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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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MISSION MOMENTS - Love letters in the Archives?

Last year The Presbyterian Church in Canada's Archives received a gift of 73 beautifully preserved handwritten letters that revealed a year-long courtship over many miles between Dr. McQueen and his future wife, Miss Catherine Robertson of Strabane, Ontario. The Rev. McQueen served at First Presbyterian Church in Edmonton, arriving in 1887 and remaining for 43 years. Dr. McQueen was the only person to serve twice as Moderator of the General Assembly. Miss Robertson served as a missionary in Canada with the Women's Missionary Society. David and Catherine's exchanges date from September 1889 to September 1890. Through beautiful script containing poetry and prose, their growing love for one another is revealed as is their draw to western Canada and a mutual commitment to serve the church. *Presbyterians Sharing helps connect Presbyterians with their rich history*

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) Pray for a brighter future that includes peace and security for women in Canada and around the world.

STEWARDSHIP - Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting. *Brian Tracy (b.1944), motivational speaker/author*



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.

Reign of Christ Sunday - November 25, 2018

**Please stand if able*

GATHERING



Prelude

Introit: *Ave Maris Stella, Pt. 2* - William Byrd

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: *[adapted from II Samuel 23:3-4]*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Come, let us worship in the Name of Jesus our King,
the One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God.

**Our Sovereign Christ is like the light of the morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.**

*HYMN: King of glory, King of peace

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Prayer of Adoration: *(said together)*

**Ruler of the universe, Creator of all worlds, Giver of life:
we gather as your own people to praise you**

and marvel at your goodness to us.
Your rule is from everlasting to everlasting;
we bow before your beauty, strength and majesty.
Your purpose cannot fail and your love will never end;
we give ourselves to you in thanksgiving and praise.
All praise and glory, power and might be to our God forever;
through Jesus Christ our gracious Sovereign,

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: II Samuel 23:1-7

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

Responsive Reading - Psalm 93

¹The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

² your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

³**The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.**

⁴More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the LORD!

⁵**Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house,
O LORD, forevermore.**

*Hymn: Come, children, join to sing

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Community Conversation

The Letters: Revelation 1:4b-8

The Gospel: John 18:33-37

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

Sermon: "The Light of Truth"

*Hymn: Christ is King!

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks* - Herbert Howells

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

*Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

SENDING

*Hymn: Crown him with many crowns

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*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 Phyllis Morrison. Our reader is Kaitie Jourdevil. Our refreshment host is Johanna Roberts.

### **THIS WEEK – November 25-December 2**

|        |                                                  |
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| Today  | 11 a.m.. Worship                                 |
|        | Refreshments                                     |
| Friday | David's Place                                    |
| Sunday | 9 a.m. Communion                                 |
|        | 11 a.m. <b>Advent 1</b> - Worship with Communion |

**Service to mark St Andrew's Day, tonight, 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

**Tonight, 7 p.m. The Seton Conservatory Choir presents "Grant Us Peace"** featuring Dona Nobis Pacem by R. Vaughan Williams and Cantique de Jean Racine by Gabriel Faure. Conductor Garth MacPhee. The Maritime Conservatory of the Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Rd. Tickets available at the door.

## Announcements cont'd

**Tonight, 7:30 p.m. The Kings Chorus presents Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass** and other music for Saint Cecilia at St. Mary's Basilica on Tickets available from the Kings Coop Bookstore, online or at the door.

**The RCCO** will present their annual **Lessons and Carols** service on **Monday Dec. 3** at 7 pm at All Saints Cathedral. A freewill offering will be received.

**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%) **Please give generously** as you are able.

Brochures describing the ministries your gifts support are available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary. *Presbyterian Connections*, the quarterly newsletter, also contains articles on ministries and mission.

**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.*

### **Local Mission**

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

## II Samuel 23:1-7

Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,  
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,  
the anointed of the God of Jacob,  
the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,  
his word is upon my tongue.

<sup>3</sup>The God of Israel has spoken,  
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,  
ruling in the fear of God,

<sup>4</sup>is like the light of morning,  
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,  
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

<sup>5</sup>Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,  
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper  
all my help and my desire?

<sup>6</sup>But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;  
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;

<sup>7</sup>to touch them one uses an iron bar  
or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

## Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## John 18:33-37

<sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters<sup>h</sup> again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

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Introit: Ave Maris Stella, Pt. 2 by William Byrd.

Latin - Sumens illud Ave

Gabrielis ore,

funda nos in pace,

mutans Evae nomen.

English - Receiving that Hail

From the mouth of Gabriel,

Establish us in peace,

Transforming the name of Eve.

Anthem: *Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks* - Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks,

so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even the living God:
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night,

while they daily say unto me,

Where is now thy God?