



## PASTORAL CARE

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## Our Vision

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

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## MISSION MOMENTS - A warm welcome for Jumai

Whenever Jumai went out into his Nepali village, he would be cruelly mocked because of his ulcers, sore patches and swollen legs. Jumai was living with leprosy and couldn't afford to pay for ongoing treatment. Visiting the PWS&D-supported Shining Hospital changed everything. When Jumai was admitted, he was struck by something more than the timely service and quality medical care—the love and acceptance he felt was a welcome relief after years of shame and judgement. “I feel at home in this hospital,” says Jumai. “I receive such good care.” Filled with thanks for PWS&D, Jumai looks forward to a better future.

*PWS&D treats leprosy with compassion*

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** - Pray for the staff at the Shining Hospital in Nepal as they learn surgery techniques to enable healthier communities with funding from PWS&D.

**STEWARDSHIP** - The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord.  
*James L. Kraft (1874-1953), entrepreneur, inventor*



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 after Epiphany - January 13, 2019**

*\*Please stand if able*

## GATHERING



Prelude

Introit: *Jubilate Deo* - Orlando di Lasso

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

\*Call to Worship:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendour.

**May the Lord give strength to his people!**

**May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

\*Hymn: We praise you, O God

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Prayer of Approach: *(said together)*:

**God of new life, we praise you.**

**You call us to be your people.**

**Gather us now in the light of your presence,  
in the strength of your Spirit,**

**and in the power of your promises to us.  
Speak to us through the baptism of Jesus  
so that we may truly know that we are yours,  
called to serve you faithfully  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *[adapted from Isa. 43:1]*

Now says the Lord who created you:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

### EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

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

### **RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 29**

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup> **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

<sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

<sup>11</sup> May the LORD give strength to his people!

**May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

\*Hymn: O love, how deep 205 verses 1,2,3,6

Community Conversation

The Acts of the Apostles 8:14-17

The Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

Sermon: "Do not fear"

\*Hymn: How firm a foundation 685

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Baptism of Christ* - Paul Stetsenko

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

\*Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

### SENDING

\*Hymn: Christ, when for us you were baptized 183

\*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 Scripture reader is Adeline Catlin. Our refreshment host is Rita Fraser.

**THIS WEEK – January 13-20**

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| <b>Today</b> | 11 a.m. Worship & Food Bank Sunday<br>Noon Refreshments  |
| Wednesday    | 7 p.m. Session will meet at the home of Don & Margo Knox |
| Friday       | David's Place                                            |
| Sunday       | 9 a.m. Communion<br>11 a.m. Worship                      |

**Announcements cont'd**

**We extend the sympathy** of the congregation to Susan Lappin and family on the death this past week. of her mother Elsie MacKay, and to Colin and Sandra MacPherson and family on the death of Colin's sister in Cape Breton this past week.

**Introit:** *Jubilate Deo* - Orlando di Lasso

*Latin:* Jubilate Deo, omnis terra;  
servite Domino in lætitia.

Intrate in conspectu eius in exultatione,  
quia Dominus ipse est Deus.

*English:* O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;  
Serve the Lord with gladness,  
and come before his presence with a song.  
For the Lord he is God.

**Anthem:** *Baptism of Christ* - Paul Stetsenko

As the people were in expectations,  
and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John,  
whether perhaps he were the Christ,  
John answered them all:

"I baptize you with water;  
but he who is mightier than I is coming.  
The thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie;  
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

Now when all the people were baptized,  
and when Jesus had been baptized and was praying,  
the heaven was opened,  
and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him as a dove,  
and a voice came from heaven:

"Thou art my beloved Son;  
with thee am I well pleased."  
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**Isaiah 43:1-7**

But now thus says the LORD,  
 he who created you, O Jacob,  
 he who formed you, O Israel:  
 Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
 I have called you by name, you are mine.  
<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
 when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
 and the flame shall not consume you.  
<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
 I give Egypt as your ransom,  
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,  
 and honored, and I love you,  
 I give people in return for you,  
 nations in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;  
 I will bring your offspring from the east,  
 and from the west I will gather you;  
<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
 and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
 bring my sons from far away  
 and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
 whom I created for my glory,  
 whom I formed and made."

**Acts 8:14-17**

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

