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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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MISSION MOMENTS - International Literacy Day

With Presbyterian World Service & Development's support, children living in the neighbourhood surrounding Guatemala City's garbage dump are accessing education at the Francisco Coll School. Students who excel qualify for scholarships to further their education. Other graduates pursue vocational training in order to achieve employment, a dream otherwise unachievable. A student from Francisco Coll will continue her studies in business administration at university. Her words of thanks are a testament to the importance of the project that is equipping students to pursue their dreams: "I give you thanks because with your extraordinary effort I will have a better future full of more opportunities to be able to help my family and grow professionally." *PWS&D builds bright futures through education*

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - We pray for all students and teachers as they begin a new year of study. May all youth who are bullied and hurting feel the presence of a loving God.

STEWARDSHIP - Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. *1 Timothy 6:18*

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

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.

13th Sunday after Pentecost - September 8, 2019

**Please stand if able*

GATHERING

Prelude: *Nocturne in F Sharp Major, Op. 15 No. 2* - F. Chopin

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west,

God's holy name be praised.

In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,

God's holy name be praised.

Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.

Amen. We praise the Lord!

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

Where can we go from your spirit, O God?

Or where can we flee from your presence?

Everywhere your hand leads us

and your right hand holds us fast.

Even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
So we do not ever need to be afraid.
You have made us and you love us
and we give you praise and thanks forever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon (*responsive*)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Thanks be to God! Amen

EQUIPPING

Sung Prayer for Illumination: Open my eyes 500 verse 1 & Refrain

First Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 139:1-18

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.**

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ **If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰ **even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"

¹² **even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.**

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ **Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ **I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

*Hymn: Will you come and follow me

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Community Conversation

The Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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

Sermon: "The Knitter and the Potter"

*Hymn: Spirit of the living God

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offertory

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

830

*Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

SENDING

*Hymn: Take my life, and let it be consecrated

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*Benediction (... *be with you all. And also with you.*)

Postlude: *Invention No. 8 in F Major* - J. S. Bach

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 Mac Fyfe. Our refreshment host today is Phyllis Morrison.

THIS WEEK – September 8 to September 15

Today	11 a.m. Worship & Food Bank Sunday
Wednesday	7 p.m. Session Meeting
Friday	David's Place
Sunday	11 a.m. Service

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

Today 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!

**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 Davida Mackay.

**Ministry with children, youth and young families** - In the very near future, we will gather a group of interested people to imagine and discuss the ways in which Saint David's can welcome and nurture the younger members of our community through a variety of worship and educational experiences. Stay tuned for details of date and time!

**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.

**September is Climate Action Month at KAIROS!** Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives (of which The Presbyterian Church in Canada is a member.) Visit <https://www.kairoscanada.org/climateactionmonth> this week to see the connections between climate advocacy and Indigenous rights. Indigenous people have long been at the forefront of the environmental movement in Canada and around the world. Indigenous identities are often based on relationships to the land, and Indigenous peoples are disproportionately facing the consequences of climate inaction, especially in the Canadian Arctic. Pray for Indigenous Peoples at the forefront of climate action.

On Sunday, September 15 the **19<sup>th</sup> Wave Metro New Horizons band** program will begin with an instrument demonstration and experimentation session at the Woodlawn United Church Heritage Centre located at 54 Woodlawn Road in Dartmouth starting at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome and no previous experience is necessary.

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Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²“Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” ³So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. ⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

Luke 14:25-33

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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