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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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*The
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Church of
Saint
David*

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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.

24th Sunday after Pentecost - November 4, 2018

**Please stand if able*

GATHERING



Prelude

Introit: *My Soul, Praise Thou the Lord Always* - John Alcock Jr.

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

*Hymn: Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you

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Prayer of Adoration: *(said together)*

O Lord our God, happy are those whose hope is in you.

You have made heaven and earth,

the sea and all that is in them.

You keep faith forever

and give justice for the oppressed.

MISSION MOMENTS: Caring for creation in Calgary

The youth at Grace Presbyterian Church in Calgary are bettering the health of their local community while also supporting the well-being of the global community. Members of the congregation donated to PWS&D in support of the teens' efforts to pick up litter, rake and sweep around the church's property. In the end, the group collected five large bags of garbage and raised \$932 for PWS&D. "We were encouraged by our faith in Christ's love to share our gifts with the world," shares Roberto DeSandoli, young adult ministry coordinator at Grace. Across Canada, Presbyterians are stewards of the blessings of God—sharing our gifts to build a more sustainable, compassionate and just world. *Faithful to our calling, we respond together*

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - Pray for the Parliament of the World's Religions as it meets in Toronto from November 1–7. This parliament was created to cultivate harmony among the world's religions and to foster justice and peace.

STEWARDSHIP - In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. *1 Thessalonians 5:18*



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.

**We bless you and praise you
for every sign of your love.
We offer our worship by the power of your Spirit and
in the name of Jesus our Saviour and 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: Ruth 1:1-18

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³ Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

⁷ **who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ **The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

*Hymn: I'll praise my Maker while I've breath 105

Community Conversation

The Letters: Hebrews 9:11-14

The Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

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

*Hymn: Teach me, God, to wonder 704

Sermon: "The heart of the matter"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *O God, Thou Art My God* - Henry Purcell

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

*Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

SENDING

*Hymn: Joyful, joyful we adore you 410

*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 Valerie Macdonald . Our reader is Mac Mackay. Our refreshment host is Heidi Schaefer.

### **THIS WEEK – November 4 to 11**

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| <b>Today</b> | 11 a.m. Worship<br>Noon Refreshments                           |
| Thursday     | 7 p.m. Property Committee will meet at Barbara MacKeigan's     |
| Friday       | David's Place                                                  |
| Sunday       | <b>Remembrance Day - 9:30 a.m. Worship</b><br>Food Bank Sunday |

And he whose hope doth not decay,  
But on the Lord is stayed:

Who made the earth and waters deep,  
The heaven's most high withal;  
Who doth his word and promise keep  
In truth, and ever shall.

With right always doth he proceed  
For such as suffers wrong,  
The poor and hungry he doth feed,  
And loose the fetters strong.

**Anthem:** *O God, Thou Art My God* - Henry Purcell

O God, thou art my God: early will I seek thee.  
My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee:  
in a barren and dry land where no water is.  
Thus have I looked for thee in holiness;  
that I might behold thy power and glory.  
For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself:  
my lips shall praise thee.  
As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner:  
and lift up my hands in thy Name.  
Hallelujah.

## Announcements cont'd

**Next Sunday, November 11 - Remembrance Day** - Saint David's will have **one service at 9:30 a.m.** to allow people who wish to attend the city cenotaph service at 11 a.m. No 9 a.m. service that day.

**Next week is Food Bank Sunday.** All donations are appreciated, but there is a particular need this month for toilet paper, as well as men's and women's socks and gloves. Thank you on behalf of our guests at David's Place.

**New Beginnings** - 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 will be announced soon.

**Coffee & Conversation - Saturday, November 17,** 10:30 a.m. at the church. Come join us for a "pillar to post" chat about things that matter (and maybe even about things that don't!) Will last about an hour.

### *In the Community:*

**Saturday, Nov. 10, 2-4 p.m. Christmas Tea and Sale** at Iona Presbyterian Church, 90 Lucien Dr. Adults \$6, Children 5 & under \$2.

Calvin Presbyterian Church is hosting a **Turkey Supper on Saturday, November 10th.** Sittings at 5:00 and 6:15 pm. Take out available after 4 pm. Cost \$14.00 per person Tickets can be ordered from Marian Smith at 902-445-3469.

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Ruth 1:1-18

1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and

the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years,⁵ both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me.” ¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶But Ruth said,

“Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.

¹⁷Where you die, I will die—
there will I be buried.

May the LORD do thus and so to me,
and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!”

¹⁸When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Hebrews 9:11-14

¹¹But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), ¹²he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Mark 12:28-34

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;’ ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³²Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; ³³and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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**Introit:** *My Soul, Praise Thou the Lord Always* - John Alcock Jr.

My soul, praise thou the Lord always;  
My God I will confess:  
While breath and life prolong my days,  
My tongue no time shall cease.

Blessed and happy are all they  
Whom Jacob's God doth aid,