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Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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MISSION MOMENTS - Bibi's healthy family

In the village of Ziarat, Afghanistan, Bibi is mother to nine children. For many women like Bibi, having many children is partly due to a lack of access to information about family planning. Frequent pregnancies and limited healthcare facilities contribute to Afghanistan's high maternal mortality rate. When a community health worker from a PWS&D-supported health centre came to examine Bibi, the young mother learned about the benefits of child spacing. "I am advising other women in the village to adopt family planning methods as it is for the betterment of the family as a whole," says Bibi. A woman's ability to choose when to become pregnant helps families improve their well-being, increases economic opportunity and promotes gender equality.

PWS&D protects the health of mothers and children

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - We pray for churches that are going through times of transition. May they be open to God's call.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS - God has given us two hands--one to receive with and the other to give with. *Billy Graham (1918-2018)*

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.

Third Sunday after Epiphany - January 26, 2020

**Please stand if able*

GATHERING

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

Introit: *Magnificat* - Mariano Garau

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: [*from Ps. 29*]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour.

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

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

We worship you, Lord, in holy splendour.

We join with all creation to cry "Glory"

as we come to praise you.

**As your Son Jesus offered himself in humility
through baptism at the hand of John,**

so now we offer our selves in company with all your people



to serve you with all that we have and are.
Receive our worship and our service
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn: Immortal, invisible, God only wise 290

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: (from *Living Faith* 3.6.1)

Here is the good news of the Gospel!

Jesus Christ is the elect one, chosen for our salvation.

In him we are made acceptable to God.

**Before the world was made we were chosen in Christ
to be part of the family of God.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to our God! Amen.

EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

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

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.

⁴ **The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸ **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹ The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Community Conversation

Recognition Liturgy - The Presbytery of Halifax-Lunenburg

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

The Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43

The Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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

Sermon: "Baptized for a purpose"

*Hymn: Lord, in this broken world 723

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *If ye love me* - Thomas Tallis

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

*Offertory Prayer

Announcements

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

SENDING

*Hymn: Christ, when for us you were baptized 183

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

Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue No. 21 in B Flat Major, WTC I* - 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 Valerie Macdonald. Our refreshment hosts are Margo & Don Knox.

**A special welcome** to Cheryl Weeks and Linda MacKinnon, representing the Presbytery of Halifax-Lunenburg. Both are former moderators of the Presbytery and are on the special committee for Saint David's.

ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent, omnes generationes.  
Quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est, et sanctum nomen eius,  
et misericordia eius a progenie in progenies timentibus eum.  
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo,

dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.  
Deposuit potentes de sede et exaltavit humiles;

esurientes implevit bonis et divites dimisit inanes.  
Suscepit Israel puerum suum recordatus misericordiae suae,  
sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini eius in saecula.  
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:  
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum.  
Amen.

My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden  
For behold: from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm:  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the  
humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent  
empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

**Anthem:** *If ye love me* - Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may abide with you forever;  
E'en the spirit of truth.

## Announcements cont'd

**Food Bank Sunday.** This month we would appreciate individual packages of hot chocolate or oatmeal, canned soup and chili, small packages of puddings or fruit, canned milk, tea, and toilet paper. For the kitchen cartons of broth and jars of jam are always needed. Thank you for your consideration of our guests at David's Place.

### THIS WEEK – January 26 - February 2

|        |                                                         |
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| Today  | 11 a.m. Worship & Food Bank Sunday<br>Noon Refreshments |
| Friday | David's Place                                           |
| Sunday | 9 a.m. Communion<br>11 a.m. Worship                     |

The **New Beginnings Conversation** originally planned for today has been postponed to **Sunday, February 16**. This coincides with the annual Soup Contest so following worship we will enjoy wonderful soup during our chat. The New Beginnings leaders have drawn from previous congregational input to create the Saint David's Future Story. It will be sent out for you to read ahead of the 16th and we will have an opportunity on that day to offer reflection and comments on it. This is all part of our on-going effort to discover what God is calling Saint David's to do and be.

**Our Givings to Mission** - On Friday January 3rd, a cheque was sent by express mail from Saint David's to The Presbyterian Church in Canada offices at 50 Wynford Drive in Toronto. This cheque brought our 2019 total for **Presbyterians Sharing to \$16,923** (84.6% of our target) and our 2019 total for **Presbyterian World Service & Development to \$7,584**. Thank you all for your generosity.

**Saint David's and Calvin Presbyterian** are scheduled to take part in **Sunday suppers on Feb. 2**. This outreach provides a warm meal and fellowship to nearly 300 vulnerable Haligonians each week. If you are able to prepare and deliver a casserole, please call Nicole Watkins Campbell at 902-266-5878 for details.

The **QEII Health Sciences Centre** is recruiting **volunteers** for a variety of programs supporting patients, Veterans and the public in finding their

way at the VG and Halifax Infirmary sites, recreation activities, meal assistance and others. There are a variety of days and times available. To learn more, please contact Volunteer Services at 902-473-2457 or go to [www.nshealth.ca/volunteer](http://www.nshealth.ca/volunteer).

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Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
² He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶ I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸ I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

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

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

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**Introit:** *Magnificat* - Mariano Garau

Magnificat, anima mea, Dominum  
et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo, salutari meo.  
Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ: