



## PASTORAL CARE

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## Our Vision

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

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## MISSION MOMENTS - Learning and healing

For students in Central India, higher education is too often a distant dream. Many nurses who aspire to enhance their skills cannot afford the tuition. With support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, the MIBE Graduate School for Nurses in Indore offers partial scholarships which help to make advanced education accessible. This Christian school offers a Post-Basic Bachelor of Nursing degree, equipping men and women to become educators, administrators and leaders in nursing. It even attracts students from other faiths, as they appreciate the emphasis on academic excellence, learning in a collegial environment and compassion in health care. As anyone who has been ill knows, compassion and competence are essential skills to care for the whole person.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** - Instances of violence stemming from racism or religious-based hatred have been on the rise in many places. We pray for an end to violence and for a spirit of love and peace to move among us.

**STEWARDSHIP** - Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. *1 Peter 4:10*

**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*

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Halifax, N.S.

**Interim Moderator:** Iona MacLean

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**Summer Accompanist:** Brogan Cameron; **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.*

**12th Sunday after Pentecost - September 1, 2019**

*\*Please stand if able*

## GATHERING

Prelude: *Largo* - G. F. Händel

Introit: *O let me in th'accepted hour* - Joseph Haydn

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

\*Call to Worship: [*Psalm 81:1-2*]

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Sing aloud to God our strength;  
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

**Raise a song, sound the tambourine,  
the sweet lyre with the harp.**

\*Prayer of Adoration: (*said together*):

**Gracious Creator, in love you have made all that is.**

**You desire harmony for all your creatures.**

**We praise you for your love and kindness.**

**You call us into relationship with you  
and through Jesus Christ make it possible.**

**We praise you for your forgiveness and grace.  
 You lead us by your Spirit into new levels of understanding  
 and commitment to your Gospel.  
 We praise you for your guidance and strength.  
 Receive our worship and ourselves  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn: We praise you, Creator 304

Prayer of Confession  
 Assurance of Pardon (*responsive*)  
 God who made us is with us still  
 and in Jesus Christ has promised to be with us always.  
 Be assured of God's enduring love and forgiveness.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**EQUIPPING**

Sung Prayer for Illumination: Open my eyes 500 verse 1 & Refrain  
 First Reading: Jeremiah 2:4-13  
*One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.*  
 Community Conversation  
 \*Hymn: For the beauty of the earth 434  
 The Letters: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
 The Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14  
*One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ.*  
 Sermon: "Profitable living"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
 Anthem: *Ave Verum Corpus* - Mozart.  
 \*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" 306  
 \*Offertory Prayer  
 Announcements  
 Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

**SENDING**

\*Hymn: Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go 652  
 \*Benediction (... *be with you all. And also with you.*)  
 Postlude: *Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum* - Debussy  
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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 refreshments today are in the form of a "bring your own" picnic on the old library grounds next door. All welcome.

**THIS WEEK – September 1 to September 8**

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| <b>Today</b> | 10:30 a.m. Worship & Ecumenical Picnic                                        |
| Friday       | David's Place                                                                 |
| Sunday       | 11 a.m. Service (note change back to regular time)<br><i>Food Bank Sunday</i> |

There will be **no 9 a.m.** service until after Thanksgiving.

**Next Sunday, September 8, is Food Bank Sunday.** We are in urgent need of bolstering our toilet paper supply. As well, our guests appreciate light weight men's socks, shampoo, deodorant, canned soup, beans, fish, meat, and fruit, pasta and sauce, individual puddings, juice and tea. Thank you for remembering our guests at David's Place

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*Eco Justice Fair - Saturday, Sept 14, 10 am – 3 pm  
 Victoria Park, Halifax*

- Displays and activities
- Everything from reducing your carbon footprint to climate change advocacy
- Artistic expressions of appreciation for creation (music, poetry, visual art)
- Opportunities to engage in spiritual practice with a focus on caring for creation
- Come and hear engaging, dynamic speakers.

*Thanks to all the environmental groups participating. If it rains, the Fair will be located in the Diocesan Centre across the road at 1340 Cathedral Lane, Halifax*

*Organized by the Environment Network, Anglican Diocese of NS&PEI & Kairos Halifax*

**See you there!**

**Announcements cont'd**

Nor leave him sinking in the deep.

Hear, Lord, and to my soul display  
Thy mercy's all-enliv'ning ray:  
Look down, eternal God, look down;  
Behold me, but without a frown.

Ne'er to thy servant's longing eye  
Thy face, amidst my foes, deny:  
Haste to my aid, O haste thee near;  
Release my soul from hostile fear.

**Anthem - Ave Verum Corpus - Mozart.**

*Ave, verum corpus natum  
de Maria Virgine:  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine:  
cuius latus perforatum  
unda fluxit et sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum,  
in mortis examine.*

Hail the true body, born  
of the Virgin Mary:  
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed  
on the cross for the sake of man.  
From whose pierced flank  
flowed water and blood:  
Be a foretaste for us  
in the trial of death.

**Tuesdays at Saint David's** - Given the success of this during the summer, we will continue to open the doors of the church for people who wish to stop in to visit. **Every Tuesday from 12:00 noon until 2:00 pm**, two of our members will be on hand to welcome visitors, whether they be residents of Halifax or tourists visiting our city. We will encourage them to enjoy the sanctuary, and to stay for a time of rest, relaxation or prayer. If you can help with this ministry of hospitality, please speak to Gary Smith.

**Music Fund:** This fund helps support our wonderful choristers and cover the costs of music supplies. You can make a donation using your offering envelope, or any envelope. Thank you.

**The Organ** - Work continues on the organ upgrade. You can help by making a donation of any size to **The Organ Upgrade Fund**. Thank you.



**Jeremiah 2:4-13**

<sup>4</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me  
that they went far from me,  
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

<sup>6</sup>They did not say, "Where is the LORD  
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,  
who led us in the wilderness,  
in a land of deserts and pits,  
in a land of drought and deep darkness,  
in a land that no one passes through,  
where no one lives?"

<sup>7</sup>I brought you into a plentiful land  
to eat its fruits and its good things.  
But when you entered you defiled my land,  
and made my heritage an abomination.

<sup>8</sup>The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?"  
Those who handle the law did not know me;  
the rulers transgressed against me;

the prophets prophesied by Baal,  
and went after things that do not profit.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD,  
and I accuse your children's children.

<sup>10</sup>Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,  
send to Kedar and examine with care;  
see if there has ever been such a thing.

<sup>11</sup>Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods?  
But my people have changed their glory  
for something that does not profit.

<sup>12</sup>Be appalled, O heavens, at this,  
be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD,

<sup>13</sup>for my people have committed two evils:  
they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living water,  
and dug out cisterns for themselves,  
cracked cisterns  
that can hold no water.

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

### **Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

<sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

### **Luke 14:1, 7-14**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

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**Introit - O let me in th'accepted hour - Joseph Haydn**

O let me in th'accepted hour  
In prayer to thee my spirit pour;  
Thine ear, O Lord, propitious bend,  
And pleased, thy promised help extend.

Snatch from the miry depths my feet;  
Back let my furious foes retreat:  
Safe from their hate thy servant keep,