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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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MISSION MOMENTS: Planting new seeds of ministry

As a symbol of the Kingdom of God, Jesus shares the image of a small mustard seed that, when planted by a sower, turns into a large and life-giving tree. After helping to grow a successful new ministry at Heritage Green Family Church in Stoney Creek, ON, the Rev. David Moody has responded to God's call to help other churches sow new ministry seeds. With the support of *Presbyterians Sharing* through Canadian Ministries, The Presbytery of Hamilton has called the Rev. Moody to serve as a replanting minister, guiding and journeying with congregations as they discern and implement new visions for their ministries.

Presbyterians Sharing supports church growth

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - Pray that refugees who come to Canada will be able to find stable jobs and provide for themselves and their families.

STEWARDSHIP - Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost.
Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556), Jesuit founder



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.



*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.*

14th Sunday after Pentecost - August 26, 2018

**Please stand if able*

GATHERING



Prelude

Introit

*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.

Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.

Amen. We praise the Lord!

*Hymn: How lovely is thy dwelling place

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Prayer of Adoration (said together):

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

With our whole being we sing for joy to you, the living God.

How happy are those who live in your presence,
always singing praise to you.
How happy are those whose strength comes from you.
You are our protector and glorious ruler,
blessing us with kindness and honour.
O Lord of hosts, receive our worship
offered by the power of your Spirit
and in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord

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: I Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

**²My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**

³Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

**⁴Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.**

⁵Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**⁶As they go through the valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

**⁷They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.**

⁸O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!

**⁹Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.**

**¹⁰For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.**

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favour and honour.

No good thing does the LORD withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

**¹²O LORD of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

Hymn: God, reveal your presence

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Community Conversation

The Gospel: John 6:56-69

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

Hymn: God is here! as we your people meet

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Sermon: "The blessing of worship"

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: I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art

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

Postlude:

Our worship continues with our service in the world.

Announcements

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 Phyllis Morrison.

Today is Nick's last Sunday before he heads to Toronto for study leave. He has been accepted as a candidate for Advanced Artist Certificate offered by the University of Toronto. This is a one-year programme during which time he will also be organ scholar at St. James Cathedral. He will be back with us for Christmas and Easter and will return September 2019 to continue his position as music director here. We pray God's blessing on Nick as he enters this time of learning and growth. We look forward with enthusiasm to the ways in which this will also enrich the music life and ministry of Saint David's.

THIS WEEK – August 26 to September 2

Today	10:30 a.m. Worship
	11:30 am Refreshments
Friday	David's Place
Sunday	9 a.m. Early Communion resumes
	11 a.m. Worship (note time change)

"New Beginnings Sunday" - September 16, 11 a.m. - This year's Welcome Back Sunday will feature a service weaving the New Beginnings report on our small group conversations with Scripture, prayers and hymns. Led by the small group leaders and Iona, it is an opportunity to celebrate Saint David's--the great things we are doing as a congregation and the hopes for the future guided by the Spirit. Watch for details on social media and in the bulletins over the next few weeks!

News from Ottawa: We received word this week that Bill Crawford died in Ottawa at the age of 92. Bill served as an elder from 1984-88 and on the Board of Trustees from 1980-85. Please remember Audrey and family in your prayers.

I Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.

⁶Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim.

¹⁰And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, ¹¹so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

²²Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven.

²³He said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. ²⁵Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, ‘There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ ²⁶Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

²⁷“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! ²⁸Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; ²⁹that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. ³⁰Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

⁴¹“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name ⁴²—for they shall

hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, ⁴³then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

John 6:56-69

⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

The Words of Eternal Life

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”