PASTORAL CARE

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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community Mailing Address: 36061 RPO Spring Garden Halifax, NS B3J 3S9 Organist: (Nick Veltmeyer) nick.veltmeyer@gmail.com Office: stdavids.office@ns.sympatico.ca Telephone: (902) 423-1944 Web site: www.saintdavids.ca

MISSION MOMENTS - Family-style worship

With support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, Family Church of Heritage Green in Stoney Creek, ON is a community of faith offering family-style worship that includes all. From songs and prayers written with kids in mind to interactive activities that draw the gathered community into God's presence, every service brings families together while putting Christ at the centre. All programs in the church, such as kids club, youth leadership-in-training and parent support groups, work towards the goal of supporting local families while building lasting relationships. *Presbyterians Sharing supports new congregations*

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - (*Healing and Reconciliation Sunday*) Pray for the continued efforts to respond to the Truth & Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action. Ask God to give strength to people striving for a Canada where Indigenous rights are honoured and healing can flourish.

STEWARDSHIP - And now, our God, we give thanks to you, and praise your glorious name. *1 Chronicles 29:13*

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.

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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.

> Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 26, 2019 Healing and Reconciliation Sunday *Please stand if able

GATHERING

Prelude
*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)

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. You have dealt wondrously with us; you are in our midst. You are our God and there is no other. In raising Jesus from the dead you declare that life in all its fullness is victorious. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN: God of mercy, God of grace

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EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination First Reading: Acts 16:9-15 One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading Psalm 67

 ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
 ² that your way may be known upon earth,

your saving power among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God continue to bless us;
 let all the ends of the earth revere him.

*Hymn: To show by touch and word Community Conversation

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The Revelation of St. John 21:10 & 21:22 - 22:5 The Gospel: John 5:1-9 *One: The Gospel of the Lord.* All: Praise to you, O Christ. Sermon: "Do you want to be healed?" *Hymn: For the healing of the nations 736

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and OfferingsMusical Selection: Prelude in F Sharp Major, OP 87, no. 13*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"**830**

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

SENDING

*Hymn: Thy kingdom come--on bended knee 784 *Benediction (... *be with you all*. **And also with you.**) Postlude: Les Baricades Misterieuses Francois Couperin

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 Barend Kamperman. Our refreshment host is Vanora Haldane.

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.

THIS WEEK – May 26 to June 2

| Today | 11 a.m. Worship |
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| Friday | David's Place |
| Sunday | 11 a.m. Worship David's Place 9 a.m. Communion |
| | 11 a.m. Worship with Communion |

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.

Marathon Sunday, June 9. As a means to participate in the Marathon festivities, we will be opening the church for several hours before the service at 4 pm and offering refreshments to anyone who drops in. If you would like to be one of the greeters, or can provide some sweets for our guests, please contact Valerie Macdonald or Margot Knox.

Announcements cont'd

Message from the Finance Committee: Up to April 30, \$7,001 has been received for Presbyterians Sharing. This is 35% of our \$20,000 target. Last year on this date we had 41% of our target.

\$3,376 has been received for PWS & D.

A recent newsletter from Presbyterians Sharing is posted on the divider at the back. It shares stories about the New Beginnings and reVision programs, helping refugees here in Canada and in Hungary and responding to floods in Malawi. All of these activities of the national church are made possible by our gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

Purse Project: Coverdale is collecting new and gently used purses and bags. They will be filled with personal care supplies and given to women newly released from correctional facilities. Purses and other items can be dropped of Mon-Friday 9-4:30 at 6169 Quinpool Rd. Suite 203 or you can e-mail them at <u>coverdale@eastlink.ca</u> or call 902-422-6417 to have the items picked up.

Acts 16:9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat

down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

Revelation 21:10, 21:22 - 22:5

¹⁰ And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

<u>John 5:1-9</u>

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a

long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷ The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." ⁸ Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." ⁹ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.

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