PASTORAL CARE



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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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MISSION MOMENTS - World Food Day (Oct. 16)

Hunger finds families when they are facing challenges like poverty, conflict, climate change and illness. Globally, hunger burdens over 800 million people—Rosa Martinez from Nicaragua was one of them. The effects of climate change made it difficult for Rosa to predict when to plant her crops. When she did, irregular rainfall ruined what little food she'd grown. Through a sustainable agriculture project supported by Canadian Foodgrains Bank, PWS&D helped Rosa learn to store water, grow new plant varieties and start seedlings in cups for better plant growth. Because of what she's learned, Rosa is growing more food for her family. A sustainable source of food opens the door to abundant life. PWS&D is working for zero hunger

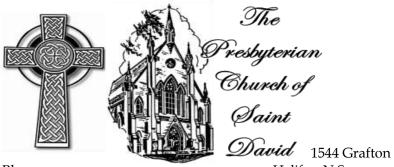
PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - Pray for the children, parents, and caregivers who attend Winnipeg Inner City Missions' Learn and Play literacy program. May the program continue to be a nurturing place for children to learn, play, and grow.

STEWARDSHIP - Central to Christianity is the conviction that one finds life by giving it first away. - Kerry Alys Robinson, Executive Director, National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management



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.



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.

21st Sunday after Pentecost - October 14, 2018

*Please stand if able

GATHERING

Prelude



Introit: Sicut Cervus - G.P. da Palestrina

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: from Living Faith 8.4

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God is always calling the church to seek that justice in the world which reflects the divine righteousness in the Bible.

Justice involves protecting the rights of others.

It protests against everything that destroys human dignity.

Justice seeks the best way to create well-being in every society.

Justice stands with our neighbours in their struggle for dignity and respect and demands the exercise of power for the common good.

*Hymn: God is love: come heaven, adoring

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Prayer of Adoration: (said together)

God our Maker, we praise you for the beauty of your world, for the wonder of life, for all that is good.

God our Saviour, we praise you

for the challenge of your Word, for the gift of your grace, for the hope we have in the Suffering and Risen Christ.

God our Teacher, we praise you

for the truths you present to us,

for the paths in which you lead us,

for the growth in faith and wisdom you make possible.

Triune God, receive our worship and our lives offered in your service.

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: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

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

Hymn: We cannot own the sunlit sky

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Community Conversation

The Letters: Hebrews 4:12-16 The Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

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

Hymn: Thou whose almighty word

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Sermon: "That all may live"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit - Thomas Tallis

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

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

Postlude:

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 Colin MacPherson. Our reader is Barend Kamperman. Our refreshment host is Claudia Saoud.

THIS WEEK – October 14-21

Today 11 a.m. Worship; Food Bank Sunday
Noon Refreshments
Friday David's Place
Sunday 9 a.m. Communion
10 a.m. Prayer Circle
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.)

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.

An excerpt from a letter to us from The Rev. Daniel Cho, Moderator of the 144th General Assembly:

I have really had a chance to see your gifts in action. I've attended--and preached at--Canada Youth. I have had the privilege of visiting our mission partners in Malawi and seen the tremendous things they are accomplishing (with support from Presbyterians Sharing and PWS&D). I stop in to the national office from time to time to encourage the staff and share in the church's programs. Through your gifts, we are supporting innovative ministry and congregational renewal; equipping leaders in worship, evangelism, stewardship, youth ministry and justice work; promoting healing and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities; supporting over 40 international partners and so much more! . . . You are making a

difference in the name of Jesus Christ, here at home and around the world.

Announcements cont'd

Today is **Food Bank Sunday**. All donations are welcome and appreciated by our guests at David's Place. Juice, Cereal, canned meat and fish, peanut butter, pasta and sauce toilet paper, toiletries and grocery bags are particularly needed.

New Beginnings Check-in - Next Sunday, October 21, for 15 minutes during Refreshments following worship, we welcome your response to the New Beginnings Report launched in September. As a refresher on its content, it will be re-sent this week. The report grew out of the small group conversations in the spring and suggests a path forward in general terms for the congregation. Specific recommendations re our Future Story will come to Session and the congregation later as the conversation continues.

Plans are underway for **community "round table"** consultation in November to learn about our neighbourhood, where needs and gaps are, and how Saint David's might be of service. Dates are Thursday, November 15 at 2:30 p.m. and Tuesday, November 20 at 7 p.m. Stay tuned!

ARMISTICE 1918 – A Commemorative Journey Through the First World War Presented by Nova Voce, Nova Scotia's Provincial Men's Choir at Bethany United Church, Halifax, on **Sunday, October 28** at 3:00 pm Tickets are \$15, on sale online at the Nova Voce website www.novavoce.com, from Choir members or at the door.

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶ Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰ They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹ Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹² For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³ Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴ Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵ Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

<u>Hebrews 4:12-16</u>

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Jesus the Great High Priest

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother."' ²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my

youth." ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Introit - Sicut Cervus - G.P. da Palestrina

Latin - Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima
mea ad te, Deus.

English - Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

Anthem - O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit - Thomas Tallis
O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts,
and lighten our understanding,
that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name,
all the days of our life,
that we may know thee, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.