nicole Watkions-Campbell. Our refreshment hosts are Barb and Gary Smith.



*The  
Presbyterian  
Church of  
Saint  
David*

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**

**July 8, 2018 Seventh 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:

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west,*

**God's holy name be praised.**

*In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,*

**God's holy name be praised.**

*In the banquet hall of heaven  
and the forgotten corners of our hearts,  
God's holy name be praised.  
Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.*

**Amen. We praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn: "I joyed when to the house of God" **84**

Prayer of Adoration:

**We wait for you, O Lord; in your word we hope.  
For with you is steadfast love,  
and with you is great power to redeem.  
We rejoice in you and in your creation.  
With awe and wonder, in the spirit of grace  
we lift our voices in praise to you.  
All blessing and glory be to the Triune God forever.**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

*God loves us more than we can ever imagine.*

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and we can begin  
again.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **EQUIPPING**

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-3:3

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 123

*To you I lift up my eyes,*

*O you who are enthroned in the heavens!*

<sup>2</sup> **As the eyes of servants**

**look to the hand of their master,**

**as the eyes of a maid**

**to the hand of her mistress,**

**so our eyes look to the Lord our God,**

**until he has mercy upon us.**

<sup>3</sup> *Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt.*

<sup>4</sup> **Our soul has had more than its fill**

**of the scorn of those who are at ease,**

**of the contempt of the proud.**

\*Hymn: "Lord, speak to me" **767**

Community conversation

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

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

\*Hymn: "The church of Christ in every age" **486**

Sermon: "Prophetic calling"

### **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: "God of grace and God of glory" **490**

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

Postlude:

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

### **THIS WEEK – (July 8-15)**

<b>Today</b>	10:30 am	Worship – Food Bank Sunday
	11:30 pm	Refreshments
Friday		David's Place -
Sunday	10:30 am	Worship

Services during July and August will be at **10:30 a.m.** with the following schedule:

**July** - all services at Saint David's. First Baptist & St. John's United will join us July 29

**August 5** - at Saint David's with First & St. John's joining us. Communion

**August 12 & 19** - at First Baptist with St. John's United

**August 26** - at Saint David's

There will be no 9 a.m. service during the summer.

There will be a memorial service for Lynne Alary on Saturday July 14 at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church 1300 Oxford Street. It will followed by a reception at the church.

For the last few months since Kenn's retirement, Andrew Lappin has been preparing the weekly bulletin. Unfortunately he is moving to Ontario so we need a new person willing to take on this task. There is a template available and the minister will provide the relevant details to be inserted. There are copy and paste resources for other items we currently use such as the Mission Moments, Prayer Partnership and Stewardship notes on the back page and the text of the scripture readings. Along with putting the bulletin together, you would be responsible for printing the appropriate number of copies for both services. If you are interested, please contact Phyllis Morrison at 429-4353 or Valerie Macdonald 455-1893.

Refreshment hosts are needed for July and for August 5th and 26th. Please see Phyllis to sign up. For the summer lemonade or some juice and nice store-bought cookies are fine. No need to get elaborate. Thanks.

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.

Now that the Al Saghrji family have begun to settle in, and they have acquired considerable English skills, Saeed is eager to find meaningful work so he may earn a living in Nova Scotia and make a meaningful contribution to their adopted country. He does have many years of Middle Eastern work experience in both Syria and Lebanon as a full-cycle accountant. Even if you yourself have no employment opportunities at your own business, you may know of a position coming up elsewhere. If you would like to consider his resume, or share it with business contacts, please email Saeed

at saeedsag73@gmail.com. Blessings for your continued support of “our” New Canadians!

This August, St. Johns United Church is excited to host the GO Project Childrens' Adventure Camp for a week of fun, crafts, volunteering, and serving God in our community. This is for children who are entering grades 2 to grades 7. This year, the theme is John 6:1-14, the Loaves and the Fishes. Through this story we will be exploring the gifts that each of us have to offer to our communities, our families, ourselves, and God! If you are interested in learning more check us out at [www.theproject.ca](http://www.theproject.ca) or contact your minister to learn more; but hurry, limited space is available! This camp will run daily from **August 7-10**. The cost per participant is \$125.

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**Ezekiel 2:1-3:3** He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. And you, O mortal, do not be afraid of them, and do not be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns surround you and you live among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words, and do not be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. You shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear; for they are a rebellious house.

But you, mortal, hear what I say to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you. I looked, and a hand was stretched out to me, and a written scroll was in it. He spread it before me; it had writing on the front and on the back, and written on it were words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

He said to me, O mortal, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. He said to me, Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it. Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey.

**Mark 6:1-13** He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.