



## PASTORAL CARE

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## Our Vision

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

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## MISSION MOMENTS - Envisioning malaria-free communities

In Thimalala village in Malawi, Jimmy Gondwe was not sleeping well. He was concerned about the mosquitoes inside his home, fearing they carried the deadly malaria virus. While malaria rates have gone down in Malawi, it remains a significant health challenge, especially among pregnant women and children. Malaria-carrying mosquitoes mostly bite at night, with more than 80 per cent of transmission occurring indoors. To help ensure more households stay healthy and malaria-free, a Presbyterian World Service & Development project is helping to safely treat homes with insecticide. Jimmy reports that since the project, he feels safer inside his home—a now mosquito-free environment. "I am grateful for the support," Jimmy said. *PWS&D envisions malaria-free communities*

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** - Pray for the staff in the General Assembly Office as they prepare for the upcoming General Assembly.

**STEWARDSHIP** - For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *Matthew 6:21*

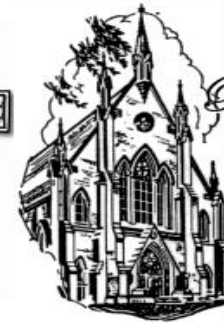
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I Breastfeed.

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.*

**Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 12, 2019**

***Christian Family Sunday***

*\*Please stand if able*

## GATHERING

Prelude

Introit: "Emerald Stream" Seth Houston

\*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)*

**Great and Good God,**

**in Jesus Christ you have won the victory  
over all that can hurt or destroy.**

**You lead us to springs of life-giving water  
and wipe away every tear from our eyes.**



**You know us by name  
and call us into life that is full and eternal.  
All glory and praise, thanksgiving and love  
be to you, O God, forever!  
We worship you in the name of Jesus, our Shepherd.  
Amen.**

\*HYMN: My shepherd is the King of love 691

### EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

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

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> **He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;**

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;**

**for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

\*Hymn: Happy the home when God is there 703  
Community Conversation

The Revelation of St. John 7:9-17

The Gospel: John 10:22-30

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

Sermon: "Who are we?"

\*Hymn: Christ is alive 251

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: "Cantique de Jean Racine" Gabriel Faure

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

\*Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

### SENDING

\*Hymn: We are God's people 472

\*"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Peter Lutkin

\*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 Johannah Roberts. Our Scripture reader is Davida Mackay. Our refreshment hosts are. Anne Sommerville and Val Macdonald

**We welcome** to Saint David's the Rev. Sydney McDonald as our pulpit supply today. Sydney is a retired Presbyterian minister who served charges in Ontario, Alberta and at Calvin Church, Halifax.

We also welcome the **Centenary College Choir** from Shreveport LA.. Though they have sung in 32 countries on 6 continents, the choir is on its first-ever tour of Canada exploring "The "Deep Roots" of their Louisiana-French-Acadian heritage." We thank them for taking part in the service. They will offer a short concert after the service.

**THIS WEEK – May 12 to 19**

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| <b>Today</b> | 11 a.m. Worship  |
| Friday       | David's Place    |
| Sunday       | 9 a.m. Communion |
|              | 11 a.m. Worship  |

## Announcements cont'd

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

**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.

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.

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### Acts 9:36-43

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints

and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

### **Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

### **John 10:22-30**

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long

will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one."

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

**Anthem** *Verbe, égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,  
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux ;  
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence,  
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux !*

*Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante,  
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix ;  
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante,  
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois !*

*O Christ, sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle  
Pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé.  
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle,  
Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé !*

O Word, equal of the Most High,  
Our sole hope, eternal day of earth and the heavens,  
We break the silence of the peaceful night.  
Divine Saviour, cast Thine eyes upon us!

Shed the light of Thy mighty grace upon us.  
Let all Hell flee at the sound of Thy voice.  
Dispel the slumber of a languishing soul  
That leads it to the forgetting of Thy laws!

O Christ, be favorable unto this faithful people  
Now gathered to bless Thee.  
Receive the hymns it offers unto Thine immortal glory  
And may it return laden with Thy gifts.