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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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MISSION MOMENTS - Rebuilding businesses and dreams

In Malawi, Lucia and her husband care for their six orphaned grandchildren. It's a lot of work to meet the needs of a large family, but Lucia was earning a good income running a grocery store—a dream she'd always had. When her husband fell ill, Lucia used all her earnings to pay hospital bills and could no longer afford her grandchildren's school fees. When her husband was discharged, Lucia had no money left to rebuild the business she loved. An answer to her prayers, Lucia received a loan to get her store running again through a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported self-help group. "I was worried about how I would pay school fees and provide for my grandchildren's basic needs," Lucia said. "Self-help groups have really helped."

PWS&D empowers families out of poverty

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - Pray for all people who use their gifts and expertise to support congregational life.

STEWARDSHIP - The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. *Ghandi (1869-1948), activist*

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.

Second Sunday of Easter - April 28, 2019

**Please stand if able*

GATHERING



Prelude

Introit

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!**

*Prayer of Adoration: *(said together)*

Glory to you, O God:

**on this first day of the week you began creation,
bringing light out of darkness.**

**On this first day you began your new creation,
raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.**

**On this Lord's day we join with all your works
in praising you for your great glory.
Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit,
we praise you now and forever. Amen.**

*HYMN: The day of resurrection 249

EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

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

Responsive Reading Psalm 150

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!

² **Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

³ Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ **Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!**

⁵ Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ **Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!**

Praise the LORD!

*Hymn: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord 260

Community Conversation

The Revelation of St. John 1:4-8

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

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

Sermon: "Doxology"

*Hymn: O Lord, thou art my God and King 103

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

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

*Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

SENDING

*Hymn: Thine be the glory 258

*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 Jamie Campbell. Our Scripture reader is Barend Kamperman. Our refreshment hosts are Heidi Schaefer and the New Beginnings leaders.

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

**THIS WEEK – April 21 to 28**

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| <b>Today</b>  | 11 a.m. Worship followed by New Beginnings chat & lunch                    |
| <b>Friday</b> | David's Place                                                              |
| <b>Sunday</b> | 11 a.m. Worship - Mission Awareness Sunday<br>(No 9 a.m. service on May 5) |

***New Beginnings Next Step*** - Today, you are invited to continue the conversation on Saint David's future life and mission. **Following worship**, please stay for **lunch** and a sharing of ideas. With the many wonderful ideas gathered on March 24, today's chat will consider the questions:

How do the ideas generated on March 24 point us to the shape of leadership required for Saint David's?

What kind of congregation do we need to be in order to serve in our community?

What kind of leadership do we already have in place and how might it be nurtured?

Please plan to stay and enjoy the companionship as we imagine together where God is leading us.

## Announcements cont'd

**Next Sunday, May 5 is Mission Awareness Sunday.** Two speakers will tell us about the impact of our work in Halifax. Coverdale Courtwork Society helps women and girls involved with the justice system, and Phoenix helps youth and their families to thrive. Both have received grants from our Helen M. Watson Fund as well as other help from members of our congregation. The Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to a celebration of your work in our neighbourhood on May 5.

**Coverdale Courtwork Society** has launched its annual **Mothers Day Appeal**. If you would like to contribute their wish list is on the back post. It is their firm belief that when you help the mother, you help the child.

**The flowers** this morning are placed by Valerie, Roderick, Sarah and Neil Macdonald in memory of Val's mother Dixie McBride.

**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.

**Rainbow Communion** - Two members of the special LGBTQI Listening Committee of The Presbyterian Church in Canada will be in Atlantic Canada **May 10, 11, 12** to meet with any who wish to tell their story in a safe and respectful, confidential environment regarding harm done to them within and by the church because of homophobia, heterosexism and transphobia; or God's grace experienced by them and through them in Christian ministry, even in the midst of challenges they have faced. The local member is the Rev. Michael Veenema of Canning NS. 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 at [rainbowcommunion@gmail.com](mailto:rainbowcommunion@gmail.com)

First Presbyterian, Pictou is hosting a **Leading with Care Workshop** on **Saturday, May 25**, 10 am to noon with David Phillips, Leading With Care Administrator, from our National Office. (Gathering over coffee & tea at 9:30 am.) If you are interested in attending, please contact Chris MacDonald at 902.485.4011 or [g.macdonald@eastlink.ca](mailto:g.macdonald@eastlink.ca) by May 22nd.

**Geddie Spageddie: Saturday, May 25**, 4-6 pm at Camp Geddie, 3555 Shore Road, Merigomish. Enjoy a relaxed meal of spaghetti with sauce (meat or vegetarian), salad and dessert. Admission by free will offering.

**Join a movement with Streams of Justice!** All are invited to join KAIROS Atlantic **May 2-5, 2019**, in ***Streams of Justice***, a 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 Pres. Church in Canada is a member of KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives.

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Acts 5:27-32

²⁷ When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

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

Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:
Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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