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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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MISSION MOMENTS - Everyday acts of kindness

Recently the Rev. Tim Choi, minister at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry, encountered unexpected grace after a hard day. He and his wife, Hillary, were busy preparing for an evening event: Tim planning the music, Hillary setting up for the meal, when Wendy and her family came through the door. Wendy had a feeling that their help might be needed! Suddenly everything was different, with extra hands to make the work lighter. Wendy and her daughters made bannock to share, and Wendy offered to come and volunteer every week. The community at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry is learning together how to see God's grace in everyday acts of kindness. *Presbyterians Sharing supports community ministries*

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - As a new year begins, pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) programs helping vulnerable people plan for futures that are abundant in Christ's blessings.

STEWARDSHIP -

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.

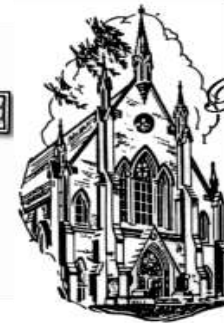


I Breastfeed.

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

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.

Second Sunday of Christmas - January 5, 2020

The Epiphany of our Lord

**Please stand if able*

GATHERING



Prelude *Prelude in E Minor, Op 28, No. 4* Chopin

Introit:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Jesus said: I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness

but will have the light of life. [John 8:12]

**The grace of God has dawned upon the world
with healing for all humankind.**

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

God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God,

we bless you.

Object of the Magi's search, subject of an old man's song,

fulfillment of John the Baptist's preaching,

we bless you.

Mary's son, Joseph's son, God's only son,

we bless you.

Accept, O God, the gifts of our love and our lives to your glory

through Jesus Christ the new-born King. Amen.

*Hymn: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness 174

EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.

² **May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**

³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

⁵ May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

⁶ **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**

⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

¹⁰ **May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

¹¹ May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.

¹² **For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.**

¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ **From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

*Hymn: The first nowell

136 verses 1, 2, 5, 6

Community Conversation

The Letters: Ephesians 3:1-12

The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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

Sermon: "The light dawns"

*Hymn: Arise, shine out, your light has come 179

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:

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

*Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

SENDING

*Hymn: What star is this 170

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

Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue No.21 in B flat Major, WTC* Bach

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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 Phyllis Morrison. Our Scripture reader is Nancy Tindall. Our refreshment hosts are Valerie and Roderick Macdonald.

**THIS WEEK – January 5 to 12**

|        |                                                        |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Today  | 11 a.m. Worship<br>Noon Refreshments                   |
| Friday | David's Place                                          |
| Sunday | 9 a.m. Communion<br>11 a.m. Worship - Food Bank Sunday |

**Note:** The January **Session** meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 15** (not the 8th).

## Announcements cont'd

Next Sunday is **Food Bank Sunday**. This month we would appreciate individual packages of hot chocolate or oatmeal, canned soup and chili, small packages of puddings or fruit, canned milk, tea, and toilet paper. For the kitchen cartons of broth and jars of jam are always needed. Thank you for your consideration of our guests at David's Place.

Refreshment Hosts: If you are able to help out with this ministry, please speak to Phyllis Morrison or check the sign-up sheet on the back post.

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Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Ephesians 3:1-12

3 This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you,³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power.⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ,⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2:1-12

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you

have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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