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## Our Vision

### *A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community*

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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.*

**26th Sunday after Pentecost - November 18, 2018**

*\*Please stand if able*

## GATHERING



Prelude

Introit

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

\*Call to Worship: [*I Samuel 2:1a, 2*]

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God.

**There is no Holy One like the Lord. . . .**

**there is no Rock like our God.**

\*HYMN: Sing praise to God who reigns above 327

Prayer of Adoration: (*said together*)

**Eternal God, with your people of all times and places,  
we bless you for your faithfulness and grace.**

**You bring to birth new life  
and hope out of barrenness and despair.**

## MISSION MOMENTS - Take the Advent Challenge!

During the Advent season, we celebrate God's amazing gift—Jesus! This gift changed the world. Inspired by God's overwhelming generosity, we too work to make a difference for our sisters and brothers across the globe. Each week of Advent, Presbyterian World Service & Development challenges individuals and congregations to share the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love with those living in some of the most vulnerable communities in the world. In the midst of poverty, injustice and disaster, the Christ light shines. To help create bright futures through the Advent Challenge, visit [WeRespond.ca/advent-challenge](http://WeRespond.ca/advent-challenge). *PWS&D is sharing the hope, peace, joy and love of Christ*

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** - Pray for the members of the Rainbow Communion and other deputized listeners as they hear stories of harm done due to homophobia, transphobia, heterosexism and hypocrisy in the PCC as well as stories of grace received even in difficult circumstances.

**STEWARDSHIP** - Materialism is not fundamentally an economic problem but a cultural one – a spiritual issue.

*Robert Wuthnow (b.1946), Rethinking Materialism*



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.**

**Our hearts exult in you, our voices sing your praise.  
Receive our worship in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: (*said responsively*)

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

**To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God,  
be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: I Samuel 1:1-20

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

**Responsive Reading:** I Samuel 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>“My heart exults in the LORD;  
my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in my victory.

<sup>2</sup>**“There is no Holy One like the LORD,  
no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.**

<sup>3</sup>Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.

<sup>4</sup>**The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low, he also exalts.

<sup>8</sup>**He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.**

**For the pillars of the earth are the LORD’s,  
and on them he has set the world.**

<sup>9</sup>“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;  
for not by might does one prevail.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;  
the Most High will thunder in heaven.  
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king,  
and exalt the power of his anointed.”**

\*Hymn: I waited for the Lord my God 23

Community Conversation

The Letters: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

The Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

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

Sermon: "Forward to the good old days"

\*Hymn: All my hope on God is founded 462

### 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: God of grace and God of glory 490 verses 1,4,5

\*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 Adeline Catlin. Our refreshment hosts are Barb & Gary Smith.

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

## Announcements cont'd

### THIS WEEK – November 18-25

|              |                                       |
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| <b>Today</b> | 11 a.m.. Worship<br>Refreshments      |
| Thursday     | 7 p.m. Property Development Committee |
| Friday       | David's Place                         |
| Sunday       | 9 a.m. Communion<br>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 October 31 are **\$15,023** or **75%** of our \$20,000 target. (Up to October 31 in 2017, the numbers were \$17,751 or 89%)

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 with some great articles on ministries and mission you support.

**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 October 31, 2018:

General donations total **\$651**.

African Relief donations total **\$150**. That urgent need continues. *Thank you for your ongoing support of these important funds toward Christ's work in the world.*

This afternoon, our **Sunday Suppers** group will prepare and deliver casseroles to serve between 250 and 300 people at Saint Andrews Church. Because we provide hot food, Ark Ministries can work closely with those who need more support. Our group includes people from Saint David's and Calvin Presbyterian churches.

Who relies upon Sunday suppers? Students who have run out of money. Families whose social assistance didn't stretch to the end of the month. A woman with mental illness who needs loving kindness. A man who lost his job out west and has come home to find work. A teen whose family doesn't understand them and kicked them out. This mission in our city is needed now as much as ever, and churches across the city have worked together for 30 years to meet the need. If you wish to help, call Nicole Watkins Campbell at 902-266-5878

**Service to mark St Andrew's Day, Nov. 25, 7pm** at St Andrew's Church Dartmouth, School St. at Slayter St. Preacher: The Rev. Dr. D. Laurence Mawhinney--a retired minister living in Lunenburg  
8 pm Ceilidh and refreshments in the Hall. Music led by Kilted Choir

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### **I Samuel 1:1-20**

<sup>1</sup> There was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. <sup>2</sup> He had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

<sup>3</sup> Now this man used to go up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the LORD. <sup>4</sup> On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; <sup>5</sup> but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup> Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>7</sup> So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. <sup>8</sup> Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

<sup>9</sup> After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. <sup>10</sup> She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup> She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

<sup>12</sup> As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth.

<sup>13</sup> Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. <sup>14</sup> So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." <sup>15</sup> But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have

been pouring out my soul before the LORD. <sup>16</sup> Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." <sup>17</sup> Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." <sup>18</sup> And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

<sup>19</sup> They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. <sup>20</sup> In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

### **Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25**

<sup>11</sup> And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," <sup>13</sup> and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

### **Mark 13:1-8**

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."