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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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MISSION MOMENTS - Honouring Indigenous Art

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Picton, ON is building relationships with Indigenous people through the celebration of Indigenous art and culture. The church is now home to the largest Indigenous mural on a church in Canada. The congregation received permission by award-winning Métis visual artist and author Christi Belcourt to reproduce her Art Gallery of Ontario commissioned piece, Wisdom of the Universe. A team of Toronto muralists spent one week recreating the 37'x 36' mural on the church's north exterior wall. The entire mural is comprised of dots to represent beadwork, which is a common theme in much of Belcourt's work. *Presbyterians Sharing supports healing and reconciliation initiatives*

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - Give thanks that we live in a part of the world where we can enjoy the change of seasons and the wonder of God's creation.

STEWARDSHIP - Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time, expertise, our love or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give. *Steve Goodier (1962 -), author, minister*

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.



1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax, N.S.

Interim Moderator: Iona MacLean

Clerk of Session: Valerie Macdonald

Interim Organist: Ian Bent; **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 Third Sunday in Lent - March 24, 2019

**Please stand if able*

GATHERING



Prelude

Introit: *A Prayer of King Henry VI* - Henry Ley

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: [adapted from *Isaiah 55:3,6*]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Lord says, "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live."

**Let us seek the Lord while he may be found,
and call upon him while he is near.**

Prayer of Adoration: (*said together*) [adapted from Psalm 63]

**O God, you are our God, we seek you,
our souls thirst for you.**

**We have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life,

our lips will praise you.
So we will bless you as long as we live;
we will lift up our hands and call on your name.
Our mouths praise you with joyful lips
for you have been our help,
and in the shadow of your wings we sing for joy.
Receive our worship through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn: Come, let us to the Lord our God 194

Prayer of Confession

Spoken Response: L> Holy God,

**ALL> Holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Sung Prayer: (Sung twice)

**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

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 63:1-8

¹ O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² **So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

⁴ **So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

⁵ My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

⁶ when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

⁷ **for you have been my help,**

and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
⁸ **My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.**

*Hymn: All who love and serve your city 721
Community Conversation - Davida Mackay & Nicole Watkins Campbell
The Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

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

Sermon: "Thirsting for grace"

*Hymn: You thirsty ones 190

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Nolo mortem peccatoris* - Thomas Morley

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

*Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

SENDING

*Hymn: Where cross the crowded ways of life 760

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

Postlude

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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 Colin MacPherson. Our PWS&D Lenten Liturgy reader is Caleigh Davis and Scripture reader is Johannah Roberts. Our refreshment hosts are Jamie Campbell, Nicole Watkins Campbell, and Claudia Saoud.

**THIS WEEK – March 24 to 31**

|                |                                                               |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Today</b>   | 11 a.m. Worship<br>Noon Lunch and New Beginnings Conversation |
| <b>Tuesday</b> | 1 p.m. New Beginnings group leaders meeting                   |
| <b>Friday</b>  | David's Place                                                 |
| <b>Sunday</b>  | 9 a.m. Communion<br>11 a.m. Worship                           |

they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”  
<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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

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Introit: *A Prayer of King Henry VI* - Henry Ley

*Domine, Jesu Christe, qui me creasti,
redemisti, et preordinasti
ad hoc quod sum,
tu scis quid de me facere vis;
fac de me secundum
voluntatem tuam
cum misericordia. Amen.*

Lord Jesus Christ, who created,
redeemed, and preordained
me to be this that I am,
you know what you wish to do with me;
do with me in accordance
with your will,
with mercy. Amen.

Anthem: *Nolo mortem peccatoris* - Thomas Morley

Nolo mortem peccatoris; Haec sunt verba Salvatoris.
(I do not wish the death of a sinner; These are the words of the Saviour.)
Father I am thine only Son, sent down from heav'n mankind to save.
Father, all things fulfilled and done according to thy will, I have.
Father, my will now all is this: Nolo mortem peccatoris.
Father, behold my painful smart, taken for man on ev'ry side;
Ev'n from my birth to death most tart, no kind of pain I have denied,
but suffered all, and all for this: Nolo mortem peccatoris.

