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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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MISSION MOMENTS: *PWSD helps girls decide their own future*

International Day of the Girl Child (Oct. 11)

Poonam was only 13 years old when she learned that her parents had arranged for her to be married in a few months. In India, early marriage is a very common practice, deeply rooted in tradition. Unfortunately, it also takes away a girl's right to a childhood, disrupts her schooling and puts her at risk of early pregnancy. Meera Devi works with PWS&D partners in Poonam's village to empower women and girls and prevent early marriages by running sessions that address issues of gender and sexual and reproductive rights. Because of Meera's work, Poonam's family understands the negative impacts of early marriage. The wedding has been postponed, and a joyful Poonam is completing her schooling.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - As we give thanks for the bounty that God has given us, we remember those who are chronically hungry. May we continue to act to feed the hungry.

STEWARDSHIP - Set apart a tithe of all the yield of your seed that is brought in yearly from the field.

Deuteronomy 14:22



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

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.

20th Sunday after Pentecost - October 7, 2018

Thanksgiving Sunday/World Communion

**Please stand if able*

GATHERING



Prelude

Introit: *Prayer to Jesus* - George Oldroyd

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: [*Living Faith* 7.7.2, 7.7.3]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In Holy Communion, Christ places his table in this world to feed and bless his people.

**Here Christ is present in his world
proclaiming salvation until he comes—
a symbol of hope for a troubled world.**

*Prayer of Approach: (*said responsively*)

We come to you, O God, in thanksgiving for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is the Bread of Life.

Give us this day our daily bread

We come to you, O God, in thanksgiving for the gift of land whose harvest feeds us and could feed the world.

Give us this day our daily bread!

We come to you, O God, in thanksgiving for the gift of faith made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Give us this day our daily bread!

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Hymn: Give thanks, my soul, for harvest 805

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: Joel 2:21-27

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

²**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,**

“The LORD has done great things for them.”

³The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

⁵May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

Hymn: All things bright and beautiful 435

Community Conversation

The Gospel: Matthew 6:25-33

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

Sermon: "One bread, one body"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Announcements

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

*Hymn: Thou who at thy first eucharist didst pray 559

The Offering

Anthem: *If Ye Love Me* - Thomas Tallis

Doxology (830), Apostle's Creed (539), Prayer of Dedication

The Peace: (Response - ***And also with you.***)

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving: 564

including The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical Version)

Breaking the Bread, Lifting The Cup

Communion - By intinction. *Please come forward down the centre aisle in two lines to receive from the one serving the bread and the one serving the cup. Take the bread and dip it into the cup, partake, and return to your seat via the side aisles. Gluten free is available. If you are unable to come forward, the elements will come to you.*

The Grace (Response - ***And also with you.***), Prayer

SENDING

Hymn: For the fruits of all creation 802

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

Postlude

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**Our worship continues with our service in the world.**

**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 Johannah Roberts. Our reader is Phyllis Morrison. Our refreshment host is Linda MacLeod.

**David's Place** is happy to announce it has a new sink, funded through Feed NS's community grants program. On Friday mornings, David's Place kitchen volunteers are incredibly busy preparing and serving food, and protecting people's health. The sink will allow us to do all of this more efficiently. We thank Feed NS and all our volunteers for helping us to make David's Place happen every week.

## New Beginnings Update - October 2018

### Worship

We launched the New Beginnings Small Groups Report with worship on Sunday, September 16. The service was led by small group leaders Davida Mackay, Barbara MacKeigan, Gary Smith and Nicole Watkins Campbell along with Iona. Also, to our delight, the readers included Jillian, Erin and Allison Hope and Siobahn and Mhairi Harris. Small group leader, Judi Henderson, prepared posters with the "Best At Truths" from the small groups, which were (and are) displayed around the meeting area. Following worship, we enjoyed lunch and conversation.

### Report

The report and a summary of it were e-mailed to the congregation. Hard copies are available at the church. We hope everyone will read the report and reflect prayerfully on how it may shape our movement forward.

### Community Consultation & Congregational Conversations

Next steps include a conference call of the small group leaders and Iona with our coach, the Rev. Ian Fraser, on October 11. We will consider how to proceed toward a "round table" discussion with representatives of our downtown neighbourhood. The small groups realized we need to listen and learn about the gaps and needs around us in order to respond faithfully as a congregation. We also want to provide further opportunity for small groups to engage in Spirit-led conversations." Stay tuned!

### Building

In response to the pressing needs of building repair and maintenance, the Property Development Committee that had been in place for the arrangements with Greenwood, re-convened on September 27 as the Property Committee. Its members are Mac Mackay, Mac Fyfe, Colin MacPherson, Barbara MacKeigan, Nicole Watkins Cambell and Valerie Macdonald. Various actions were agreed upon to hasten the completion of projects including the roof, stairs and sign, sound system, and organ. We hope to have encouraging news soon!

### The Journey Continues

We welcome your participation and prayers as we continue this exciting process of discernment of God's call for us in this time and place. Thank you for your love for Saint David's and your faithfulness in company with one another as we follow Jesus who leads us onward.

## THIS WEEK – October 7 to 14

|          |                                                  |
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| Today    | 11 a.m. Worship                                  |
|          | Noon Refreshments                                |
| Thursday | 10:30 a.m. Small Group Leaders at the church     |
|          | 7 p.m. Property Committee at Barbara MacKeigan's |
| Friday   | David's Place                                    |
| Sunday   | 9 a.m. Communion                                 |
|          | 11 a.m. Worship                                  |

**Presbyterians Sharing** (*our share of the wider mission and ministry of the church in Canada and throughout the world*) - Donations up to September 30 are **\$13,957**, which is **70%** of our \$20,000 target. (By September 30, 2017 we had received \$15,737, which was 79% of our \$20,000 target.)

Brochures describing the ministries your gifts support are available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary. Copies of Presbyterian Connections, the quarterly newsletter, are also there.

**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 September 30, 2018:

General donations total **\$255**.

African Relief donations total **\$150**.

*Thank you for your ongoing support of these important funds toward Christ's work in the world.*

**Urgent appeal** for Africa Relief continues - 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."

**Joel 2:21-27**

21 Do not fear, O soil;  
 be glad and rejoice,  
 for the LORD has done great things!

22 Do not fear, you animals of the field,  
 for the pastures of the wilderness are green;  
 the tree bears its fruit,  
 the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

23 O children of Zion, be glad  
 and rejoice in the LORD your God;  
 for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
 he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
 the early and the later rain, as before.

24 The threshing floors shall be full of grain,  
 the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 I will repay you for the years  
 that the swarming locust has eaten,  
 the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
 my great army, which I sent against you.

26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
 and praise the name of the LORD your God,  
 who has dealt wondrously with you.  
 And my people shall never again be put to shame.

27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
 and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.  
 And my people shall never again be put to shame.

**Matthew 6:25-33**

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? 28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not

clothed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ 32 For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.



**Introit - *Prayer to Jesus* - George Oldroyd**

Jhesu, since thou me made and bought,  
 be thou my love and all my thought,  
 and help that I may to the be brought,  
 withouten the I may do naught.

Jhesu, since thou must do thy will,  
 and naething is that thee may let,  
 with thy grace my heart fulfill,  
 my love and my liking in thee is set.

Jhesu, at thy will I pray that I might be,  
 all my heart fulfill, with perfect love to thee.

That I have done ill, Jhesu, forgive thou me,  
 and suffer me never to spill, Jhesu, for pity. Amen.

**Anthem - *If Ye Love Me* - Thomas Tallis**

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,  
 that he may 'bide with you forever;  
 E'en the spirit of truth.