

THIS WEEK AT KENTVILLE BAPTIST

Today

10:00 – Praise Team

11:00 – Worship

Monday

Church Closed for Boxing Day Holiday

Friday

New Year's Day – Church Closed

Sunday

10:00 – Praise Team

11:00 – Worship

Office Note – I will be on vacation from December 25th to January 4th. Thank you to the Pastors, the Board of Stewards and Karen Wilder for their aid with my days off at this time of year. ~ Alison

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

Holiday Pastoral Contact Information - Pastor Dave will be away from Christmas Day to December 31st; For pastoral emergencies Dec 25 – Dec 31, please contact Pastor Devin at 902-678-3162 (church), 902-679-3611 (home), or contact Bob Wilson, Deacons Chair, at 902-678-1021.

Thank You For Your Offerings – Due to the current COVID restrictions, the government guidance has requested 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 the offering plates are located at the entrances to the sanctuary and on the table in front of the pulpit. Your offerings may be placed there (either on your way in or your way out from the service). We give thanks to God for his goodness and blessing, which enable us to give generously toward our work together.

Ministry Team and Contact Information

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Welcome To Worship at Kentville United Baptist Church

December 27th, 2020

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

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Linda Brehaut

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

Away In The Manger

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Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

SHARING AS A COMMUNITY

Kentville Catechism

Prayers of the People: Giving Thanks and Sharing Concerns

LISTENING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation: **Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

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Scripture Readings: Luke 2:21-24; Galatians 4:4-7

Jani Dufton

Message: “The Law Fulfilled”

Eric Poll

GOING OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD

*Commissioning Hymn: **Joy To The World**

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*Blessing

Postlude

Thank you for joining us in worship today.

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.

COMMUNION NEXT WEEK: Next week we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper together. Our apostle Paul urges us to honour the body (meaning our brothers and sisters in Jesus), whenever we gather for communion. Let's do something else Paul mentions: examine our hearts during this week to make sure we are not being dismissive of any whom Christ has redeemed and to whom he has joined us in one body, so we can join together next Sunday with joy and in true unity.

KENTVILLE CATECHISM

Q: What is Christmas?

A: Christmas is a 12-day long season to celebrate the incarnation, when the eternal Son of God took on our humanity, coming into this world by the power of the Holy Spirit, as Jesus of Nazareth, to save us all!

Scripture: John 1:14, Hebrews 2:14-18

SONGS OF PRAISE

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child



Gentle Mary laid her Child
Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the undefiled,
To the world a stranger:
Such a Babe in such a place,
Can He be the Saviour?

Ask those who have found His grace,
and His loving favour.

Angels sang about His birth;
Wise men sought and found Him;
Heaven's star shone brightly forth,
Glory all around Him:
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,
Heard the angels singing;
All the plains were lit that night,
All the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her Child
Lowly in a manger;
He is still the undefiled,
But no more a stranger:
Son of God, of humble birth,
Beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth,
Hail the King of glory!

Text by Joseph Simpson Cook, 1919 Public Domain

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ, our Saviour
Was born on Christmas day

To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray

*(Chorus:) O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy*

From God our Heavenly Father
A blessed Angel came;
And unto certain Shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by Name. *(chorus)*

And when they came to Bethlehem
Where our dear Saviour lay,
They found Him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His Mother Mary kneeling down,
Unto the Lord did pray. *(chorus)*

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
In Christian love and charity
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
Reveals to us God's grace. *(chorus)*

18th Century English Carol, Public domain.

JUST A THOUGHT . . . (a slow journey through John) *Read John 11:54-57*

Jesus withdrew from both the demanding crowds and the dangerous authorities throughout his ministry. Hiding in an out-of-the-way village near the Judean wilderness is as much the will of God for Jesus as bold proclamation and miracle working in downtown Jerusalem. People look for Jesus, but do not find him. Living wisely with God often means being out of step with many.

How do I know when to engage and when to withdraw?

Please check your Church mail boxes! opposite the Office in the CE Centre as many have Christmas mail in their mail slots to be picked up. Your 2021 offering envelopes have also been distributed. If you do not have envelopes and would like some, please contact Myrna Blenkhorn, Kevin Higgins or the Church Office.

Youth Group: We will be kicking off our new semester the second week of January and we hope that you are able to join us! Just like last semester, we will be having our weekly Zoom gatherings (One for Middle School and one for High School). New student enrolment is now open! Simply send spotlightyouth1@gmail.com to request a form. Looking forward to journeying with you this semester!

Sunday School – note that due to the changes in the Public Health order, we will not be offering Sunday school for January 3 and 10.



Please Note: Just a friendly reminder that Annual Reports will be due Friday, January 8th. **Thank you to those who have submitted theirs already!** 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.

THANK YOU for your support of our Ladies Auxiliary Covid Bake Sale . We want to say thanks to the people who supported us by baking or buying, we were able to raise \$1349.00 that will be used for projects around the church.

The Nominating Committee has begun its task of filling Church Officer and Board positions for 2021 and they are asking church members to prayerfully consider where you could be led to serve. If you would like information about what positions are available and what is required, please see talk to members of the Committee or contact the Church Office.

2021 Budget Request Deadline - The Board of Stewards would like to ask that information for the 2021 budget be submitted to Church Treasurer, Kevin Higgins, no later than Friday, January 15th, 2021.

Financial Update for the Period Ended November 30th, 2020

Total Revenue	\$237, 232
Total Expenses	\$240,625
Deficit	\$ 3,393

As you may recall for 2020 we had budgeted for a deficit of \$5,157 and were using our 2019 surplus of \$5,157 to balance our budget.

Our envelope giving for this period was \$187,970 and our budget was \$201,064. However, our expenses are below budget due to the Covid-19 Pandemic

On behalf of the Board of Stewards I thank you for your faithfulness and ask for your continued support as we strive to meet our financial budget for 2020 in these unusual times.

*“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
Such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”*

Hebrews 13:16

In His Service, Kevin Higgins, Treasurer

Anyone wishing to make a year-end donation may do so by placing it in the church side door mail box slot before noon, **Thursday, December 31st. Year-end tax receipts** will be ready in **February 2021.**



For the safety of yourself and others please

- ❖ Sit with your household unit or pre-determined social group in a marked pew
- ❖ Wear your mask covering during the entire service
- ❖ You are invited to sing softly
- ❖ Move quickly through the foyer area so others may pass
- ❖ Remain physically distant from others at all times

Public Health Order Changes - On Wednesday, Dec 16, the NS Government announced changes to the Public Health order with respect to faith-based gathering size limits, which are now being capped at 100 people (rather than the 200 it has been since we re-opened), effective Dec 21 through Jan 11. During this period, we would still be able to offer our overflow seating in the gym of the CE Centre building, but with a few changes. For the three Sundays this order is in effect (Dec 27, Jan 3, Jan 10), those in the CE Centre would be required to use a separate entrance, and separate washrooms, and people at the two gatherings (the church building and the CE Centre) would not be able to inter-mix. **Also, please note** that if attendance on those three Sundays in the sanctuary were to reach the 100-person capacity limit that we are permitted under the revised NS Public Health order, any additional worshippers would be directed to the overflow at that time.

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 Beach, Dorothy Blenkhorn and Mary Jean Brown in prayer.*

CBM PRAYERLINE – PRAYERS FOR OUR PARTNERS

The CBM Prayerline can be viewed anytime at <http://www.cbmin.org/prayerline/>