

This Week at Kentville Baptist

Today	10:00am	Praise Team
	10:00am	Pre-Service Prayer (Room 202)
	11:00am	Worship/ Communion/ Sunday School
	12:15pm	SSA Ensemble Practice
Tuesday	12:30pm	Board of Community Ministries
	2:00pm	Friends In Bereavement
Wednesday	6:00pm	Valley Voices
	6:15pm	Adventure Club
	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	9:00pm	Tone Chime Practice
	9:30am	Men's Group (Parlour)
	7:00pm	Bibe Study @ Bielbys'
Friday	10:00am	Prayer Group
	1:00pm	Ladies Auxiliary Fundraiser Prep
Saturday	Morning	Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Sweets Pick-Up
Sunday	10:00am	Praise Team
	10:00am	Pre-Service Prayer (Room 202)
	11:00am	Worship/ Sunday School
	After Church	Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Sweets Pick-Up
	12:15pm	Choir program Rehearsals

Weekly sermons are available online at www.kentvillebaptist.org
and by phone at 1-888-813-3162.

Upcoming At Kentville Baptist:

December 7 & 8 – Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Sweets Fundraiser
December 14 – Board of Community Ministries Christmas Deliveries
December 15 – Sanctuary Choir & Friends Musical Presentation, 11:00am
December 24 – Christmas Eve Family Service – 6:30pm
January 1st, 2025 – New Year's Day Church Family Skate – Kentville Arena, 4:00 pm

Please Note: Copies of the December Church Calendar are available in the church foyer and the chapel.

Kentville Baptist is a Scent-Free Place of Worship

Please be scent-sensitive and refrain from wearing scented perfumes, colognes and products, as there are individuals in our church family who have allergies to these items.



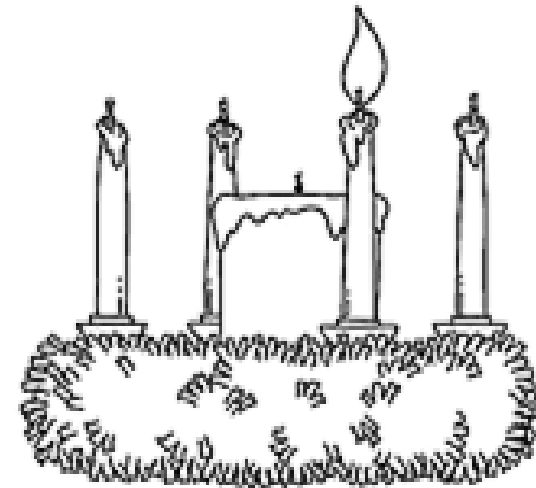
Thank you for your cooperation and consideration of others by turning your phones off or setting them to silence during the morning worship service.

Ministry Team and Contact Information

Ministers: All believers
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Welcome to Worship at Kentville United Baptist Church

Grow Up as Christ's Disciples
Team Up for a Healthy Church
Reach Out to a Hurting World



1st Sunday of Advent

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Email the Church Office: office@kentvillebaptist.org

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December 1st, 2024

*Indicates when to stand (anyone experiencing difficulty in standing may remain seated)

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (arr. Smith)

Welcome & Announcements

*Songs of Praise: (please see insert, hymnal or ppt screen for lyrics)

Into the Darkness

Soon and Very Soon

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Lighting of the Candle of Hope

Arun and Sunanda Sharma

Time With the Children

(After the children's time, Children grades P-6+ may leave for Sunday School. Parents, please pick up your children after the service from the classrooms located at the end of the hall past the washrooms and nursery area).

SHARING AS A COMMUNITY

Stewardship: Investing in God's Kingdom

Offertory

*Stewardship Song: **What Can I Give Him?**

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Ministry of Music: "The English Advent Carol" (arr. Liebergen)

Sanctuary Choir

Prayers of the People: Giving Thanks & Sharing Concerns

Deacon Karen Wilder

LISTENING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Titus 2:11-14

Message: "The Truth About Hope"

*Hymn of Response: **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

COMMUNION: SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper

GOING OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD

*Commissioning Hymn: **Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

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(Please remain seated while the Benevolent Offering is being received and stand as the Deacons come forward.)

*Blessing

Postlude - Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel' (arr. James Denton)



Please join us after the service in the Parlour for a time of refreshments and fellowship! Please note that there is an elevator lift available for those who require assistance.

Thank you for joining us in worship.

We invite you to fill in the welcome card in the pew rack or our guest book. Anyone may use the reverse side of the card for prayer items or questions.

Completed cards may be placed on the offering plate. We hope you feel welcome here and that you will worship with us again.



We welcome all to the Lord's Supper who know Jesus as their Saviour and Lord, the One who has reconciled us to God and who has laid claim to our lives. If this is not yet your faith, please feel free to pass the bread and cup by without embarrassment, letting them speak of God's love to you. (Please note: For those who have gluten sensitivities and allergies, we offer a gluten free wafer option on the trays of communion bread.) If you would like to explore what it means to know Jesus, please talk with one of our pastors.

