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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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MISSION MOMENTS: A learning experience in Cuba

Theological education does not occur only in the classroom.

Presbyterians Sharing supports mission and intercultural experiences for staff and students of our theological colleges. In 2018, 2 faculty members and 11 students from Knox College visited the Evangelical Theological Seminary of Matanzas in Cuba. After an afternoon of interacting with young Cuban kids, one student observed that “meeting with ministers, church members and youth and hearing the ways they seek to bring the hope of the Gospel into their communities and into the heart of their beloved homeland was a learning experience you cannot obtain through books or lectures”. One way to experience the beauty of God’s unfailing love is through encounters with God’s people in a genuine and meaningful way.

Presbyterians Sharing supports theological students

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - Pray for local ecumenical ministries as they find ways to worship and work together.

STEWARDSHIP - The stewardship spark is ignited when we know we hold a trust that was never entirely ours, and that this trust will be passed to others when we are finished. - *Mark L. Vincent, Speaking About Money*



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.



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.

16th Sunday after Pentecost - September 9, 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.

The world belongs to the Lord,

the earth and all its people.

How good and lovely it is

to live together in unity.

Love and faith come together,

justice and peace join hands.

*Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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Prayer of Adoration: *(said together)*

First and last, Creator and Lover of the world,
 beside you there is nothing greater.
 You breathed life into all that you created
 and you are among us still, breathing new life:
 turning anger into reconciliation,
 division into union,
 grief into consolation,
 old ways into fresh beginnings,
 and opening up that which appears closed and final.
 And so we give you our lives, and our praise,
 and our adoration:
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God forever.

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: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 125

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
 which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**²As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
 so the LORD surrounds his people,
 from this time on and forevermore.**

³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
 on the land allotted to the righteous,
 so that the righteous might not stretch out
 their hands to do wrong.

**⁴Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
 and to those who are upright in their hearts.**

⁵But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways
 the LORD will lead away with evildoers.

Peace be upon Israel!

Hymn: Those who rely on the Lord 86

Community Conversation

The Letters: James 2:1-10, 14-17

The Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

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

Hymn: Help us accept each other 632

Sermon: "The inclusive community"

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: O for a world where everyone 730

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

Postlude

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**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 Don Knox. Our reader is Johannah Roberts. Our refreshment hosts are Don and Margo Knox.

**THIS WEEK – September 9-16**

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| <b>Today</b>     | 11 a.m. Worship - Food Bank                   | Sunday           |
|                  | Noon Refreshments                             |                  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 7 p.m. <b>Session meeting</b>                 | in the sanctuary |
| Friday           | David's Place                                 |                  |
| Sunday           | 11 a.m. Worship - New Beginnings/Welcome Back |                  |

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

### **Announcements cont'd**

**"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. 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](mailto: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.

**Today - New Beginnings** small group leaders will meet following the service.

**Tonight - 7 p.m. Taize Service** offered by St. John's United Church at the Maritime Conservatory of Music on Chebucto Rd.

Saint David's is hosting **Musique Royale "Sea Song and Shanties" - Thursday September 13, 7:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Featuring *La Nef*, a company dedicated to the creation and production of early and contemporary music, producing concerts and recitals of early and traditional music that are based on historical and literary themes. Tickets: \$20. Available [online](#)

**Bulletin announcements** - Iona is doing the bulletin (for now!) so if you have items you wish included in the announcements, please e-mail to her by Wednesday of each week. [ionamac@eastlink.ca](mailto:ionamac@eastlink.ca)

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Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favor is better than silver or gold.

²The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all.

⁸Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

⁹Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

²²Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;

²³for the LORD pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

James 2:1-11, 14-17

2 My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. ⁶Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Mark 7:24-37

²⁴From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”