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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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MISSION MOMENTS - Furthering God's work

Called to respond to suffering caused by disasters and conflict across the globe, the mission and outreach committee of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church in Ontario hosted a pancake breakfast fundraiser last year in support of Presbyterian World Service & Development's emergency relief projects. They raised \$300 for PWS&D, which will help save and improve the lives of those living in crisis situations throughout the globe. "Helping communities around the world overcome poverty is what God wants us to do," shared Susan Johnson, elder at Richmond Hill and organizer of the event. "We are humbled and grateful to be able to assist The Presbyterian Church in Canada in furthering God's work."

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - Please pray for PWS&D's refugee sponsorship program that assists congregations as they welcome those escaping conflict, poverty and persecution.

STEWARDSHIP - Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. *Colossians 3:15*

Saint David's is on Facebook and Twitter. Search in the platform for "Saint David's Presbyterian Church Halifax." If you click on "follow" on the church's page in either Facebook or Twitter, you will get updates from the church in your feeds.



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.

The Second Sunday in Lent - March 17, 2019

**Please stand if able*

GATHERING



Prelude

Introit: *Lord, I trust Thee* - G.F. Handel

*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.

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;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

*Hymn: Holy, holy, holy 299

Prayer of Confession

Spoken Response: L> Holy God,

**ALL> Holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Sung Prayer: (Sung twice)

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

Assurance of Pardon

PWS&D Lenten Liturgy

EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

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: Fairest Lord Jesus 375

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"

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

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: 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 Phyllis Morrison. Our refreshment host is Anne Somerville.

**THIS WEEK – March 17 to 24**

|              |                           |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Today</b> | 11 a.m. Worship           |
|              | Noon Refreshments         |
| Wednesday    | 7 p.m. Property Committee |
| Friday       | David's Place             |
| Sunday       | 9 a.m. Communion          |
|              | 11 a.m. Worship           |

**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.

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Introit: *Lord, I trust Thee* - G.F. Handel

Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee.
Ah! thou friend of man, restore me!
On thy loving grace relying,
For the bread of life I'm sighing.
Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease,
Fill my heart with joy and endless peace.
When the breath of life has left me,
May my soul be blended with thee.

Anthem: *Remember not, Lord, our offences* - Henry Purcell

Remember not, Lord, our offences,
nor the offences of our forefathers;
neither take thou vengeance of our sins:
spare us, good Lord, spare thy people,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood,
and be not angry with us for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

Announcements cont'd

Clean Up Day - Saturday March 23rd at 9:30 a.m. Its that time again to freshen up St. David's for Easter - polishing, painting, touching up etc. Volunteers needed. Looking forward to seeing you there. Contact Colin MacPherson.

***New Beginnings Next Step* - Next Sunday, March 24**, you are invited to continue the conversation on Saint David's future life and mission. **Worship at 11 a.m.** will prepare us for **lunch** and a sharing of ideas. "Voices" from the February community consultation will join with your voices as we imagine together where God is leading us. Please plan to stay and enjoy the companionship and the exploration.

On **Sunday, March 31**, the Saint David's and Friends **Sunday Suppers** group will prepare 16 casseroles that will provide hot meals to between 250 and 300 people. It takes two hours to prepare and bake the casserole, and a little more time to deliver it hot to Saint Andrews Church at about 4:30. If you would like to prepare or deliver a casserole, or to serve at the meal, call Nicole Watkins Campbell at 902-266-5878.

A most sincere **THANK YOU** to those who contributed towards the very important **Food for Phoenix Program**. For several decades March or April has been the designated month for Halifax Presbyterian participation, part of an interdenominational support group for Phoenix House. Approximately 50 youth and young adults (including single mothers) visit Phoenix House daily for support.

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

You 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.

The King's Chorus - Spring Chorus "IKOS" on **Sunday March 24** at 4 pm at the Cathedral Church of All Saints. Music for the Annunciation by Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff, and more. Tickets may be purchased at the King's Co-op Bookstore, tickethalifax.com, or kingschorus.com

PWS&D Responds to Malawi Floods

Recent heavy rains caused flooding to parts of southern Malawi. The deluge has damaged infrastructure and affected electricity and water supplies. Water sources have been contaminated and water-borne diseases, as well as cholera and malaria outbreaks, are posing serious health risks. Dozens of people have died and hundreds of thousands have been impacted. The number of people continues to rise as more information becomes available.

PWS&D is in close contact with partners in the affected area who are monitoring the situation and coordinating a response to meet the most immediate needs like food, emergency non-food items, shelter, and water and sanitation services. **Please continue to keep the people and communities in southern Malawi in your prayers.** As needs are being assessed, PWS&D is accepting donations to help bring relief to those suffering in the wake of flooding. **Please mark donations as "Malawi floods."**

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.

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 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

First Presbyterian, Pictou is hosting a **Leading with Care Workshop** on **Saturday, May 25** from 10:00 am to noon with David Phillips, Leading With Care Administrator, from our National Office. (Gathering over coffee & tea at 9:30 am.) All churches and camps within the bounds of the Pictou, Cape Breton, Halifax-Lunenburg, and PEI Presbyteries are invited. If you are interested in attending, please contact Chris MacDonald at 902.485.4011 or g.macdonald@eastlink.ca by May 22nd. Leading with Care is a policy for ensuring a climate of safety for children, youth and vulnerable adults in the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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### **Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup> But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup> He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates. . . .

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