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## Our Vision

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

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## MISSION MOMENTS - PWS&D Sunday

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, PWS&D envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world. February 3 is PWS&D Sunday—a day to celebrate the work our church is doing to make this vision a reality, empowering people out of poverty, hunger and oppression. Through programs in sustainable development and emergency relief, we are helping women, men and children get what they need to improve their well-being, recover from emergency situations and plan for futures abundant in the blessings of Christ. This work would not be possible without the faithful support of individuals and congregations across Canada, and our partners overseas. Today and every day, we give thanks for those striving for justice, mercy and peace throughout the world. *PWS&D envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world*

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** - Pray that the Holy Spirit brings vision and discernment to the members of the Special Committee of Former Moderators as they meet to seek a way forward for the church on the topic of sex and sexuality.

**STEWARDSHIP** - When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around. *Willie Nelson (1933 - ), musician, author, activist*

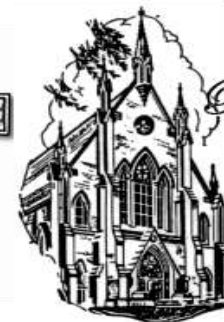


I Breastfeed.

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.*

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany - February 3, 2019**

*\*Please stand if able*

## GATHERING

Prelude

Introit: *Mirabantur* - Nobuaki Izawa

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

\*Call to Worship:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

**Upon you I have leaned from my birth; . . .**

**My praise is continually of you.**

\*Hymn: God is our refuge and our strength 30

Prayer of Adoration: (*said together*):

**O Lord, you are our hope,**

**our trust from our youth.**

**Upon you we have leaned from our birth.**

**Our praise is continually of you.**

**We will tell of your righteous acts,**



of your deeds of salvation all day long.  
Hear our prayer and receive our worship  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
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: Jeremiah 1:4-10

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

### **RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 71:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

<sup>2</sup> **In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be to me a rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress, to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.

<sup>4</sup> **Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

<sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

<sup>6</sup> **Upon you I have leaned from my birth;  
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you.**

\*Hymn: Saviour, teach me day by day 698

Community Conversation

The Letters: I Corinthians 13:1-13

The Gospel: Luke 4:16-30

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

Sermon: "A complicated calling"

\*Hymn: Although I speak with angel's tongue 695

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Here is the Little Door* - 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: Christ, you call us all to service 585

\*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 readers are Siobahn and Mhairi Harris. Our refreshment host is Vanora Haldane, assisted by Phyllis Morrison.

### **THIS WEEK – February 3-10**

|               |                                                                                 |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Today</b>  | 11 a.m. Worship<br>Noon Refreshments followed by special congregational meeting |
| <b>Friday</b> | David's Place                                                                   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | 9 a.m. Communion<br>11 a.m. Worship                                             |

**Special Congregational Meeting** - Session is calling a special congregational meeting **today** after church. 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.

**Sunday, March 3 - Transfiguration Sunday - The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** will be celebrated at both services, 9 & 11 a.m.

## Announcements cont'd

**Introit:** *Mirabantur* - Nobuaki Izawa  
Luke 4:22

*Latin:* Mirabantur omnes de his, quae procedebant de ore Dei.

*English:* All wondered at these things,  
which proceeded from the mouth of God.

**Anthem:** *Here is the Little Door* - Herbert Howells  
(Poetry of Frances Chesterton)

Here is the little door,  
lift up the latch, oh lift!  
We need not wander more,  
but enter with our gift;  
Our gift of finest gold.  
Gold that was never bought nor sold;  
Myrrh to be strewn about his bed;  
Incense in clouds about His head;  
All for the child that stirs not in His sleep,  
But holy slumber holds with ass and sheep.

Bend low about His bed,  
For each He has a gift;  
See how His eyes awake,  
Lift up your hands, O lift!  
For gold, He gives a keen-edged sword.  
Defend with it thy little Lord!  
For incense, smoke of battle red,  
Myrrh for the honored happy dead;  
Gifts for His children, terrible and sweet;  
Touched by such tiny hands,  
and Oh such tiny feet.

**Next Sunday, Feb. 10, is Food Bank Sunday.** January has been a busy month and although February is a short month, we need to restock as it is usually also a hard month for folks. All donations are appreciated, but for February the following items would be particularly appreciated: soups, Kraft dinner, spaghetti and sauce, toilet paper, grocery bags, individual fruits and puddings, juice packs, canned fish and meat, hot cereal, hot chocolate mix, and tea. Thank you for remembering our guests at David's Place.

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for **March 10** after the 11 a.m. service. In order to have the annual report assembled and ready for distribution on March 3, please have all committee reports or other information sent to Mac Fyfe (Forest.Fyfe@dal.ca) **by Sunday, February 17.** Thank you.

**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.

### **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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### **Jeremiah 1:4-10**

<sup>4</sup> Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup> “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup> Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you,” says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

### **I Corinthians 13:1-13**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant

<sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

<sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we

know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

### **Luke 4:16-30**

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

<sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup> He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’

And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” <sup>24</sup> And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. <sup>25</sup> But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land;

<sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup> There were also many lepers<sup>[d]</sup> in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup> When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.

<sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.