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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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MISSION MOMENTS: July 22: Pancakes and a Play

Last winter, the caring Sunday School class at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Toronto hosted a pancake lunch in support of Presbyterian World Service & Development. After reading a short play to illustrate PWS&D's mission and vision, the children invited guests to feast on pancakes and syrup, yogurt and fruit as they passed around a donation basket. "St. John's Sunday School pancake lunch raised over \$900 for PWS&D," shares Laurie McGugan, the event organizer. "We were happy that we got so many people out!" Whether saving pennies, launching a campaign or holding a fundraising lunch, generous support from Presbyterians across Canada sustains programs that are building a more sustainable, compassionate and just world.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - Pray for the Rainbow Communion Listening Committee of The Presbyterian Church in Canada as it provides a safe and supportive space for LGBTIQI people to share their stories of both harm and God's grace experienced by them.

STEWARDSHIP - Some people give time, some money, some their skills and connections, some literally give their life's blood. But everyone has something to give. *Barbara Bush, (b.1925) former American first lady*



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

Organist: Nick Veltmeyer

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.

July 22, 2018 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

**Please stand if able*

GATHERING



Prelude

Introit: *Come Down O Love Divine* (386)

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: (*from Psalm 51*)

O Lord, open our lips;

and our mouth shall sing your praise.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

*Hymn: *"King of glory, King of peace"*

659

Prayer of Adoration (Glory to God): (*said together*)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Confession of Sin: *(said together)*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-14a

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 89:20-37

I have found my servant David;

with my holy oil I have anointed him;

²¹ *my hand shall always remain with him;*

my arm also shall strengthen him.

²² **The enemy shall not outwit him,
the wicked shall not humble him.**

²³ **I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.**

²⁴ *My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him;
and in my name his horn shall be exalted.*

²⁵ **I will set his hand on the sea
and his right hand on the rivers.**

²⁶ *He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'*

²⁷ **I will make him the firstborn,
the highest of the kings of the earth.**

²⁸ *Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him,*

and my covenant with him will stand firm.

²⁹ **I will establish his line forever,
and his throne as long as the heavens endure.**

³⁰ *If his children forsake my law*

and do not walk according to my ordinances,

³¹ *if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,*

³² *then I will punish their transgression with the rod
and their iniquity with scourges;*

³³ *but I will not remove from him my steadfast love,
or be false to my faithfulness.*

³⁴ **I will not violate my covenant,
or alter the word that went forth from my lips.**

³⁵ *Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness;
I will not lie to David.*

³⁶ **His line shall continue forever,
and his throne endure before me like the sun.**

³⁷ **It shall be established forever like the moon,
an enduring witness in the skies."**

Hymn: "Happy the home when God is there" **703**

The Letters: Ephesians 2.11-22

Gospel: Mark 6.30-34

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

Hymn: "We love your house, O God" **428**

Sermon: "What is a house for?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Song of the Tree of Life* - Ralph Vaughan William

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:

Our worship continues with our service in the world.

by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Mark 6:30-34

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

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*Song of the Tree of Life*

Unto them that overcome shall be given of the tree of life,  
 which is in the midst of the paradise of God.  
 On either side of the river groweth the tree of life,  
 the leaves of the tree are for thy healing.  
 In the midst of that fair city flows the river of water of life  
 clear as crystal. Whoso will, let them take  
 to the water of life freely. Whoso drinketh  
 of this water shall never thirst. Take thou  
 the leaves of the tree of life. So shalt thou  
 enter in through the gates of the city.

**Announcements**

**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 reader for this morning is Davida Mackay Our refreshment host is Susan Lappin.

**A warm welcome** to Benjamin von Bredow who leads the service today. Ben is a graduate of the University of King's College and Dalhousie University and is pursuing a Master of Theology Studies, Concentration in Liturgy at the University of Notre Dame du Lac, South Bend IN He has had experience as a lay minister in Anglican parishes in New Brunswick.

| <b>THIS WEEK – (July 22-29)</b> |                                             |
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| <b>Today</b>                    | 10:30 a.m. Worship<br>11:30 am Refreshments |
| <b>Friday</b>                   | David's Place                               |
| <b>Sunday</b>                   | 10:30 a.m. Worship                          |

**Services** during July and August are at **10:30 a.m.** with the following schedule:

**July** - all services at Saint David's. First Baptist & St. John's United will join us July 29

**August 5** - at Saint David's with First & St. John's joining us. Communion

**August 12 & 19** - at First Baptist with St. John's United

**August 26** - at Saint David's

There will be no 9 a.m. service during the summer.

**Bulletin secretary needed!** If you are interested in helping to prepare the weekly bulletin, please contact Phyllis Morrison at 429-4353 or Valerie Macdonald 455-1893. A template is available and the minister provides the relevant details to be inserted. Copy and paste resources are available for other items such as the Mission Moments, Prayer Partnership and Stewardship notes, and the text of the scripture readings. The task also involves printing the appropriate number of copies for both services.

**Thanks to volunteers** from Saint David's and Calvin Presbyterian churches as well as other friends who stepped in to help with our Sunday suppers program this weekend. Some of you always make yourselves available -- others say yes whenever you can. All make a difference in the lives of our guests. Blessings to all.

**Refreshment hosts** - Just one more needed. Please see Phyllis to sign up. For the summer lemonade or some juice and nice store-bought cookies are fine. No need to get elaborate. Thanks.

**Monday, August 6, 7 p.m. at Saint David's - Aureas Voces** under the direction of Nick Velmeyer will present a concert of English Song and Nova Scotian Song. Part of Muisiqe Royale summer tour.

Now that **the Al Saghri family** have begun to settle in, and they have acquired considerable English skills, Saeed is eager to find meaningful work so he may earn a living in Nova Scotia and make a meaningful contribution to their adopted country. He does have many years of Middle Eastern work experience in both Syria and Lebanon as a full-cycle accountant. Even if you yourself have no employment opportunities at your own business, you may know of a position coming up elsewhere. If you would like to consider his resume, or share it with business contacts, please email Saeed at saeed73@gmail.com. Blessings for your continued support of "our" New Canadians!

**GO Project Children's Adventure Camp** This August, St. Johns United Church is excited to host this week of fun, crafts, volunteering, and serving God in our community. This is for children who are entering grades 2 to grades 7. This year, the theme is John 6:1-14, the Loaves and the Fishes. Through this story we will explore the gifts that each of us have to offer to our communities, our families, ourselves, and God! If you are interested in learning more check us out at [www.thegoproject.ca](http://www.thegoproject.ca) or contact your minister to learn more; but hurry, limited space is available! This camp will run daily from **August 7-10**. The cost per participant is \$125.

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2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³ Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

⁴ But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵ Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷ Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹ and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—

¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near