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24 AUGUST 2014; 10:30 A.M.

WELCOME!

We warmly welcome our visitors, and especially our sister congregations from St. Andrew's United and St. John's United Churches and the Presbyterian Church of St. David to today's Service! Join us in the Parlour following worship for coffee and fellowship. Nursery facilities are available. Please see an usher should you need assistance.

OF SERVICE TO YOU TODAY

DEACON ON DUTY: Deacon Drew Bethune SEXTON ON DUTY: Peter Doane

USHERS: Frank McGill (Capt.) COFFEE HOUR: Phyllis Morrison & Elizabeth Cameron

**All who are able are asked to stand.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Te Deum

Charpentier

***Call to Worship**

- Rev. John E. Boyd

Come, let us lift up our voices to sing the praises of God!

Come, let us stretch out our hands, and welcome all people to God's family!

***Gathering Hymn** #263 "IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE"

(ST. DENIO)

***Prayer of Approach**

O God, be in our eyes,
that we may perceive your being with understanding,
and view our neighbour's pain with sympathy.

O God, be in our heads,
that we may comprehend your truth with clarity,
and may evaluate ourselves with honesty.

O God, be in our mouths,
that we may express our praise with joy,
and may speak to others in kindness.

O God, be in our hearts,
that we may endow our worship with sincerity,
and may learn to live our lives with integrity. Amen.

Anthem Seek Ye First - Diana Hazelton, soloist

K. Lafferty

Welcome and Announcements

- Rev. John E. Boyd

THE WORD OF GOD

***Children's Hymn** #472 "O SING TO THE LORD"

(BRAZILIAN FOLK MELODY)

Children's Story

- Lee Nicholas-Pattillo

First Lesson

Exodus 1:8 - 2:10 (OT, p. 49)

- Jackie Eisner

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 124



If the LORD had not been on our side—let Israel now say—

if the LORD had not been on our side, when our enemies attacked us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive, in their fierce anger towards us;
then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;
then over us would have gone the raging waters. R

Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;

The snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. R

Epistle	Romans 12:1 - 8 (NT, p. 161)	- Doug Eisner
*Gradual Hymn	#422 "GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING"	(BEACH SPRING)
Gospel	Matthew 16:13 - 26 (NT, p. 18)	
Sermon	"Get Thee Behind"	- Dr. Russ Daye

RESPONSE

Anthem	Espiritu de Dios (Trans. <i>Spirit of God</i>) - Diana Hazelton, soloist	B. Tate
*Presentation of Offering		TUNE: OLD HUNDREDTH
	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below, Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.</i>	
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer		- Rev. John E. Boyd
*Sending Hymn	#339 "BE THOU MY VISION"	(SLANE)
*Commissioning and Benediction		
Organ Postlude	Variation 19 fr. Goldberg Variations	J. S. Bach

MUSIC NOTE: Thank you to Diana Hazelton for sharing her musical gift with us today! Diana is a member of the FBC Songsters and is an active leader in the FBC congregation. She has just returned from a fabulous week at NSCF choir camp in Berwick.

OFFERINGS may be designated for any of our congregations through your regular envelopes or by using one of the generic offering envelopes in the pew racks.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Send to First Baptist by Wednesday noon. (office@fbchalifax.ca)

ORGAN RECITAL by James Burchill at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1330 Martello Street, on Aug. 27 at 12:10 pm. Admission by donation in aid of the Organ Restoration Fund.

First Baptist Notices

OUR PRAYER LIST: Rev. Dr. Carey Harvey, Evelyn Denton, Marjorie Fountain, Fraser Dewis, Doris Hilchey, Dorothy Shears, Helen Bethune, Roy & Bette Yetman and Don Myers.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ryan and Kristy (Popwell) Hesketh who were married at Dal on August 16; to Curtis and Genny (MacKinnon) McInnis who were married here on August 20; and Jeremy and Heather (Colquhoun) Finney who were married here on August 23.

BRUNSWICK STREET BREAKFAST: First Baptist's next turn to provide breakfast at the Brunswick Street Mission is **Sat., September 13**. A sign-up sheet is outside the parlour. Please plan to help with this worthwhile outreach program.

OFFICE NOTICES: Deadline for submission of Fall Newsletter articles to the Office is September 15. VACATIONS: Wayne is on vacation until Sept. 2.

St. Andrew's Notices

WEDNESDAY FOOD FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP: On Wednesday nights in August at 5:30 pm we are gathering at the Dalhousie Multi-Faith Centre at 1321 Edward Street for a potluck meal followed by worship at 6:15 pm. Here is a link to share what you plan to bring to the pot luck meal: <http://www.luckypotluck.com/potluck/FoodFaithFellowship>

ATTN ALL USER GROUPS: St. Andrew's experienced a fire which has closed our building for an indefinite period. Lost in the fire was our scheduling database. We are working on recovering this information and need your help. If you had a booking in any of the rooms of the church hall or in the sanctuary for the remainder of 2014 and/or during 2015 please email saintandrewspace@gmail.com with details of your booking and contact information for your group. Someone will contact you promptly to confirm your contact and booking details.

HELP WANTED: St. Andrew's community is still looking for people to help prepare, serve and clean up the refreshments for community time following Sunday Services this Fall. IF you can help, please contact Trish Betts (patricia_betts@cbu.ca). Thank you!

St. John's Notices

OUTREACH INITIATIVES: St John's congregation has an active outreach program which will resume in September.

In 2012 St. John's United Church took over the operation of Manna for Health from Safe Harbour Metropolitan Church. Manna for Health is a special needs food bank for those living with HIV/AIDS and other life threatening illnesses. We also have been collecting donations for Parker Street Food Bank. Currently the donations suggested for Manna and Parker Street are: canned meats, crackers, cookies, soups and stews.

On the first two Sundays of September there will be a school supply collection/backpacks for Parker Street.

St. John's will be contributing casseroles to the St. Andrew's Sunday Suppers on **Sept. 14**. Those individuals wishing to participate by making a casseroles can contact Marion Jay at 902-429-1660 or marionjay2@aol.com

The Scotiabank AIDs Walk For Life will be held on Sunday **Sept. 28**. Pledge sheets will be available on September 7 for anyone interested in taking part.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

AUGUST 31: PENTECOST +12

The Bush is Still Burning

Rev. Nelson Metcalfe

Music: Eve Roberts, soprano

SEPTEMBER 7: PENTECOST +13; COMMUNION;

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

The Labour of Love - Rev. John E. Boyd

Sr Choir returns