



PASTORAL CARE

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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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MISSION MOMENTS: International Literacy Day (Sept. 8)

“Neither the students nor I were actually enjoying the lessons.”

Inayatullah, a teacher at Zangue Girls School in Afghanistan, knew his lecture-based teaching style was ineffective. He attended teacher-training workshops run by *Presbyterian World Service & Development* partners, and learned to bring life to his lessons. After implementing more practical teaching methods, Inayatullah’s pupils now engage in group activities, participate in lively discussions and better learn their lessons. With a greater sense of ownership over their education, they are gaining confidence, asking questions and voicing their opinions. By improving the quality of education, PWS&D is helping more children enjoy their studies and become leaders in their communities. “This is a tremendous achievement for both the students and me,” Inayatullah says with a smile.

PWS&D builds futures of hope for vulnerable girls

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - “God, help us open our doors even wider for those who do not yet know you. Give us eyes to see the needs of our community and make our hearts and hands ready to meet them.”

STEWARDSHIP - Joy is really the simplest form of gratitude.

Karl Barth, theologian (1886-1968)



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
Halifax, N.S.

Blowers,

Interim Moderator: Iona MacLean

Clerk of Session: Valerie Macdonald

Interim Organist: Ian Bent; **Choral Director:** Simon Blake

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.*

15th Sunday after Pentecost - September 2, 2018

**Please stand if able*

GATHERING



Prelude

Introit:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: [from *A Wee Worship Book* The Iona Community]

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

God was.

Here and now, among us, beside us,

enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,

God is.

In the future, when we have turned to dust

and all we know has found its fulfilment,

God will be.

Not denying the world, but delighting in it,

not condemning the world, but redeeming it,

through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

God was, God is, God will be.

*Hymn: Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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Prayer of Adoration: *(said together)*

**Fountain of love, you lavish us with gracious welcome.
Even when we spurn your love,
you continue to reach out to us,
sending us every good and perfect gift,
calling us ever back into your embrace.
We are grateful beyond words
and offer you our thanksgiving and our worship
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *(said responsively)*

*God who made us is with us still
and in Jesus Christ has promised to be with us always.
Be assured of God's enduring love and forgiveness.
Thanks be to God! Amen.*

EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

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

Hymn: Teach me, God, to wonder 704

Community Conversation

The Letters: James 1:17-27

The Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

Hymn: Where cross the crowded ways of life 760

Sermon: "Worship in action"

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: Lord, whose love 722

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. Our reader is Nancy Tindall. Our refreshment host is Valerie MacDonald.

THIS WEEK – September 2-9

Today	11 a.m. Worship 12 noon Refreshments
Friday	David's Place
Sunday	11 a.m. Worship, Food Bank Sunday

Note: 9 a.m. communion services will resume on **September 23.**

Next Sunday, September 9, is Food Bank Sunday. Donations of the following are particularly welcome: toilet paper, Dove soap, men's toiletries, pasta and sauce, canned goods, juice and cereal. Our guests appreciate any and all donations.

"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. Let 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. All ages are encouraged to be with us. Lunch will follow.

For the lunch on the 16th, the Worship and Church Life committee is asking that you bring sandwiches or sweets for the occasion. Please speak to Phyllis as to what you can contribute, either today or during the week at 429-4353 or phyllismorrison115@gmail.com. Thank you.

Refreshments - Please sign up with Phyllis if you can do refreshments on the 9th or any time this fall. Thanks again.

The Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.

¹⁰ My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;

¹¹ for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

¹² The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

¹³ The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.

James 1:17-27

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”

⁶ He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”