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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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MISSION MOMENTS - International Women's Day (March 8)

Access to information and services for reproductive health rights remains a significant challenge for women around the world, especially in poor communities. Many women are not able to decide if or when they have children, or how many. Girls forced into early marriages are made vulnerable to sexually transmitted infections and early pregnancy. It is proven time and again that empowering women helps improve economic growth and development—part of this must be access to necessary health services and the ability to make decisions about their bodies. PWS&D is responding in India to raise awareness of sexual and reproductive health and provide women and girls with a network of support so they can decide their own futures.

PWS&D ensures health, education and safety for women

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - Pray that God blesses the members of the Life and Mission Agency Committee with wisdom, good humour, courage and insight as they meet this week.

STEWARDSHIP - A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water. *Proverbs 11:25*



! 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.

The Transfiguration of Our Lord - March 3, 2019

**Please stand if able*

GATHERING



Prelude

Introit: *O Nata Lux* - Thomas Tallis

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Extol the Lord our God,

and worship at his holy mountain;

for the Lord our God is holy.

*Hymn: Holy, holy, holy

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Prayer of Adoration: *(said together)*:

Holy God, you brought light out of darkness at the creation.

Your glory shone as Moses received your law for the people.

You lead us by the light of your truth

into the way of righteousness and peace.

Your mercy in Jesus shines like a lamp in the night,

giving us courage and hope.
In Jesus' face, we have glimpsed your glory.
In his life, we see your love. We praise you.
God of light and love, transfigure us by your Spirit,
and let your love shine in all we do and say.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: (said responsively) [*I Jn. 1:5,7*]

"God is light, and there is no darkness at all in him. . . .

**If we live in the light—just as he is in the light—
then we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus, his Son,
purifies us from every sin." Thanks be to God!**

EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 99

¹The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

²The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

³**Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!**

⁴Mighty King, lover of justice,

you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵**Extol the LORD our God;**

worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

⁶Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

⁷**He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;**

they kept his decrees,

and the statutes that he gave them.

⁸O LORD our God, you answered them;

you were a forgiving God to them,

but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

⁹**Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy.**

*Hymn: You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd 356

Community Conversation

The Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

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

Sermon: "Just beyond the range of normal sight"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Announcements

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

*Hymn: Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour 541

The Offering

Anthem: *Turn Thy Face From my Sins* - Thomas Attwood

*Doxology (830), Apostle's Creed (539), Prayer of Dedication

The Peace: (Response - **And also with you.**)

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving: 564

including The Lord's Prayer (*Ecumenical Version*)

Breaking the Bread, Lifting The Cup

Communion

The Grace (Response - **And also with you.**), Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn: Be thou my vision 461

*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 Davida Mackay. Our refreshment hosts are The Choir.

**THIS WEEK – March 3 to 10**

|               |                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Today</b>  | 11 a.m. Worship<br>Noon Refreshments                                                            |
| <b>Friday</b> | David's Place                                                                                   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | 9 a.m. Communion<br>11 a.m. Worship (Food Bank Sunday) - Soup Contest Lunch<br>& Annual Meeting |

**Introit:** *O Nata Lux* - Thomas Tallis

O nata lux de lumine,  
Jesu redemptor saeculi,  
Dignare clemens supplicum  
Laudes precesque sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi  
Dignatus es pro perditis,  
Nos membra confer effici  
Tui beati corporis.

O Light born of Light,  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
with loving-kindness deign to receive  
suppliant praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh  
for the sake of the lost,  
grant us to be members  
of thy blessed body.

**Anthem:** *Turn Thy Face From my Sins* - Thomas Attwood

Turn thy face from my sins,  
and put out all my misdeeds.  
Make me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence,  
and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

## Announcements cont'd

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for next Sunday, **March 10** after the 11 a.m. service. Annual reports are available today.

"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!"

**Next Sunday is Food Bank Sunday** - Please remember our guests at David's Place. Canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, spaghetti and sauce, individual packages of puddings, fruit, and hot chocolate would be most appreciated--along with grocery bags. Thank you.

### 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.

**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 **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 active dialogue on Migrant Justice, Ecological Justice, Indigenous Rights, the KAIROS Blanket Exercise, and Women of Courage. For details go to [www.kairoscanada.org/atlanticgathering](http://www.kairoscanada.org/atlanticgathering). The Presbyterian Church in Canada is a member of KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives.

**Rainbow Communion** is the special LGBTQI Listening Committee of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Its mandate is to offer a safe and respectful, confidential environment in order to encourage people to tell stories of harm done to them within and by the church because of homophobia, heterosexism and transphobia; and to share stories of God's grace experienced by them and through them in Christian ministry, even in the midst of challenges they have faced.

The Listening Committee consists of 7 members drawn from across the church reflecting the diversity of the denomination and includes 2 members who identify as LGBTQI.

Two members of the Listening Committee will be available in Atlantic Canada May 10, 11, 12 to meet with any who wish to tell their story. The local member is the Rev. Michael Veenema of Canning NS. You may contact him at [veenema.m@gmail.com](mailto:veenema.m@gmail.com) to arrange a time. Rainbow Communion also has a dedicated extension at church offices for confidential voicemail 1-800-619-7301 ext. 300, and an e-mail address not associated in any way with The PCC's communication infrastructure at [rainbowcommunion@gmail.com](mailto:rainbowcommunion@gmail.com)

### **Exodus 34:29-35**

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

### **Luke 9:28-36**

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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