Announcements cont'd

New Beginnings Next Step - Today, you are invited to continue the conversation on Saint David's future life and mission. **Worship at 11 a.m.** will prepare us for **lunch** and a sharing of ideas. "Voices" from the February community consultation will join with your voices as we imagine together where God is leading us. Please plan to stay and enjoy the companionship and the exploration.

On **Sunday, March 31**, the Saint David's and Friends **Sunday Suppers** group will prepare 16 casseroles that will provide hot meals to between 250 and 300 people. It takes two hours to prepare and bake the casserole, and a little more time to deliver it hot to Saint Andrews Church at about 4:30. If you would like to prepare or deliver a casserole, or to serve at the meal, call Nicole Watkins Campbell at 902-266-5878.

On **Monday, March 25th, 7 p.m.** Ian Bent will offer a concert called **"Meditations" (A Concert for Lent)** at St. Paul's Anglican Church (on the Grand Parade). It will be an evening of solo piano improvisations intended as an invitation to meditation, reflection, or prayer, more than a 'performance,' per se. Free admission.

The Organ - Work is under way again on the organ upgrade. Currently the new main console is being built. You can help by with a donation of any size to **The Organ Upgrade Fund**. Thank you for your generosity.

The **2019 KAIROS Atlantic Gathering**, May 2-5 at Mount Allison: public Mass Blanket Exercise with hundreds of people, a daily sunrise service & continuous Sacred Fire, elder care by Andrea Cofler, opening keynote & theological workshops by Executive Director Jennifer Henry, a Latin American feast with global partner Kelly Campo, opportunity to delve deeper into a Stream of KAIROS' work (acknowledged with a certificate of completion) helped by regional elders & guest speakers, advocacy workshops and more! Children's program available. 40 subsidies left. Details & registration: www.kairoscanada.org/atlanticgathering

The King's Chorus - Spring Chorus "IKOS" today at 4 pm at the Cathedral Church of All Saints. Music for the Annunciation by Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff, and more. Tickets may be purchased at the King's Co-op Bookstore, tickethalifax.com, or kingschorus.com

PWS&D Responds to Malawi Floods

Recent heavy rains and wind caused flooding to parts of southern Malawi. The deluge has damaged infrastructure and affected electricity and water supplies. The death toll is rising and hundreds of thousands have been impacted.

PWS&D is in close contact with partners in the affected area who are coordinating a response to meet the most immediate needs like food, emergency non-food items, shelter, and water and sanitation services.

Please continue to keep the people and communities in southern Malawi in your prayers. As needs are being assessed, PWS&D is accepting donations to help bring relief to those suffering in the wake of flooding. **Please mark donations as “Malawi floods.”**

Rainbow Communion is the special LGBTQI Listening Committee of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Its mandate is to offer a safe and respectful, confidential environment in order to encourage people to tell stories of harm done to them within and by the church because of homophobia, heterosexism and transphobia; and to share stories of God's grace experienced by them and through them in Christian ministry, even in the midst of challenges they have faced.

Two members of the Listening Committee will be available in Atlantic Canada May 10, 11, 12 to meet with any who wish to tell their story. The local member is the Rev. Michael Veenema of Canning NS. You may contact him at veenema.m@gmail.com to arrange a time. Rainbow Communion also has a dedicated extension at church offices for confidential voicemail 1-800-619-7301 ext. 300, and an e-mail address not associated in any way with The PCC's communication infrastructure at rainbowcommunion@gmail.com

First Presbyterian, Pictou is hosting a **Leading with Care Workshop** on **Saturday, May 25**, 10 am to noon with David Phillips, Leading With Care Administrator, from our National Office. (Gathering over coffee & tea at 9:30 am.) All churches and camps within the bounds of the Pictou, Cape Breton, Halifax-Lunenburg, and PEI Presbyteries are invited. If you are interested in attending, please contact Chris MacDonald at 902.485.4011 or g.macdonald@eastlink.ca by May 22nd.

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that