

Thank You For Your Offerings – Due to the COVID restrictions, government guidance requests that we refrain from passing the offering plate in our worship service. Stewardship and giving is, however, still an important element of our worship of God, who calls us to present unto Him “ourselves, our souls and our bodies” (Rom 12:1). Please note, that offering plates are located at the entrance to the sanctuary and on the table in front of the pulpit. Your offerings may be placed there. We give thanks to God for his goodness and blessing, which enable us to give generously toward our work together.

THIS WEEK AT KENTVILLE BAPTIST

2 nd Sunday of Advent	10:00am - Praise Team 11:00am – Worship/ Communion/ Sunday School 12:00pm – Tone Chime Practice 12:00pm – Board of Community Ministries 1:30pm – Kids For Christ 7:00pm - Band2gether
Tuesday	9:00am – Quilters (Parlour) 12:00 – IT Committee (Lockhart Rm) 1:00pm – Friends In Bereavement 6:30pm – Valley Voices (Sanctuary)
Wednesday	6:15pm – Adventure Club 7:30pm – Choir Practice
Thursday	9:00am – Quilters (Parlour)
Friday	10:00am – Prayer Time (via Zoom) 6:30pm – Kids For Christ
3 rd Sunday of Advent	10:00am - Praise Team 11:00am – Worship/ Kids For Christ Musical 12:00pm – Tone Chime Practice 7:00pm - Band2gether

**Weekly sermons are also available on the web at
www.kentvillebaptist.org and by telephone at 1-888-813-3162.**

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Please call ahead if you plan to drop by the church and ring the doorbell.

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



Second Sunday of Advent

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**Welcome to Worship at
Kentville United Baptist Church
December 5th, 2021**

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

Prelude: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (arr. Cindy Berry)

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Eric Poll

*Song of Praise:

Into the Darkness

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Rodney and Wendee Geldart

Music during Candle Lighting: "Hope, Peace, Joy, Love" (R. Edwards, arr. C.L. Bass)

Sanctuary Choir

STEWARDSHIP: INVESTING IN GOD'S KINGDOM

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

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Sunday School Presentation

(Teachers and students may leave for Sunday School classes at this time.)

SHARING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

Prayers of the People

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7

Pastor Dave

Message: "Born in a War Zone"

*Hymn: ***His Glorious Name***

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Welcome of New Members

COMMUNION: SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper

GOING OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD

*Commissioning Hymn: ***O Come, O Come Emmanuel***

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*Blessing

Postlude: "Unto Us A Boy is Born" (based on 'Puer Nobis Nascitur', arr. R. C. Wilson)

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 and 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 compassionate act of kindness. For example, through this offering we help with food assistance, we participate in the Christmas hamper program, we respond to emergency needs in crisis, etc.



Today we welcome Rodney and Wendee Geldart into full membership during the service this morning.

Nova Scotia Phase 5 - Highlights include a continuation of the indoor masking regulations; the lifting of most other restrictions, including physical distancing and all gathering limits; the implementation of a proof of vaccination policy (Proof of vaccination is not required to attend Sunday worship, but is required for most other church activities, meetings, etc., including weddings and funerals). To read about the changes, please consult <https://novascotia.ca/reopening-plan/phase-five/> , <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/proof-of-full-vaccination-policy/> .
If you have any questions, please reach out to Rev. Dave or Rev. Devin.

Others in Ministry

This Morning: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Greeters: Bob Wilson, Myrna Blenkhorn

PowerPoint: Creator – Lorraine Higgins

Presenter – Lorraine Higgins

Sound Technician: Kevin Higgins

Next Week: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Greeters: Karen Wilder, Jani Dufton

PowerPoint: Creator – Lorraine Higgins

Presenter – Lorraine Higgins

Sound Technician: John Campbell



Please join us for our

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Family Worship

Friday, December 24th at 6:30 pm

Offerings are part of worship in the Bible. They are a way of expressing our thanks to God for his grace in our lives. Offerings are part of community-building in the Bible. They are a way we say "We're here for each other." Offerings are part of loving in the Bible. They are a way to spread our resources into a needy world. So on Christmas Eve, in a spirit of God-gratitude, family-communion, and neighbour-love, we will receive a free-will offering for any who wish to make a gift. If you would like to receive a tax receipt, please use an offering envelope in the pew, making sure to include your name and address. Envelopes may be placed in the offering plates found in the church foyer before or following the service.

Would you like to join with others in our church family to pray? The Friday morning prayer group is meeting for prayer at 10:00 am from their homes using ZOOM. They welcome new members at anytime. If you would like to join them please email Karen at karen.wilder@gmail.com so she can email you the information on how to participate.

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, the Deacons are including 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** Dorothy Blenkhorn, Mary Jean Brown and Joyce Brennan in prayer.

