



# The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax  
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Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

## WELCOME!

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's  
journey, you're welcome in this Service for the  
Lord's Day.*

January 24, 2016

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

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

### Our Vision

***A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community***

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### God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Psalms 100 by Denis Bedard

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon us! God has anointed  
us to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the  
prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free.*

*Let us worship the God of justice and peace!*

\*Hymn: Open my eyes that I may see

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Prayer of Confession: *Before God and God's people, we confess that we  
have been reluctant to speak out clearly, naming the injustice we see and  
declaring God's vision. Before God and God's people we pray... open the  
eyes of the blind, breathe life into the dead, release those  
bound by sin and Satan, and, through your Holy Spirit's  
power, may hearts be challenged, minds convinced  
and wills conquered. In the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.*  
Assurance of God's Love *In spite of our individual inadequacies,  
God has called us together to be Christ's Body, and each one of us is  
indispensable. God re-members us, giving each of us distinct gifts, equipping  
each of us to provide guidance and accountability for one another, that we all  
may become more faithful followers of Christ. We are all greater as one  
Body than any single member of us could be on our own.*

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

*One: The Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 19 *The heavens are telling the glory of  
God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours  
forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is  
no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice  
goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of  
the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which  
comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man  
runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its  
heat. The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the  
LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD  
are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD  
is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.  
Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great  
reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden  
faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have  
dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great  
transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of*

**my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.** Gloria Patri (sung)

\*Hymn: I'm gonna live so God can use me **648**

Conversation:

From the letters: **1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a**

Gospel: **Luke 4: 14-21**

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

\*Hymn: Christ you call us all to service **585**

Sermon: **HE'S BACK IN TOWN!**

### **We Respond to God's Word**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: All Who Are Thirsty by Benton Brown and Glenn Robertson

Postlude: First Trumpet Voluntary by Denis Bedard

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Prayers of the People

### **We Go Out to Serve God**

\*Hymn: Arise, your light is come **712**

\*Benediction:

Postlude: First Trumpet Voluntary by Denis Bedard

(please remain seated)

**Worship is now ended let our service begin!**

#### **THIS WEEK - (January 24-31)**

January 24	9 am and 11 am Refreshments after 11 am
January 28	7:30 pm Choir
January 29	David's Place in the morning 10:15 Northwood Communion
January 31	9:00 am Communion service 10:00 am Prayer Group 11:00 am Traditional Service

**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. Our Greeter this morning is Davida Mackay. Our scripture reader for this morning is Lisa Glennie. Our refreshment hosts are Gary and Barb Smith.

**A Countertenor at the Opera** Countertenor Andrew Pickett is well known to Nova Scotia audiences. A recital will take place Friday, January 29, 7:30 pm at The Music Room, 6181 Lady Hammond Road, Halifax. Tickets are \$30 and are available online through Ticket Halifax or at the door.

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10** all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

**1 Corinthians 12:12-31a** For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any

less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

**Luke 4:14-21** Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."



## PASTORAL CARE

*WE WELCOME YOU to worship this morning! We are glad you are here, and we invite you to worship with us regularly! If you are a visitor, have a prayer or pastoral concern, please contact.*

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**MISSION MOMENTS:** *Thanking God. Sharing our Story. Praying with Joy.* Today we are remembering and praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ of the New Dublin - Conquerall Pastoral Charge. Their two churches; Knox Dublin Shore, and St. Matthew's, West Dublin are located south of Bridgewater near the mouth of the LaHave River. Since June, 1983, they have been led in worship and received pastoral care from the Rev. D.L. Mawhinney, their Interim Moderator. Ann Taylor is the Representative Elder. Weekly services are held in rotation between the two churches. These congregations have a strong fellowship and loyal witness. Together these congregations have been active in mission through the South Shore Auxiliary of the Atlantic Mission Society. Recent projects have included gifts to the Syrian Refugee Relief, Bridgewater Food Bank, Mission to Seafarers and PWS&D.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Remember congregations as they prayerfully consider upcoming ministry and mission, as well as budgets that will enable them to come to fruition.

**STEWARDSHIP** For it is in giving that we receive  
*St. Francis of Assisi!*

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



I Breastfeed.

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

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