



## PASTORAL CARE

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## Our Vision

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

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## MISSION MOMENTS - Where there's a wheel, there's a way

In a region of Saint-Marc in Haiti, three vehicles holding four nurses, a community health worker, medication and 200 kg of Nourimanba—a high calorie food that saves lives—arrive at a primary school, transforming it into a health post for the treatment of severe malnutrition. Supporting local partners through Canadian Foodgrains Bank, PWS&D is bringing care to children whose families can't afford medical expenses or the cost of travel to medical facilities. In a region where malnutrition is a leading cause of child mortality, this support is vital. "Since they started mobile clinics, the number of hospitalizations for children with severe malnutrition has decreased dramatically," says Dr. Martine André, head of pediatrics at Saint-Nicholas Hospital in Saint-Marc. *PWS&D brings care to remote communities*

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** - Give thanks for the generosity of Presbyterians who share in the mission and ministry of our church through their gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

**STEWARDSHIP** - If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one. *Mother Teresa (1910-1997), nun, missionary, Saint*

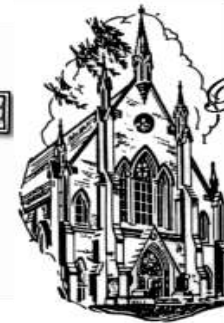


I Breastfeed.

**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.*

**First Sunday of Christmas - December 30, 2018**

*\*Please stand if able*

## GATHERING



Prelude

Introit:

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

\*Call to Worship:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,  
who is Christ the Lord.

**Let our spirits rejoice in God our Saviour,  
who has done great things for us.**

Glory be to God in the highest,

**and on earth, peace and goodwill to all.**

\*Prayer of Adoration: (*said together*):

**We bless and adore you, O Christ,**

**Son of God, yet born of Mary;**

**Son of God, yet our brother;**

**Eternal Word, yet a child without speech;**

clothed in glory, yet wrapped in bands of cloth;  
Lord of heaven and earth, yet laid in a manger;  
strong in your weakness,  
glorious in your humility,  
mighty to save.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

\*Hymn: Hark! the herald angels sing 139

### EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

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

### **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 98**

<sup>1</sup> O sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm  
have gotten him victory.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup> **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

<sup>6</sup> **With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.

<sup>8</sup> Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy

<sup>9</sup> at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,  
**and the peoples with equity.**

\*Hymn: Good Christians, all rejoice 141

Community Conversation

The Letters: Hebrews 1:1-4

The Gospel: John 1:1-14

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

\*Hymn: What child is this 161

Sermon: "God's Christmas speech"

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Star Candles* - Michael Head

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

\*Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

### SENDING

\*Hymn: Christians, awake 135

\*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 Johanna Roberts. Our Scripture reader is Valerie Macdonald. Our refreshment hosts are Val and Rod Macdonald.

**We welcome** back guest accompanist, Brogan Cameron, who is filling in for Ian Bent today and next Sunday. Brogan is a music student of Peter Allen, Associate Professor with the Fountain Centre for Performing Arts at Dalhousie.

### **THIS WEEK – December 30 to January 6**

|              |                                                                 |
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| <b>Today</b> | 11 a.m. Worship<br>Noon Refreshments                            |
| Friday       | David's Place                                                   |
| Sunday       | 11 a.m. Worship - The Epiphany of our Lord<br>No 9 a.m. Service |

## Announcements cont'd

**Note:** The **9 a.m. Communion** services will resume on **January 13**.

**Presbyterians Sharing** (*our share of the wider mission and ministry of the church in Canada and throughout the world*) - Donations up to **December 23** are **\$17,476** or **87%** of our \$20,000 target. Please give generously as you are able.

**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 December 2nd, 2018:

General donations total **\$1,106**. African Relief donations total **\$350**.

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

**Note re donations:** The end of the tax year is **December 31st**. In order for your donation to be credited to 2018, it must be in the mail slot or to Mac Fyfe by noon on Monday. You may make donations in person, at worship, by e-transfer or through Canada Helps. We are grateful for your generosity toward the mission and congregational life of Saint David's.

***Happy New Year!***

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## Isaiah 52:7-10

<sup>7</sup> How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."  
<sup>8</sup> Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.  
<sup>9</sup> Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the LORD has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
<sup>10</sup> The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

## Hebrews 1:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup> He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

## John 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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**Anthem:** *Star Candles* - Michael Head

The sun's in his cradle, the bird's in her nest.  
The shepherds are calling the lambs home to rest.  
Go, sleep, little Jesus, the wind's riding high  
To set all the candles alight in the sky.

A candle for kingship, sweet laughter it brings,  
and mirth's golden music, the riches of kings.  
Go, sleep, little Jesus, the wind's riding high  
to set all the candles alight in the sky.

But oh, in the skytop up there I can see  
a cross. It is shining, it's shining for thee!  
Go, sleep, little Jesus, the wind's riding high  
to set all the candles alight in the sky.

(The poem by Margaret Rose refers to the constellation 'The Southern Cross', which in South Africa is also known as 'Star Candles', following an old belief that each of the five pointers denotes a gift to the Christ Child.)