CBM PRAYERLINE – PRAYERS FOR OUR PARTNERS

The CBM Prayerline can be viewed anytime a www.cbmin.org/prayerline/

The Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM) gift catalogue 'Hopeful Gift For Change' is now available in the church foyer or shop online at hopefulgifts.ca Share the gifts of hope and joy with those in need around the world as you give gifts this Christmas

From the Missions Board - We would like to say a big 'Thank You!' to the Rotary Clubs of Kings County Charitable Foundation for their very generous donation of \$9,000 to the Kentville Baptist Church Refugee Fund to help support Amina, Hamzeh and Aya during their first year in Canada.

JUST A THOUGHT . . . (a slow journey through John)

Read John 15:15

There is nothing wrong with being a servant of Jesus. It is an honourable role. But Jesus also gives the higher privileges and responsibilities of friendship to his disciples. Only friends reveal their deepest God-and-me selves to each other and Jesus doesn't hold back anything from his commandment-obeying disciples (v.14) so that they can do his work and experience his love.

How has Jesus been treating me like his friend?

SONGS OF WORSHIP

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.*



Looking Ahead! Mark your calendars!

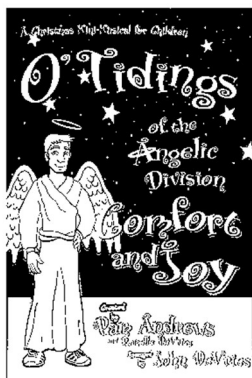
December 12th – Kids For Christ Musical, 11 am

December 19th – Lessons and Carols with Sanctuary Choir and Friends, 11 am

December 24th – Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service, 6:30 pm

January 1st, 2022 – New Year's Day Church Family Skate – Kentville Arena, 3:00 pm

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



NEXT SUNDAY!! The children don't seem to be in the Christmas spirit. Miss Nina, their director is out with the flu. It's the dress rehearsal of their Christmas program and things are going from bad to worse. All of a sudden, O' Tidings of the Angelic Division Comfort and Joy arrives. After all, the children called him as they sang the chorus of, "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen," didn't they?

Join us at 11:00am for the special musical *O' Tidings of the Angelic Division Comfort and Joy* being performed the Kids For Christ.



Youth Group Christmas Party - Friday, December 10, 7:30 pm at the church, in accordance with public health restrictions. Open to all in grades 7-12. Mark your calendars, all welcome.

Looking for a gift for a new child? Our Quilters have a number of baby quilts available for sale. Please contact Myrna Conrad for details and arrangements.

Looking for a unique, one of a kind, handcrafted gift? The Hand in Hand Committee has been given a number of beautifully handcrafted wooden items (bowls, cutting boards, lamps, a clock, etc.) created by a talented member of our church family! We have made these items available for purchase through a silent auction. Viewing and bidding has begun and will close on Sunday, Dec. 12th at 1:00pm. The items will be on display in the room across from the top of the stairs leading down into the CE Centre (a.k.a. the Food Assistance Room). A starting bid has been established for each item and all items are numbered. Just add a name, contact and your bid to the corresponding numbered sheet by the item. **Don't forget to check back later to see if someone has raised the bid on the item.** Viewing and bidding may also take place during the week. Monies raised will help the general operations of our church.



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 Alison in the Office to be added to the list.



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 K-rock, and on the church voice mail and web site. For further information about the protocol, please call the church office.

Please Note: Just an advance and friendly reminder that Annual Reports will be due Wednesday, January 12th, 2022. 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.



CAN YOU HELP? Feed Nova Scotia is in urgent need of drivers to deliver food boxes in the Valley area. Clients call the 211 number asking for food and if clients are at high risk, the request is sent to Feed Nova Scotia. The Feed Nova Scotia team reaches out to the client and tries to match them with a food bank nearby. If a client is disabled, does not have access to transportation, is in quarantine, or the food bank is closed or far away, a food box will be delivered to them. Basically, Feed Nova Scotia is the second option after the food banks. If you are interested in volunteering as a driver, contact Feed Nova Scotia at volunteer@feednovascotia.ca.

Wassail! Medieval, folk, and traditional songs for Christmas, Manning Chapel Choir, Friday, Dec 17 7:30pm (Doors Open at 7pm) and Saturday, Dec. 18, 4:00 pm (Doors Open at 3:30pm) and livestream. The outstanding Manning Chapel Choir directed by John Scott, joined by acclaimed, high energy Folk musicians Jude Pelley (bouzouki), Charlie Wilson (Irish flute), Ellen Gibbing (harp), and Amy Louder (fiddle). Wassails from the British Isles, traditional folk tunes of Ireland and Scotland, haunting medieval carols, and glorious choir music for treble voices. Tickets \$15 advance, \$20 at the door. Free for kids twelve and under



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