



PASTORAL CARE

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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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MISSION MOMENTS - World Health Day (April 7)

Good health starts with good nutrition—especially for young children. In a poor village in Haiti, one-year-old Marcellus was losing weight rapidly and had a persistent cough. Because of crop losses, his single mother was struggling to feed the little boy and his five siblings. She knew Marcellus needed medical attention, but the price of transport to the closest health facility was more than she could afford. Hope came to Marcellus's mother in the form of a mobile clinic supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development and other Canadian Foodgrains Bank members. There, Marcellus received a nutrient-rich food supplement called Nourimanba, antibiotics and multivitamins. Marcellus is no longer malnourished and is on course to grow up healthy and strong.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - Pray for those who receive and count our offerings, that they feel God's blessing as they do this important task.

STEWARDSHIP - To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch Heaven. *Johannes Gaertner (1912-1996), poet, theologian, professor*

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.



! 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.



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 Fifth Sunday in Lent - April 7, 2019

**Please stand if able*

GATHERING

Prelude

Introit: *Confitebor Tibi (Plainchant for the fifth week of Lent)*

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: [Ps. 126:3,5]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

*Prayer of Adoration: (said together)

**O Lord, you have done great things for us
and we rejoice in you.**

**By your extravagant love made known in Jesus
you have lifted us up from the mire of sin
into the freedom of forgiven people.**

Thank you for touching us with grace and beauty



so that life is worth the living.
All glory be to you, O God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn: Jesus, the very thought of thee 367

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: Isaiah 43:16-21

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

²**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,**

“The LORD has done great things for them.”

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

⁵May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

*Hymn: When God restored our common life 87

Community Conversation

The Letters: Philippians 3:4b-14

The Gospel: John 12:1-8

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

Sermon: "Forward to what lies ahead"

*Hymn: The church of Christ, in every age 486

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness* (Book of Praise 533)

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

*Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

SENDING

*Hymn: O Master, let me walk with thee 642

*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 PWS&D Lenten Liturgy reader is Barend Kamperman and Scripture reader is Nancy Tindall. Our refreshment hosts are the Davis family.

#### **THIS WEEK –April 7 to 14**

|              |                                                        |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Today</b> | 11 a.m. Worship<br>Noon Refreshments                   |
| Wednesday    | 7 p.m. Session Meeting                                 |
| Friday       | David's Place                                          |
| Sunday       | 9 a.m. Communion<br>11 a.m. Worship & Food Bank Sunday |

**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.

the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

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

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Introit: *Confitebor Tibi* (Plainchant for the fifth week of Lent)

*Confitebor tibi, Domine, in toto corde meo.
Retribuere servo tuo, ut vivam et custodiam sermones tuos.
Vivifica me secundum verbum tuum, Domine.*

I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart.
O do well unto thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.
Quicken me according to thy will, O Lord.

Announcements cont'd

Next Sunday is Food Bank Sunday. Our guests at David's Place appreciate all that we share with them, but the following items would be particularly useful: toilet paper, grocery bags, canned soups and individual packages of fruit or puddings. We are also looking forward to prepare for a ban on plastic grocery bags. If you are getting rid of cloth bags, we would be happy to have you consider us. Thank you for your generosity.

Tuesday, April 16, 2 p.m. - 'A Celebration of the Life of Winifred (Peggy) Corkum' at The Presbyterian Church of Saint David.

Members of Symphony Nova Scotia and Musique Royale, as well as members of Saint David's, will share in the service led by Iona MacLean. Musicians include Christine Feierabend, *flute*; Suzanne Lemieux, *oboe*; Max Kasper, *double bass*; Ian Bent, *piano*; Janelle Lucyk, *soprano*; and Simon Blake leading Saint David's Choir. Pianist Peter Allen performs Chopin's *Barcarolle* on the Yamaha grand piano which Peggy so generously donated to Saint David's. Everyone is welcome.

Holy Week Morning Services with Breakfast

Everyone is welcome to ecumenical services during Holy Week hosted by different South End churches. All services will begin at 7:30 am followed by a continental breakfast at 8 am.

Monday, April 15 - All Saints Cathedral (1330 Cathedral Lane)

Tuesday, April 16 - First Baptist Church Halifax (1300 Oxford Street)

Wednesday, April 17 - St. Mary's Basilica (5221 Spring Garden Road)

Holy Week Services continued:

Maundy Thursday, April 18 - 7 p.m. **Communion** at Saint David's in partnership with Calvin Church

Good Friday, April 19 - 10:30 a.m. **Joint Service** at St. John's United Church, Maritime Conservatory on Chebucto St., with First Baptist, St. Andrew's United, and Saint David's.

Easter Services, April 21

Easter Sunrise, 6:15 a.m. at Black Rock Beach, Point Pleasant Park

Easter Sunday Breakfast Potluck, 9:30 a.m. at Saint David's

Easter Sunday 11 a.m. Worship with Communion

(No 9 a.m. service on April 21)

The **2019 KAIROS Atlantic Gathering**, May 2-5 at Mount Allison: public Mass Blanket Exercise with hundreds of people, a daily sunrise service & continuous Sacred Fire, elder care by Andrea Cofler, opening keynote & theological workshops by Executive Director Jennifer Henry, a Latin American feast with global partner Kelly Campo, opportunity to delve deeper into a Stream of KAIROS' work (acknowledged with a certificate of completion) helped by regional elders & guest speakers, advocacy workshops and more! Children's program available. 40 subsidies left. Details & registration: www.kairoscanada.org/atlanticgathering

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 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**, 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 by May 22nd.

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### **Isaiah 43:16-21**

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,

<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

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

### **Philippians 3:4b-14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

<sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;  
<sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

### **John 12:1-8**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of