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## Our Vision

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

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**MISSION MOMENTS** - A ministry of care and companionship Jesus showed care and compassion to those living on the margins of society, teaching us how to be a neighbour to everyone in need. In the same way, Boarding Homes Ministry strives to build community in the Greater Toronto area. Volunteers practice inclusion by visiting and sharing meals with people living in low-income housing, who are often isolated due to the stigmas of mental illness, addictions and poverty. The ministry also provides educational workshops for faith communities on how to be more welcoming and supportive to people who have experienced mental illness and trauma.

*Presbyterians Sharing cares for vulnerable people*

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** - Pray for City Centre Presbyterian Church in Surrey, British Columbia, as they lead a new outreach ministry offering support and hope to those living in poverty.

**STEWARDSHIP** - The most important aspect of tithing and stewardship is not the raising of money for the church, but the development of devoted Christians. ~ *Fred M. Wood, author*

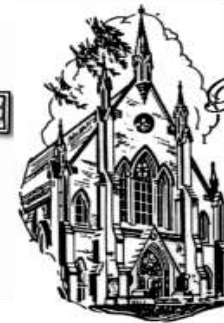


I Breastfeed.

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.*

**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany - February 24, 2019**

*\*Please stand if able*

## GATHERING



Prelude

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

\*Call to Worship:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in him and he will act.

**Be still before the Lord,  
and wait patiently before him.**

\*Hymn: Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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Prayer of Adoration: (*said together*):

**O God, Source of Life, we adore you.**

**In your Son Jesus Christ, you have bridged the gap  
between heaven and earth;**

**you have broken down the dividing wall of hostility  
among human beings.**

**You desire reconciliation and new life for all peoples  
and the whole creation.**

**Awed by your power,  
awakened by your love,  
encouraged by your hope,  
we worship you and seek to serve you;  
through Jesus Christ the Crucified and Risen One.**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: (Romans 5:8,10)

God proves his love for us in that while we  
still were sinners Christ died for us. . .

If while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God  
through the death of his Son, much more surely,  
having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

**Thanks be to God who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

### EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

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

### **RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40**

<sup>1</sup> Do not fret because of the wicked;

do not be envious of wrongdoers,

<sup>2</sup> for they will soon fade like the grass,

and wither like the green herb.

<sup>3</sup> **Trust in the LORD, and do good;**

**so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.**

<sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

<sup>5</sup> **Commit your way to the LORD;**

**trust in him, and he will act.**

<sup>6</sup> He will make your vindication shine like the light,

and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

<sup>7</sup> **Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;**

**do not fret over those who prosper in their way,**

**over those who carry out evil devices.**

<sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.

Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

<sup>9</sup> **For the wicked shall be cut off,**

**but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.**

<sup>10</sup> Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;

though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

<sup>11</sup> **But the meek shall inherit the land,**

**and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.**

<sup>39</sup> The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;

he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

<sup>40</sup> **The LORD helps them and rescues them;**

**he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,**

**because they take refuge in him.**

\*Hymn: Jesus bids us shine

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Community Conversation

The Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

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

Sermon: "The challenging heart of the gospel"

\*Hymn: Lord of life and Lord of nations

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### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

\*Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

### SENDING

\*Hymn: Thy kingdom come--on bended knee 784

\*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 Don Knox. Our Scripture reader is Val Macdonald. Our refreshment host is Linda MacLeod.

## Announcements cont'd

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

### THIS WEEK – February 24 - March 3

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| Today  | 11 a.m. Worship<br>Noon Refreshments             |
| Friday | David's Place                                    |
| Sunday | 9 a.m. Communion; 11 a.m. Worship with Communion |

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

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for **March 10** after the 11 a.m. service. All committee reports or other information should have been already sent to Mac Fyfe (Forest.Fyfe@dal.ca). Thank you.

"Gentlemen, get your aprons on. We will again have our popular **Mens' Soup Contest** this year, after worship and before the Annual Meeting on **Sunday, March 10**. Please speak to Gary Smith to register. Ladies, you don't get off easy. Please make sandwiches or sweets to go with the soup. Many thanks!"

### Attention Children and Youth!

We need your artwork for **The Presbyterian Church in Canada's 2020 wall calendar**. Send in drawings and paintings of your church, church events, worship and anything else that inspires you to create!  
**Deadline Extended: March 22, 2019**

You can mail originals to the office or [email](mailto:sbrade@presbyterian.ca) high-resolution images to [sbrade@presbyterian.ca](mailto:sbrade@presbyterian.ca).

**Phoenix House** - Once again Saint David's is asked to support the Inter-Denominational **"Food for Phoenix" healthy Snack Programme** for at-risk youth. This is a once-a-year financial contribution for one week's supplies. Cost per week is approximately \$175.00 but any amount is greatly appreciated by Phoenix House. Anyone wishing to contribute toward this programme is asked to give donations to Anne Sommerville (Income Tax Receipts issued).

**The Organ** - Work is under way once again on the organ upgrade. At the moment the new main console is being built. You can help by making a donation of any size to **The Organ Upgrade Fund**. Thank you for your generosity.

**A World Premiere! - Tuesday, March 5, 7:30 p.m. at Saint David's**  
Come be part of a special occasion where 12 musicians will breathe life for the very first time into a **brand-new Canadian chamber symphony!** With the joint force of conductor-extraordinaire Clyde Mitchell, a wind quintet and a string quintet, award-winning and 8-time Leo-nominated composer Christopher Nickel will take us on a journey through the soundscape of his imagination! Hosted by Valerie & Roderick Macdonald for *Inner Space*, the house concert series directed by Jack Chen. Tickets available on line at [innerspaceconcerts.ca](http://innerspaceconcerts.ca) or by calling 902-402-1125. Special discount code available for Saint David's members. Speak to Val for further information.

**Join a movement with Streams of Justice!** All are invited to join KAIROS Atlantic from May 2-5, 2019, in ***Streams of Justice***, a diverse, inter-generational gathering at Mount Allison University in Sackville, NB on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. Develop advocacy skills. Explore the work of KAIROS. Create meaningful connections. People from all ranges of age, experience, ability, background, and faiths are welcomed into this space to continue an active dialogue on Migrant Justice, Ecological Justice, Indigenous Rights, the KAIROS Blanket Exercise, and Women of Courage. The Presbyterian Church in Canada is a member of KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives.

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### **Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.  
<sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.  
<sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> God sent me before

you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

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

### **Luke 6:27-38**

<sup>27</sup> "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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