



PASTORAL CARE

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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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MISSION MOMENTS: Diverse people praising God together

In Psalm 86, David praises God saying, "All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name." With support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, the members of Montreal West Presbyterian Church are experiencing this beautiful vision in their own church. God brought a new diversity of people into this once small congregation and the people responded with welcome. The growth of Montreal West over the last several years, and their renewed sense of vitality and joy is a testament to the importance of inter-cultural ministry and the power of the God who created all nations.

Presbyterians Sharing renews faith communities

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - 170 years ago, in July 1848, Presbyterian missionaries John and Charlotte Geddie arrived at Aneiteum, Vanuatu in the South Pacific. Pray for our partner church The Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu, especially as the Pacific islands are threatened by rising sea levels due to climate change.

STEWARDSHIP - Quality of living is not the same as standard of living. *Vicki Robin (b.1945), 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.



*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!

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.

July 29, 2018 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

**Please stand if able*

GATHERING



Prelude

Introit: "Long Have We Mourned" - Samuel Webbe

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Praise be to God who reigns above the heavens.

Praise be to God who dwells within our hearts.

Let the majesty of creation worship God in reverence.

Let each woman, man and child pray in faith.

ALL> Praise be to God!

*Hymn: "O Lord, thou art my God and King"

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Prayer of Adoration: (*said together*)

O God, you are infinite,

eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness,

full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth.

**Your works everywhere praise you,
and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Therefore we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity,
one God, forever.**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *(said responsively)*

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

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: 2 Samuel 11:1-15

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 14

¹ *Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."*

*They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;
there is no one who does good.*

² **The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind
to see if there are any who are wise,
who seek after God.**

³ *They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;
there is no one who does good,
no, not one.*

⁴ **Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers
who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and do not call upon the LORD?**

⁵ *There they shall be in great terror,
for God is with the company of the righteous.*

⁶ *You would confound the plans of the poor,
but the LORD is their refuge.*

⁷ **O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.**

Hymn: *"I hunger and I thirst"*

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Community Conversation

The Letters: Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel: John 6:1-15

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

Hymn: *"Break now the bread of life"* 507

Sermon: "More than we can ask or imagine"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *"View me, Lord"* - Charles Wood

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

SENDING

Hymn: *"God, whose giving knows no ending"* 663

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

Postlude:

Our worship continues with our service in the world.

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*Announcements*

**We welcome** all who are worshipping here today! In particular, we are glad to welcome our sisters and brothers in Christ from First Baptist and St. John's United. 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 readers for this morning are Mac Mackay and Rusty Edwards. Our refreshment host is Jane Brown.

### **THIS WEEK – (July 29-August 5)**

|               |                                |
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| <b>Today</b>  | 10:30 a.m. Worship             |
|               | 11:30 am Refreshments          |
| <b>Friday</b> | David's Place                  |
| <b>Sunday</b> | 10:30 a.m. Worship (Communion) |

**Services** August are at **10:30 a.m.** with the following schedule:

**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.

had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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Introit - "Long Have We Mourned" - Samuel Webbe

*Long have we mourn'd,
O Lord most mighty,
But now heav'n and earth shall rejoice,
For our salvation is nigh.*

Anthem - "View me, Lord" - Charles Wood

*View me, Lord, a work of Thine:
Shall I then lie drown'd in night?
Might Thy grace in me but shine,
I should seem made all of light.*

*Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel
At Thine altar pure and white:
They that once Thy mercies feel,
Gaze no more on earth's delight.*

*Worldly joys, like shadows, fade
When the heav'nly light appears,
But the cov'nants Thou hast made,
Endless, know nor days nor years.*

*In Thy Word, Lord, is my trust,
To Thy mercies fast I fly;
Though I am but clay and dust,
Yet Thy grace can lift me high. Amen.*

Announcements cont'd

Bulletin secretary needed! If you are interested in helping to prepare the weekly bulletin, please contact Phyllis Morrison at 429-4353 or Valerie Macdonald 455-1893. A template is available and the minister provides the relevant details to be inserted. Copy and paste resources are available for other items such as the Mission Moments, Prayer Partnership and Stewardship notes, and the text of the scripture readings. The task also involves printing the appropriate number of copies for both services.

Refreshment hosts - Just two needed, Aug. 5 & 26. 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.

Monday, August 6, 7 p.m. at Saint David's - Aureas Voces under the direction of Nick Velmeyer will present a concert of English Song and Nova Scotian Song. Part of Muisque Royale summer tour.

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 has 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!

GO Project Children's Adventure Camp This August, St. Johns United Church is excited to host this 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 explore 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.thegoproject.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.

Free concerts every Tuesday 12:15 to 1 p.m.

St. Matthew's United Church, Barrington @ Spring Garden

Freewill Offering. Phone: 902-423-9209

July 31st Brogue Saxophone Quartet

August 7th Shawn Whynot (organ)

August 14th Karen Myatt (vocals) Scott Taylor (piano)

August 21st Nicholas Higgs (baritone) Tara Scott (piano)

August 28th Second Chances Show Band Matthew Snow and Peria Isabel Canates

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**2 Samuel 11:1-15**

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. <sup>3</sup>David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." <sup>4</sup>So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. Then she returned to her house. <sup>5</sup>The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

<sup>6</sup>So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. <sup>7</sup>When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. <sup>8</sup>Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. <sup>9</sup>But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. <sup>10</sup>When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" <sup>11</sup>Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." <sup>12</sup>Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, <sup>13</sup>David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in

the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

<sup>14</sup>In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. <sup>15</sup>In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

**Ephesians 3:14-21**

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

<sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**John 6:1-15**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?"

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

<sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who