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## Our Vision

### *A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community*

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## MISSION MOMENTS - Making connections & finding community

For many years, Erskine Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ont., has been a congregation that deeply loves both Jesus and their neighbourhood, a church where the gospel is preached in word and action each week. Now Erskine has a vision to become a beacon for health and wholeness in the community—a “Neighborhood Wellness Hub” where individuals and families can connect with services and groups that will lead them to greater wellness. Already partnerships are forming—with youth shelters, food banks, government agencies and other local churches—that will enable Erskine to offer new services to neighbours and to foster connection, community and well-being.

*Presbyterians Sharing is bringing people together*

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** - We pray for ministers, musicians and members of choirs and worship committees as they prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

**STEWARDSHIP** - What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.

*Albert Pike (1809-1891), attorney, soldier, writer*

***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.**



*The  
Presbyterian  
Church of  
Saint  
David*

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

**Interim Moderator:** Iona MacLean

**Clerk of Session:** Valerie Macdonald

**Accompanist:** Brogan Cameron; **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.*

**Reign of Christ Sunday - November 24, 2019**

*\*Please stand if able*

## GATHERING

Prelude: *Prelude in E minor, Op 28 No 4* - F. Chopin

Introit: *Kyrie from Missa Cum Jubilo*

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

\*Call to Worship: [*from The Iona Community & Col. 1:17*]

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The God of heaven has made his home on earth,

**Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Highest in all creation, he lives among the least,

**He journeys with the rejected  
and welcomes the weary.**

Christ is before all things,

**and in him all things hold together.**

\*Prayer of Adoration: (*said together*):

**God of the circling years,  
on this last Sunday of the Christian year,  
we praise you for your eternal love**

made known especially in your Son our Servant King.  
As we begin the Season of Advent next week,  
we look forward in hope to the day  
when all things and people on earth and in heaven  
will be reconciled to you and to one another  
and live in peace as you promise.  
We worship you with adoring and thankful hearts  
in the name of Jesus, our Sovereign Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn: Jesus, our mighty Lord 273

Prayer of Confession *Sung Response: 206 in Book of Praise*

**Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom**

Assurance of Pardon (*responsive*)

God loves us more than we can ever imagine.

**We are forgiven and we can begin again. Thanks be to God!**

### EQUIPPING

Sung Prayer for Illumination: Open my eyes 500 verse 1 & Refrain

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

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

**Responsive Reading:** Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.

**He has raised up a mighty saviour for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from  
of old, that we would be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us.**

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,  
and has remembered his holy covenant,  
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us,

**that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,  
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.**

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most

High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

**to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

By the tender mercy of our God,

the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
**to give light to those who sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet in the way of peace."**

\*Hymn: Come, children, join to sing 377

Community Conversation

The Letters: Colossians 1:11-20

The Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

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

Sermon: "The realm of reconciliation"

\*Hymn: Christ is King! 272

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *We gather together* - arr. Matthew J. Poole

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

\*Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

### SENDING

\*Hymn: Crown him with many crowns 274

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

Postlude: *Invention No. 8 in F Major* - J. S. Bach

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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 Scripture reader is Davida Mackay. Our refreshment hosts are Jane Brown and Phyllis Morrison.

### **THIS WEEK – November 24 to December 1**

|              |                                                           |
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| <b>Today</b> | 11 a.m. Worship                                           |
| Wednesday    | 5-6 p.m. The Agape Rainbow Group Bible Study              |
| Friday       | David's Place                                             |
| Saturday     | 10 a.m. to noon - <b>Work Day at Saint David's</b>        |
| Sunday       | <b>No 9 a.m. service in December</b>                      |
|              | 11 a.m. Worship - 1st Sunday of Advent - <b>Communion</b> |

**Introit:** *Kyrie from Missa Cum Jubilo*

*Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.*

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Anthem:** *We gather together* - arr. Matthew J. Poole

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,  
And pray that Thou still our Defender will be.  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

**Announcements cont'd**

**Today at 4 pm** *Saint David's Presbyterian Church:*

Felicem Chordis presents: **The Togni Consort**

Featuring: Janelle Lucyk *soprano*, Hilary Allister *mezzo soprano*,  
Kerry Bursey *tenor/lute*, David Piper *bass* Jeff Reilly *bass clarinet*  
Peter-Anthony Togni *composer*

Hear music that spans over 1000 years, from Gregorian chant and medieval music to new repertoire of this century performed by new vocal quartet, The Togni Consort. The program is based around sacred and mystical music of Halifax composer Peter-Anthony Togni.

\$20 advance (tickethalifax.com), \$25 at the door.

**Saturday, November 30** - 10 a.m. to noon - **Work Day at Saint**

**David's** - Come join the fun of shining up the brass and polishing the wood (among other things) in the sanctuary!

**PWS&D Advent & Candle-lighting Liturgies - Readers needed!**

**Sunday, December 1** is the First Sunday of Advent. Please speak to Phyllis Morrison to sign up for an Advent Sunday or Christmas Eve.

**Agape Rainbow Group** is a new venture in Bible study approved by Session and organized by Barend Kamperman for the LGBTQ community. It began **November 6** and continues through November on Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m. at Saint David's.

**Your Mission Gifts to October 31 - Thank you!**

*Presbyterians Sharing* (supporting theological education, congregational resources, mission in Canada and overseas): **\$13,669** (68.3% of our \$20,000 target. At same date 2018, \$14,885 or 74% of target received.)

*Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D)* (supporting emergency relief and community development globally): **\$5,893** received

**Tuesdays at Saint David's** - Every Tuesday from 12:00 noon until 2:00 pm, we welcome visitors, whether they be residents of Halifax or tourists visiting our city, to enjoy the sanctuary, and to stay for a time of rest, relaxation or prayer. Thanks very much to the volunteers who make this happen. During the first three weeks of **Advent, Dec. 3, 10 & 17**, **there will be a 20-minute service at 12:15 p.m.** to which all are invited.

Prepare your spirit for Christmas with ***Christmas at Saint David's***, a concert by **Saint David's Choir** of songs and music by Bach, Healey Willan and other favourites. **December 9, at 7:30 p.m.** at Saint David's Presbyterian Church in Halifax. Tickets are \$20 and \$10 for students and seniors, available at the door. Details on Facebook and at [saintdavid.ca](http://saintdavid.ca).

### **The Presbyterian Church in Canada calendars for 2020.**

We have 12 calendars at a low, low price of \$5.00 each.

Davida Mackay would be pleased to accept the money from any purchasers.

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### **Jeremiah 23:1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

### **Colossians 1:11-20**

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

### **Luke 23:33-43**

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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