On Communion Sunday, we also give people the opportunity to contribute toward compassionate ministries for helping with specific needs. This benevolent offering is a generous gift or a compassionate act of kindness. For example, through this offering we aid in food assistance, we participate in the Christmas hamper program, we respond to emergency needs in crisis, etc.

You might be asking: How do I open my life to God?

If you want to respond to God's love and his desire to cleanse and renew your life, be sure of this: Jesus has found you. God calls you to openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe that God has raised him from the dead. God will give you new life (which the Bible calls salvation) and the gift of his Holy Spirit. This turning away from your old life involves being baptized as a sign of your turning in faith to Jesus. If this is your desire, please speak to Pastor Dave, Pastor Devin, or one of our deacons. And yes, we will walk with you in your new life as we follow our Lord in obedience together.



Thank You! To everyone who helped with decorating the church for Christmas. We truly appreciate the time it takes to make our church look lovely for the Advent and Christmas season!



Others in Ministry

This Week

Greeters: Art & Sylvia Hamilton

Ushers: Craig Keddy, Linda Brehaut

Tellers: Arnold Lemmon (Head), Jim & Glenna Prime

PowerPoint: Creator – Alison Brathwaite Presenter- Alison Brathwaite

Sound Technician: Kevin Higgins

Next Week

Greeters: Tim & Debbie Brothers

Ushers: Dave Andrew, Bob Keddy

Tellers: Arnold Lemmon (Head), Betty Corkum, Ann MacDougall

PowerPoint: Creator – Alison Brathwaite Presenter- Alison Brathwaite

Sound Technician: John & Micah Campbell

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER TIME in Room 202 – 10:00 – 10:45 am. Please enter and leave quietly. Should you have a private prayer concern please come toward the last half of our time, then we can talk quietly and pray together. Private prayer concerns will be kept private. More details? Contact Quincy and Bonnie Collins at quincycollins2011@gmail.com



At Kentville Baptist one of the ways we support each other is through a **Prayer Line**. People in the church have committed themselves to pray privately for people and situations about which they are notified. Prayer concerns are shared only with the knowledge and permission of those for whom prayer is being sought. If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Dave by phone at: 902-678-3162 (church) or 902-681-2264 (home) or Karen Wilder at (902) 681-0116 to get the Prayer Line in motion.

Deacons' Prayer List: In the bulletin each week, we include the names of people in our church family who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis. We invite you to remember these people in prayer, phone calls or visits. ***This week please keep Mary Jean Brown, Peggy DesBarres, Marcia Higgins, and Hazel Greene in prayer.***

Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada (CBAC) Prayer Link:

December 1 - On the first Sunday of Advent, we hopefully anticipate the birth of Jesus Christ! We thank God for his plan to redeem his children by sending us a Saviour. This Christmas season, pray that our churches would be a beacon of hope to our neighbourhoods. Let's rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promises and his unfailing love for us!

JUST A THOUGHT . . . (a slow meander through Mark)

Read Mark 6:45-46

We are familiar with Jesus the teacher who patiently invites people to know God in a new way. We know Jesus the miracle worker who feeds thousands with a few loaves and fish. But who is this who abruptly and firmly sends his disciples and the crowds packing? This is Jesus who must (even forcefully) secure time to pray. Others will unknowingly take time that he needs with God.

How do I shape my days and curb my involvements so that I can pray?

Please join us for our

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Family Worship

Tuesday, December 24th at 6:30 pm



SONG OF PRAISE

Into the Darkness

1. Into the darkness of this world;
Into the shadows of the night;
Into this loveless place You came,
Lightened our burdens, eased our pain
And made these hearts Your home.
Into the darkness once again,
Oh come, Lord Jesus, come

Chorus:

*Come with Your love to make us whole.
Come with Your light to lead us on.
Driving the darkness far from our souls.
O come, Lord Jesus, come.*

2. Into the longing of our souls;
Into these heavy hearts of stone;
Shine on us now Your piercing light,
Order our lives and souls aright
By grace and love unknown.
Until in You our hearts unite,
Oh come, Lord Jesus, come. *Chorus*

3. O Holy Child, Emmanuel;
Hope of the ages, God with us,
Visit again this broken place,
Till all the earth declares Your praise,
And Your great mercies own.
Now let Your love be born in us,
O come, Lord Jesus, come. *Chorus*

Last Chorus:

*Come in Your glory take Your place.
Jesus, the Name above all names.
We long to see You face to face,
O come, Lord Jesus, come.*

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.
2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.
3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.
4. At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

Sincerest Christian Sympathy and support is extended to Brian and Kristy Benjamin and family on the passing of Brian's mother this week in New Glasgow.

For Christmas Eve! We are looking for candle lighters and holders of all ages for the Christmas Eve Service. If anyone is interested please put your name on a welcome card, write "candle" beside it and place it in the offering plate or contact the Office to be added to the list.



Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Bake Sale! – the Ladies Auxiliary is taking orders for trays of assorted squares (one dozen). Make sure you get your order in as soon as possible as this year ONLY 50 trays are being made.

