

**This Week at Kentville Baptist**

Today	10:00am	Pre-Service Prayer (Room 202)
	11:00am	Worship/ Sunday School
Tuesday	6:30pm	Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service
Sunday	10:00am	Pre-Service Prayer (Room 202)
	11:00am	Worship/ Sunday School

**Weekly sermons are available online at [www.kentvillebaptist.org](http://www.kentvillebaptist.org)  
and by phone at 1-888-813-3162.**

**Upcoming At Kentville Baptist:**

December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service – 6:30pm  
December 29<sup>th</sup> – Deacon Gary Corbin speaking  
January 1st, 2025 – New Year’s Day Church Family Skate – Kentville Arena, 4 – 5 pm  
January 5<sup>th</sup> – Deacon Braedon MacDonald speaking  
January 12<sup>th</sup> – CBAC Executive Minister – Rev. Renée MacVicar visiting and speaking,  
CBM Coin Cans collected by Board of Missions at this service.

**MESSAGE FROM OFFICE:** Please note that I will be taking time off from December 25<sup>th</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. **ANY notices that need to be placed in the bulletin for December 29<sup>th</sup> and January 5<sup>th</sup> must be received by Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.** After this time, I can not guarantee their inclusion in the bulletin while I am off on a Christmas Break. I would like to thank the Pastors, the Stewards and Jani Dufton for their help while I take a much needed rest over the holidays. ~ Alison

**Holiday Pastoral Contact Information** - Pastor Dave will be away from Christmas Day to January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. For pastoral emergencies please contact Pastor Devin at 902-678-3162 (church), 902-679-3611 (home), or contact Gary Corbin (Chair, Board of Deacons) at 902-678-3385.

**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.

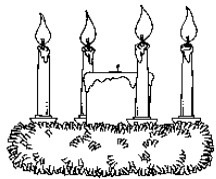
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## Welcome to Kentville United Baptist Church

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

### December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

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

#### GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call To Worship

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

**Go Tell it on the Mountain**

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**God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen**

Lighting of the Candle of Love

Kim & Cheryl Dobson

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

Lilly Campbell, Benjamin Johnstone

Ministry of Music: God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen (arr. Linda Lamb)

Tone Chime Ensemble

Prayers of the People: Giving Thanks & Sharing Concerns

#### LISTENING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn of Preparation: **Once in Royal David's City**

**286**

Scripture: 1 John 2: 28 – 3: 3

Message: "A Father's Love"

#### GOING OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD

\*Commissioning Hymn: **Angels We Have Heard on High**

**278**

\*Blessing

Postlude: "Angels We Have Heard on High" (arr. Lani Smith)

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***This morning's bulletins have been donated in loving memory of Ron Conrad and grandson, Andrew Shaw. From Myrna Conrad and Family "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23".***



**Please join us after the service in the Parlour for homemade Christmas cookies, coffee & tea. We will also have hot chocolate with toppers for children and youth!** Please note that there is an elevator lift available

for those who require assistance. Also note: there will not be Coffee time after the morning service NEXT SUNDAY. Coffee and Fellowship will resume after church on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

*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.*



#### Others in Ministry

##### **This Week**

Greeters: Tim & Debbie Brothers

Ushers: TBD

Tellers: Murray Lawson (Head), Lynn & Debbie Joseph

PowerPoint: Creator – Al Kingsbury Presenter- Al Kingsbury

Sound Technician: Braedon MacDonald

##### **Next Week**

Greeters: Nancie & David Armstrong

Ushers: TBD

Tellers: Murray Lawson (Head), Art & Liz Aucoin

PowerPoint: Creator – Al Kingsbury Presenter- Al Kingsbury

Sound Technician: Kevin Higgins

Please join us for our  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Candlelight Family Worship**  
Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 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 or church foyer, making sure to include your name and address.*

**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.

**\*\*\*Our Christian sympathies and support** are extended to the family and friends who are grieving the passing of Tony Bentley this past week.

**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** Bertha Reid, Barb Smith, Myrna Wilson, Dorothy Beach, Mary Jean Brown, Peggy DesBarres, Marcia Higgins and Hazel Greene in prayer.

**Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada (CBAC) Prayer Link:**

December 22 - On the final Sunday of Advent, we celebrate the inexplicable peace that only God can provide. We praise God that through his Son, the Prince of Peace, we are able to experience his steadfast presence in the midst of a chaotic, busy, and overwhelming world. We pray that through our churches and ministries, many people will experience God's peace in profound ways this Christmas season.

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

Read Mark 7:1-4

Washing hands before eating seems like common sense to us in our germ-attentive society. The problem with this handwashing tradition along with other purity rituals of the elders was that it paid such attention to external cleanliness and to the *appearance* of purity that it lost sight of the fact that purity before God is a matter of the heart. True inner purity is much more demanding!

How do I distinguish between external, superficial purity and true purity in my life?

Join your church in bringing *hope & healing* around the world

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

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

**SONG OF WORSHIP**

**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

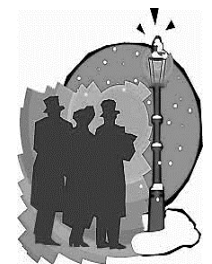
*Chorus: O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy*

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)*

18<sup>th</sup> Century English Carol, Public domain.



**CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**



**Please check your Church mail boxes!** There is lots of Christmas mail to be picked up! *Your mail slot is found UNDER your name.* **Your 2025 offering envelopes have been distributed.** If you know of someone who normally attends why not pick up theirs and drop them off to them as boxes will not be mailed out. **If you do not have envelopes and would like some, please contact Myrna Blenkhorn, Kevin Higgins or the Church Office.** If you do not have

a mail slot and would like one please leave a message with the church office and one will be set up for you in the New Year.



**For Christmas Eve!** We are still looking for a few more 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.

**TELLERS AND HEAD TELLERS** – The 2025 schedule is in your mailbox. The Head Tellers' schedule is on the back page. There is a copy on the bulletin board in the Teller's Room.

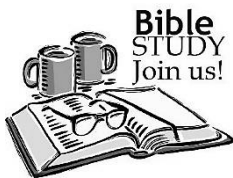
**PICTURE PERFECT** - Capture the JOY of Christmas with your Family Photo. We have set up a photo corner with a lovely Christmas backdrop by the mailboxes for you to take YOUR family picture. This will be available until December 25th.

**Can You Help?** The church needs a new representative for the Board of the Fundy Interchurch Food Bank. This involves attending a meeting once every two months on a Wednesday at 4pm. If you feel you could fill this role please contact Kerry MacPherson or the church office for more information.

**Please Note: Annual Reports are due Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**New Year's Day Church Family Skate** – free of charge at Kentville arena, courtesy the CE Board. **Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 – 5:00 pm**, all welcome.

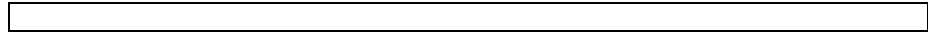


**Life Lessons From Psalms** – The Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study Group will begin an uplifting and encouraging look at the Book of Psalms starting on **Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us at 1:30pm in the Parlour if you are interested! For more information please contact JoAnne Manning.



**With winter weather here 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.



**Anyone wishing to make a year-end donation** may do so by placing it in the church side door mail box slot before noon, **Tuesday, December 31st**. **Year-end statements** will be ready in **February 2025**.

**2025 Budget Request Deadline** - The Board of Stewards would like to ask that information for the 2025 budget be submitted to the Church Treasurer, Kevin Higgins, no later than **Friday, January 17th, 2025**.

**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.

