



## PASTORAL CARE

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## Our Vision

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

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## MISSION MOMENTS - International Women's Day

In India, many girls miss school each month because they do not have the supplies or facilities they need during menstruation. Unsanitary practices put them and their communities at risk. PWS&D-supported community mobilizers are helping girls in India stay in school by educating them about personal and menstrual hygiene. Rima Kumari, a 14-year-old girl from Nandlali village, spent time with a community mobilizer. She received sustainable, reusable sanitary napkins and learned about personal hygiene practices. Now, with the supplies she needs, Rima can embrace the joy of uninterrupted learning.

*PWS&D supports girls' health and education*

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** - (International Women's Day) We pray for the determination to challenge stereotypes, fight bias, broaden perceptions and celebrate women's achievements.

**STEWARDSHIP** - Giving is the thermometer of our love. *Unknown*

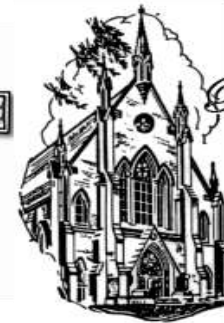
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We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is a breastfeeding friendly facility.

**The 3 R's at Saint David's** - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

**This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.**



*The  
Presbyterian  
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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.*

**The Second Sunday in Lent - March 8, 2020**

*\*Please stand if able*

## GATHERING

Prelude: *Prelude in E minor, Op. 28 No. 13* - F. Chopin



Introit: *Richard de Caestre's Prayer to Jesus* - R.R. Terry

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

\*Call to Worship: [*Psalm 121:1-2*]

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

I lift up my eyes to the hill--  
from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn: I to the hills will lift my eyes

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Prayer of Confession: (*said together*)

**Living God, we confess our faults and admit our frailty;  
we own our brokenness and recognize the ways we wound  
our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world.**

By your abundant grace forgive us,  
renew us in mind and in spirit,  
and enable us to grow in love.  
Move among us and give us life;  
with the spirit of freedom sustain us  
that our worship may be joyful and our witness faithful;  
in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*Sung Prayer:*

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Assurance of Pardon

### PWS&D Lenten Liturgy

#### EQUIPPING

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Lord, be thy word my rule; in it may I rejoice,  
thy glory be my aim, thy holy will, my choice,  
thy promises my hope, thy providence my guard,  
thine arm my strong support, thy self my great reward.

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

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

#### Responsive Reading Psalm 121

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup> **He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

<sup>6</sup> **The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD will keep**

**your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.**

\*Hymn: The church is wherever God's people 484

Community Conversation

The Gospel: John 3:1-21

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

Sermon: "Encounters with Jesus: Nicodemus, the Seeker"

\*Hymn: Spirit of God, descend upon my heart 382

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Lord, let me know mine end* - Maurice Greene

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

\*Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

#### SENDING

\*Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling 371

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

Postlude: *Prelude & Fugue No. 21 in B Flat Major, BWV 866, WTC I* - J.S.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 Johnnah Roberts. Lenten Liturgy reader is Catherine Read. Scripture reader is Nancy Tindall.

#### **THIS WEEK – March 8 to 15**

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| <b>Today</b> | 11 a.m. Second Sunday in Lent Worship & Food Bank Sunday<br>Pizza lunch and Annual Meeting |
| Wednesday    | 7 p.m. Session will meet at the church                                                     |
| Friday       | David's Place                                                                              |
| Sunday       | 11 a.m. Worship. <b>Note:</b> There will be no 9 a.m. service next week.                   |

**Annual Congregational Meeting** following the service. Pizza Lunch provided. Donation basket is available. Annual reports are available.

## Announcements cont'd

**Today is Food Bank Sunday.** Toilet paper, canned fruit, beans, vegetables, soup, meat and fish, individual packets of hot chocolate, oatmeal, cereal, puddings, juices, pasta and sauce are always appreciated by our guests at **David's Place**. Condiments are useful for the meals. Sugar and substitute packages are very useful as well. Did you know that each week we use between 4 and 6 litres of milk and between 6 and 10 litres of juice, plus fruit trays with apples, oranges, bananas and grapes?

**The Organ** - After some delay, the work continues on the organ upgrade. We would be very grateful for your donation of any size to **The Organ Upgrade Fund**. Thank you.

**Ecumenical services for Holy Week - 7:30 am.** The services last about half an hour and a continental breakfast follows:

**Monday, April 6** at All Saints Cathedral

**Tuesday, April 7** at First Baptist

**Wednesday, April 8** at St Mary's Cathedral Basilica

**Canada Youth 2020 "No End in Sight" July 6-11, 2020** - *Youth Track* (high-schoolers graduated Grade 9+), *Discipleship Track* (young adults 19-25), *Leadership Track* (clergy, lay, paid, volunteer) This biannual gathering at Brock University, St. Catharines ON joins hundreds of youth, young adults and leaders from across The Presbyterian Church in Canada and guests from around the world to celebrate their vibrant faith. Come to be invigorated, engaged and encouraged through God's word and by God's people! Some grant money is available through the Presbytery. Check out the details at [presbyterian.ca/cy](http://presbyterian.ca/cy)

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### **Genesis 12:1-4a**

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

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

**John 3:1-21**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."<sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.'<sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?" <sup>11</sup> "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?" <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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



**Introit:** *Richard de Caestre's Prayer to Jesus* - R.R. Terry

Jhesu, Lord, that madest me,  
and with thy blessyd blood hast bought,  
forgive that I have grievéd thee  
with word and wil, and eek with thought.

Jhesu, in whom is all my trust,  
that died uppon the roodé tree,  
withdrawe myn herte from fleshli lust,  
and from all worldly vanyté.

Jhesu, for thy woundés smerte  
on feet and on thyn handés two,  
O make me meeke and low of herte,  
and thee to love as I schulde do.

Jhesu, keepe them that are good,  
amend them that han grievéd thee,  
and send them fruites of earthli food  
as each man needeth in his degree.

**Anthem:** *Lord, let me know mine end* - Maurice Greene

Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days:  
that I may be certified how long I have to live.  
Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long:  
and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee;  
and verily every man living is altogether vanity.  
For man walketh in a vain shadow,  
and disquieteth himself in vain:  
he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.  
And now, Lord, what is my hope:  
truly my hope is even in thee.  
Hear my prayer, O Lord,  
and with thine ears consider my calling:  
hold not thy peace at my tears.  
O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength:  
before I go hence, and be no more seen.