Order forms are in your bulletins and in the church foyer and the deadline to order is **TODAY!** Pickup on Saturday morning, December 7th from 10:00 to 11:00 or after church on December 8th. Place order form in basket in the foyer. If you have any questions or are unable to attend church on Dec. 8th, call 902-678-0258 and we will make sure you get your order.

WHITE GIFT THANK YOU! – We thank you for your generosity offered to those in need this Christmas and will help our church greatly in aiding local families in our community. The Board is still accepting White Gift donations towards this ministry. Your gift may be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. Please clearly mark the envelope with "White Gift" and if you wish to receive a tax receipt please include your KUBC envelope number or add your name and address.

Our gift will be delivered to those in need in our community on the morning of Saturday, December 14. To sign up as delivery volunteers please contact Gretchen Lyons at 902 679 6540. Recipients will be told that delivery to them will be between 9:30 and 10:30. We are suggesting that volunteers also go in pairs.

The Board of Community Ministries would like to thank you for prayerfully considering supporting this ministry.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



Your Christmas letters are in your mailboxes in the CE hallway across from the Church Office! Your mail slot is found UNDER your name. Please help us deliver ones that can not be mailed out due to the Canada Post employees on strike! If you see one for a neighbour or friend who has not been able to come to church, why not pick it up and deliver it?

Extra letters for those who do not have a mail slot are available in a bottom slot on the right-hand corner. If you do not have a mail slot and would like one please contact the Office.

Thank You for Your Offerings – Stewardship and giving is an important element of our worship of God, who calls us to present unto Him "ourselves, our souls and our bodies" (Rom 12:1). If you are able to and wish to give, you may either place your offering in the collection plate, send an e-transfer to treasurer@kentvillebaptist.org or consider signing up for pre-authorized giving (form in the foyer or contact the church office). We give thanks to God for His goodness and blessing, which enable us to give generously toward our work together.

Please Note: Just an advance and friendly notice that Annual Reports will be due Friday, January 10th, 2025. All groups and committees are responsible for handing in a report. They can be emailed, on cd/ memory stick or hand written and dropped off at the Church Office.



Carols and Cider Sunday December 8th at 6PM Bethany Memorial Baptist Church
A Carol Sing with your favourites. Cider, and tasty treats to follow. Come join us in the CE Centre 539 Aldershot Road. Special Guests: Kentville Baptist Tone Chime Ensemble and Choir.

The Annapolis Valley Honour "It Feels New" concert - Saturday, December 7th, 2:00pm & 7:00pm, and Sunday December 8, 2:00pm at the Horton High School Performance Centre. Tickets: www.avhc.ca or at the door if available. This concert always sells out, so get your tickets early!

Friday December 13: Middleton Choral Society presents the Christmas concert "Listen, Listen!" in Middleton Baptist Church at 7:30 pm. Special musical guests Paradise Brass. Tickets are available from choir members or call 902-825-9433.

Christmas Concert - December 15th, 2024 at 2 pm - Featuring Men of St. Anthony's Church Men and Friends. Waterville Baptist Church. Freewill Offering. Refreshments to follow.

Christmas Eve 11 PM - The annual Christmas Eve service will be held at the historic Covenanter Church, Grand Pre at 11 pm. Service to feature scripture readings, carols and special music. All are welcome.

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cbmin.org/shared-hopeful-gifts-2024/

Check out the Missions Board bulletin board display in our church foyer for catalogues and information for this year's CBM Hopeful Gifts of Change

IMPORTANT Reminder: To avoid conflicts of room usage and for safety and security reasons anyone who wishes to have a meeting or facility use in the church MUST check on dates and room availability with the church office. **FOR THOSE USING ROOMS PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN DOWN HEAT AND TURN OFF LIGHTS WHEN YOU LEAVE.**

As winter weather begins please note that Kentville Baptist Church makes every effort to hold church during our storm season. However, if there are power or safety concerns during a storm, the Deacons have developed a cancellation protocol. Notices of the cancellation will be posted on CBC, AVR and Rewind 89.3 and on church voice mail (if there is no power outage) and web site.

Also! Groups meeting at the church are encouraged to make sure their members and the church are notified of any meeting or event cancellations due to inclement weather.



Ardyth & Jennifer's "The Longest Night" Concert, December 21st at 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm), St. James Anglican Church, Kentville, N.S.

Please join us for our annual Winter Solstice Concert and light a candle for hope in these dark days. Harpists, singer-songwriters Ardyth & Jennifer with guests Pam Mason (bass) and Clara Whitman (violin) will be filling the church with stories and song once again this year on the longest night of the year. All proceeds will go to support the "Nightlight Shelter" hosted by St. James. Tickets available for \$20 at the door or ahead of time at: www.eventbrite.ca

NSCC/Open Arms project – seeking donations of personal hygiene items, personal clothing items (underwear, socks, etc.) winter clothing items (ie. Coats, boots, hats, mittens) for adults. Bring any items to the church office **before end of day Tuesday, Dec 3.**

