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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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MISSION MOMENTS: The front lines of mission

When you call the PCC's national office, your first point of contact is the cheerful receptionist, Kim Campbell. Kim capably answers and directs between 40 and 100 calls per day; assists departments with mailings, planning, meeting prep and paperwork; books airfare, catering and hotel rooms; responds to emails; updates the PCC's database – and so much more! Kim shares, "I am fortunate to see the work of the PCC in action. Prior to working here I only knew the PCC from the pews of my small church and it has been a blessing to see first-hand how the work of the church ministers to so many people. From the big ideas to the little day-to-day details, we all play a role by sharing our gifts and ultimately in sharing God's love." Everything Kim does contributes to the mission and ministry of the church.

Presbyterians Sharing serves congregations through the national office

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - Pray that new students at our theological colleges, particularly international students, find strength and friendship in this community of learning.

STEWARDSHIP - I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver. - *Maya Angelou (b.1928), author and poet*



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.

18th Sunday after Pentecost - September 23, 2018

**Please stand if able*

GATHERING

Prelude

Introit: *My Eyes for Beauty Pine* - Herbert Howells

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on God's law they meditate day and night.**

*Hymn: How blest are they, who, fearing God 1

Prayer of Adoration: *(said together)*

All things come from you, O God,



and with gratitude and praise
 we return to you what is yours.
 You created all that is,
 and with love formed us in your image.
 You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
 All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.
 And so with love and adoration,
 we offer you ourselves in this time of worship
 and every day;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer of Confession
 Assurance of Pardon

EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31

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

*Hymn: Jesus loves me, this I know 373

Community Conversation

The Letters: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

The Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

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

Hymn: How deep the silence of the soul 750

Sermon: "Wisdom from above"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Glory to God in the Highest* - Donna DiBella

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

SENDING

Hymn: Christ, you call us all to service 585

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 Colin MacPherson. Our reader for this morning is Anne Somerville who is also our refreshment host.

THIS WEEK – September 23-30

Today	11 a.m. Worship
	Noon Refreshments
Friday	David's Place
Sunday	9 a.m. Communion
	11 a.m. Worship

The Music Committee will meet briefly after the service today.

Refreshments - Please sign up with Phyllis if you can do refreshments any time this fall. Thanks.

Our sympathy is extended to Kenn Stright and his family on the death of his brother Jim this past week in PEI. Please keep the Stright family in your prayers.

Presbyterians Sharing (*our share of the wider mission and ministry of the church in Canada and throughout the world*) - Donations up to August 31st total \$12,467. This is 62% of our \$20,000 target. By comparison, by August 31 in 2017, donations were \$14,475, or 72% of our \$20,000 target. Brochures describing the ministries your gifts support are available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary.

Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D) (*the emergency relief and development work in various parts of the world*) - Donations to PWS & D up to August 31, 2018 are \$255.

Urgent appeal for Africa Relief - Violent clashes in **Sudan**, **South Sudan** and the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** have left many thousands without the necessities for survival. In **Somalia**, families fleeing their homes because of deadly flash floods are at risk of malnutrition and disease. PWS&D is responding with partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the ACT Alliance to

meet the needs of the hungry and displaced—but there is much more to be done. Please mark your donation "Africa Relief."
we praise You for your glory.

Lord, Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of God the Father,
receive our prayer,
for You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the most high.
Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, Amen.

Announcements cont'd

The Session will meet briefly following next Sunday's service, **Sept. 30**, to consider plans for November 11 and for World Communion Sunday, Oct. 7.

A potluck "celebration" with the Al Sagherji family of their many successes and accomplishments over the past year is planned for **Sunday, Sept. 30, 12:30 - 1.30 p.m.** in the Gymnasium of St. Matthew's United Church. Everyone in the congregation who is interested is welcome. If you are bringing food, please be sure **NO** pork or pork products are included.

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### Proverbs 31:10-31

- <sup>10</sup> A capable wife who can find?  
She is far more precious than jewels.
- <sup>11</sup> The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
and he will have no lack of gain.
- <sup>12</sup> She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.
- <sup>13</sup> She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.
- <sup>14</sup> She is like the ships of the merchant,  
she brings her food from far away.
- <sup>15</sup> She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household  
and tasks for her servant-girls.
- <sup>16</sup> She considers a field and buys it;  
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- <sup>17</sup> She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.
- <sup>18</sup> She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
Her lamp does not go out at night.
- <sup>19</sup> She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.
- <sup>20</sup> She opens her hand to the poor,  
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- <sup>21</sup> She is not afraid for her household when it snows,  
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
- <sup>22</sup> She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

<sup>23</sup> Her husband is known in the city gates,  
 taking his seat among the elders of the land.  
<sup>24</sup> She makes linen garments and sells them;  
 she supplies the merchant with sashes.  
<sup>25</sup> Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
 and she laughs at the time to come.  
<sup>26</sup> She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
 and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
<sup>27</sup> She looks well to the ways of her household,  
 and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
<sup>28</sup> Her children rise up and call her happy;  
 her husband too, and he praises her:  
<sup>29</sup> “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.”  
<sup>30</sup> Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
 but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.  
<sup>31</sup> Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
 and let her works praise her in the city gates.

**James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup> For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

4 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

**Mark 9:30-37**

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup> Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup> But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

<sup>36</sup> Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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Introit - *My Eyes for Beauty Pine* - Herbert Howells

My eyes for beauty pine,
 My soul for Goddës grace:
 No other care nor hope is mine,
 To heaven I turn my face.
 One splendour thence is shed
 >From all the stars above:
 'Tis named when God's name is said,
 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.
 And every gentle heart,
 That burns with true desire,
 Is lit from eyes that mirror part
 Of that celestial fire.

Anthem - *Glory to God in the Highest* - Donna DiBella

Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to His people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 almighty God and Father,
 we worship You,
 we give You thanks,