

Welcome to worship with the congregations of First Baptist Church and Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church. Today marks our final Sunday worshipping together at First Baptist for the summer. Beginning **Sunday, August 2 - Sunday, August 30**, our combined worship services will be held at **Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church** (1 Ratchford St.). We look forward to returning to **First Baptist Church** for worship on **Sunday, September 6**.

The congregation of Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church is reminded that **Rev. Susan** will be **away on vacation from July 14-28**. **Erika** will be on **vacation** during the **last two weeks of July**. **Rev. Ruth Gamble** will be **on call** during this time to handle pastoral care issues that may arise. Her cell number is with the office staff at First Baptist.

Active in Mission: Hikes & Birding: Join Jeff for a nature walk and birding adventure. Meet at the back door of FBC to carpool. **Tuesday, July 28 6:30 pm** at **Amherst Point** and **Tuesday, September 1 at 9:00 am** at **Sackville Quarry Park**.

Schedule for Sun., July 26—Mon., August 3

Sun., 26	10:30 am	Worship with TSSUC
		FBC Congregational Meeting: Christie Funds
	12:00 pm	BBQ
Mon., 27	9:00 am	Day Camp (9 am—12 pm)
Tue., 28	9:00 am	Day Camp (9 am—12 pm)
	6:30 pm	AIM Hike: Amherst Point
Wed., 29	9:00 am	Day Camp (9 am—12 pm)
Thurs., 30	9:00 am	Day Camp (9 am—12 pm)
Fri., 31	9:00 am	Day Camp (9 am—12 pm)
	12:00 pm	Day Camp Family BBQ
Sun., 2	10:30 am	Worship at TSSUC
Mon., 3		Church & Office Closed for Natal Day



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AMHERST

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WORSHIP: Outdoors in Victoria Square

July 26, 2026 10:30 am

First Baptist Church Amherst
welcoming Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church
**Stand, as you are able.*

Senior Minister: Rev. Jeff G. White
mobile: 902-614-1011 jgwhite@ns.aliantzinc.ca
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Byron Corkum
Organist & Choir Director: Kevin Dupuis
Church Custodian: Shauna McCallum
Administrative Assistant: Angela Marks
Summer Student: Mackinley Mace

PRELUDE
WELCOME

Kevin Dupuis
Jeff White

***INTROIT** **Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousess,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.
Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.
We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, hallelujah.**
(Karen Lafferty © 1972 Maranatha! Music.)

CALL to Worship (Brian Doerksen (1965-2026); Joshua 1:9) **leader & people**
Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are, to worship
Come, just as you are, before your God
Come. The Lord your God is with you
wherever you go.

HYMN 275 **"When Morning Gilds the Skies"** vs. 1-4
**1. When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work or prayer
To Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!**
**2. Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

GRACE & Benediction
The Lord your God is with you
wherever you go.

CHORAL BLESSING
**Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**
(Nancy Price, Don Besig, © 1988 by Harold Flammer Music,
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Christie Fund recommendations p. 7

***POSTLUDE** Kevin Dupuis
[You may remain seated for the musical postlude]
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Second Quarter 2026 distribution from the Christie Fund
Available amount : **\$26,131.47**

Following the July 19 meeting of the Special Funds Committee,
these recommendations are presented for congregational approval:

1. That **\$1,355.00** be granted to Rugby New Brunswick in support of Mackinley Mace in her high level of sports achievement.
2. That **\$17,280.12** be granted to Warren Baptist Church and Cemetery Society for the construction of new stairs and a ramp at the church entrance.
3. That **\$3,000.00** be granted to the Liaison committee to cover costs associated with church renewal efforts.
4. That the remaining **\$4,496.35** be deposited to the church operating account.

***RESPONSE**

(Fairhill)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

CELEBRATION of Ministry

PRAYERS for ALL

Jeff White

**The Lord your God is with you
wherever you go.**

HYMN

“We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”

**1. We wait the peaceful kingdom,
when wolf and lamb shall lie**

**in gentleness and friendship without a fear or sigh,
when lion shall be grazing, when snake shall never strike;
a little child shall lead us both strong and weak alike.**

**2. Where is the peaceful kingdom?
When will this new day start?**

We long for peace and comfort to reign within each heart.

**Yet not in our lives only, nor simply in our home:
we pray that all creation will one day find shalom.**

**3. When wars of desolation and hate come to an end,
when nation meets with nation
and calls the other “friend,”
still peace in all its fullness will only have begun:
shalom for all creation begins with justice done.**

**4. That little child shall lead us to walk the chosen way,
to share the peaceful kingdom,
to greet God’s newborn day.
The child born in a stable is sent to break our chains,
to bring through word and table
the day when justice reigns.**

(Kathleen R. Moore, 2010; Hal H. Hopson, 1983)

**3. The night becomes as day,
When from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
In heav’n’s eternal bliss,
The loveliest strain is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**4. Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th’eternal song,
Through all the ages on:
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

(Edward Caswall 1814-1878)

PRAYER of Invocation & the Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

HYMN 137 “For the Beauty of the Earth” vs. 1 & 2

**1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2. For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

STORY TIME

**The Lord your God is with you
wherever you go.**

HYMN 137 “For the Beauty of the Earth” vs. 3 & 4

**3. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**4. For Thy church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**
(Folliott Sandford Pierpoint 1835-1917)

VBS Dedication

Student, Leaders, *Congregation*

Student: Our Road Trip VBS begins this week and amazing leaders have volunteered to provide leadership. We want to recognize these volunteers. Will the volunteers please come forward? From the Book of Joshua we hear these words: “The Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” You who have committed to lead are dedicating yourselves to leading the children, the Travelers, who will attend VBS this week. You have committed to leading Travelers to a deeper relationship with God through Jesus by guiding them to trust God in every situation and to follow God’s lead as they share the good news of Jesus and serve others in this world. As leaders, you must do the same, and together commit to share the good news of Jesus and serve God and others.

Leaders: We ask you pray for us as we seek God’s help. We ask you to pray for all those whose lives will be impacted by our efforts.

Student: We ask you to help us extend a welcome to neighbors, relatives, and friends who join us at Road Trip VBS.

Leaders: God who has called us, teach us to know your presence with us everywhere!

Student: God is with us on the journey.

Leaders: God who goes with us, guide us always, whether we are on the main roads or the scenic routes.

Student: God is with us when we go off course.

Leaders: God of joy, you rejoice with us when we are joyful. Fill us with joy at VBS.

Student: God is with us when we’re joyful.

Leaders: God, give us people to work alongside, and give us courage, strength, and sometimes patience to work with them.

Student: God is with us when we’re lonely.

Leaders: God, thank you for the peace you give us, and help us know and share your presence everywhere we go.

Student: God is with us near and far.

Congregation: We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct your steps.

We pray that Travelers who attend VBS sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives and will be endowed with gifts that God provides.

Leaders: May God guide us during these days and use us to lead the way for our Travelers.

Student: Gracious God, thank you for these people you have called to your service. Give each leader a kind and compassionate heart for each child and youth. Fill their hearts with love. Help them be a blessing to all who take part in our Road Trip VBS program. Amen.

First READING Genesis 29:15-28

Ed Colquhoun

The Lord your God is with you
wherever you go.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-33, 44-52

Dianne Chitty

SERMON “Treasure What Is New & What Is Old” Jeff White

SILENT Meditation

OFFERING