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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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MISSION MOMENTS - Serving vulnerable people in Romania

Life is difficult in Romania. The monthly salary of a school teacher is the equivalent of about \$250 USD, so many people feel forced to leave in search of work in other EU countries. This economic migration is creating new challenges for the Romanian society. There are over 300,000 migration orphans and a growing number of elderly people who are left behind. The good news is that they are not left alone. Since 2011, Diakonia Christian Foundation for Social Work of the Reformed Church in Romania has been reaching out to Roma children, people living with disabilities, and the elderly. In 2017, the foundation's social workers and volunteers made over 8,200 visits to the elderly, providing services such as helping with personal hygiene, cleaning and providing medical care or devices. Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are helping to accompany and care for vulnerable people in Romania.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - Give thanks that every person is made in the image of God. Celebrate that every person has unique gifts and abilities that help to build God's kingdom.

STEWARDSHIP - Give, and it will be given to you. - *Luke 6:38a*



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.

Second Sunday after Epiphany - January 20, 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.

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**For with you is the fountain of life,
in your light we see light.**

*Hymn: O Spirit come, our hearts inspire

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Prayer of Adoration: (*said together*):

Great God, your mercy is an unexpected miracle.

We praise and adore you for all your goodness.

Help us to believe and obey,

that we may be filled with the wine of new life,



**promised in the power of Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

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 62:1-5

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

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 36:5-10

⁵Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.**

⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸**They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

¹⁰**O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

*Hymn: Like the murmur of the dove's song 385

Community Conversation

The Letters: I Corinthians 12:1-11

The Gospel: John 2:1-11

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

Sermon: "Celebration personified"

*Hymn: All praise to you, O Lord 181

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Almighty and Everlasting God* - Orlando Gibbons

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

*Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

SENDING

*Hymn: Light of the minds that know him 355

*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 Colin MacPherson. Our Scripture reader is Caleigh Davis. Our refreshment host is Linda MacLeod.

### **THIS WEEK – January 20-27**

|              |                                                            |
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| <b>Today</b> | 11 a.m. Worship<br>Noon Refreshments                       |
| Tuesday      | 7 p.m. Property Committee will meet at Barbara MacKeigan's |
| Friday       | David's Place                                              |
| Sunday       | 9 a.m. Communion<br>11 a.m. Worship                        |

### **Week of Prayer Services - January 21-24**

**You are invited** to attend any or all of the following half-hour ecumenical services in the coming week celebrating unity among the churches, preachers listed:

Mon., Jan. 21, 12:15 p.m. All Saints Cathedral. Rev Hugh Kirkegaard

Tues., Jan. 22, 12:15 p.m. Fort Massey United Rev Craig Cameron

Wed., Jan. 23, 12:15 p.m. First Baptist Rev. Iona MacLean

Thurs., Jan. 24, **11:45 a.m.** Atl. School of Theology Rev Kimber McNabb

## Announcements cont'd

**Out of the Cold** - Saint David's congregation is again preparing lunches for the Out of the Cold Shelter at Saint Matthew's Church. Out of the Cold is a community-based, volunteer-run organization that provides shelter and community supports to people who are homeless and precariously housed. We provide 20 lunches guests can take away in the morning, consisting of a meat or cheese sandwich, fruit, a drink, and a cookie or granola bar. Volunteers deliver the lunches to Saint Matthews Church on Saturday morning before 8:30 a.m. or Saturday evening after 8 p.m. If you would like to take part in this work, contact Gary Smith at 902-832-8923.

**Special Congregational Meeting** - Session is calling a special congregational meeting on **Sunday, February 3** after church (snow date Feb. 10). The purpose is to consider an application to the Presbyterian Church Building Corporation for a loan to assist with funds required to build stairs, shore up the bank, procure a sign, and address the exterior walls. The PCBC is designed to lend funds to churches under favourable terms to support work on buildings and property.

### **New Beginnings Update:**

The New Beginnings small group leaders have been busy since October working on the next phase of the process. We want to consult with groups, agencies, business associations and other services in our neighbourhood to listen and learn where the needs and gaps are and how Saint David's can best be a caring, responsive, effective presence in downtown Halifax. With assistance from the Mission Fund of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, we have engaged a facilitator, Robert Nichols from a local consulting group (Common Good Solutions) with experience in assisting community organizations including churches such as St. Andrew's United. He will help us formulate the questions for dialogue with the community and facilitate the community meeting planned for February 12, 2019. The group leaders are compiling the invitation list and making the contacts. We pray the result of this process will be a clearer picture of how we are being led by God to re-vision our ministry and future mission in our community.

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Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;

for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

I Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and

the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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**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:** *Almighty and Everlasting God* - Orlando Gibbons

Almighty and everlasting God,  
mercifully look upon our infirmities,  
and in all our dangers and necessities  
stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.