PASTORAL CARE



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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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MISSION MOMENTS - Dreaming of peace

For Amina, Saber & their five children, poverty became an all too sudden reality. When bombs fell on their town of Suran in Syria, their peaceful life shattered—their home collapsed and basic necessities like water, food and electricity became scarce. Displaced within their own country, broken by over 8 years of conflict, Amina and Saber were losing hope. But for the past several months, the family has been receiving monthly food and hygiene baskets through a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported project with Canadian Foodgrains Bank partners. Over meals of beans and rice, Amina and Saber can find a moment of comfort as they dream of peace and security for their beloved country.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - Pray for the farmers and fishers who work on the land and sea.

STEWARDSHIP - The real issue in life is not how many blessings we have, but what we do with our blessings. Some people have many blessings and hoard them. Some have few and give them away. Fred Rogers (1928-2003), American television personality, Presbyterian 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.



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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 19, 2019

*Please stand if able

GATHERING

Prelude

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: (Ps. 95:6, 7) (Responsive)

O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*Prayer of Adoration: (Responsive)

O God, we come before you with adoring hearts and souls open to seek your will.

We come owning our weakness,

and relying on your strength.

We stand in awe of your mighty works

and of your grace shown to your creation.

We bow the knee in your holy Presence,

and praise your steadfast love.

Great is your name in all the earth,

and worthy of all honour.

O God, we approach in humble worship, submitting to your guiding care over us, knowing that your way is perfect.

Halleujah! Amen!

*HYMN: Out of my bondage, sorrow and night 193

Prayer of Confession Assurance of Pardon

EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

First Old Testament Reading: Joshua 1:1-9

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

Responsive Reading Psalm 84:5-12

Happy are they whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;

the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favour and honour.

No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

> O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

*HYMN: I have decided to follow Jesus

Community Conversation

Second Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Reading from the Letters: Hebrews 11:23-29

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

Sermon: "Moses is dead"

*HYMN: Who would true valour see 633

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Selection: Berceuse for Gwendolyn

Bent

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

830

570

*Offertory Prayer Announcements

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

SENDING

*Hymn: Lead on, O King eternal

742

*Benediction

Postlude: Sonata in A Major Op. Posthumous 120 D 664 Schubert

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 Scripture reader is Mac Mackay. Our refreshment hosts are Barbara and Gary Smith.

We are grateful to John Wamboldt for leading the services today while Iona is away.

THIS WEEK - May 19 to 26

11 a.m. Worship Today David's Place Friday

Sunday 9 a.m. Communion

11 a.m. Worship

Announcements cont'd

The Organ - Work is under way once again on the organ upgrade. At the moment the new main console is being built. You can help by making a donation of any size to **The Organ Upgrade Fund**. Thank you.

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.) If you are interested in attending, please contact Chris MacDonald at 902.485.4011 or g.cmacdonald@eastlink.ca by May 22nd.

Geddie Spageddie: Saturday, May 25, 4-6 pm at Camp Geddie, 3555 Shore Road, Merigomish. Enjoy a relaxed meal of spaghetti with sauce (meat or vegetarian), salad and dessert. Admission by free will offering.

Message from the Finance Committee: Up to April 30, \$7,001 has been received for Presbyterians Sharing. This is 35% of our target. Last year on this date we had 41% of our target.

\$3,376 has been received for PWS & D.

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#### <u>Ioshua 1:1-9</u>

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, <sup>2</sup> "My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. <sup>3</sup> Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. <sup>4</sup> From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. <sup>5</sup> No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. <sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. <sup>7</sup> Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from

it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. <sup>8</sup> This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. <sup>9</sup> I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

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

## Deuteronomy 34:1-12

1 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup> all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, <sup>3</sup> the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup> The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." <sup>5</sup> Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. <sup>6</sup> He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. <sup>7</sup> Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. <sup>8</sup> The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

<sup>9</sup> Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

<sup>10</sup> Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. <sup>11</sup> He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, <sup>12</sup> and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

#### Hebrews 11:23-29

<sup>23</sup> By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not

afraid of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup> choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup> He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. <sup>27</sup> By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger; for he persevered as though<sup>[c]</sup> he saw him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup> By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. <sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.

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