

## **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AMHERST**

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### **Worship: Trinity Sunday**

May 31, 2026 10:30 am

Welcome to our worship and fellowship.

If you are visiting, please sign our guest book, and we will pray for you.

*\* Stand, as you are able.*

PRELUDE

Kevin Dupuis

\*WELCOME

Jeff White

\*INTROIT

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.**

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

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\*CALL to Worship (Kimmothy Cole, A Liturgy for All Bodies, p. 6)

leader & people

You are woven together out of star dust and filled with the breath of God.

**We offer thanks for the divinity in our breath.**

You are filled with life discovering itself.

**We are in awe of the image of God written on the face of our neighbor.**

You are abundant just as Christ is abundant because God is alive in you.

**We are humbled by the fullness of experience that Creator has gifted us.**

You are part of a vision of abundance that God has for this earth.

**We are nurtured by all of the life around us and offer our abundance in return.**

We gather to witness the Spirit of God alive in this community.

**We celebrate the spirit of fullness that is alive in each of us.**

\*HYMN 256

“This Is My Father’s World” (Maltbie D. Babcock 1858-1901)

1.       **This is my Father’s world,  
          And to my list’ning ears,  
          All nature sings, and round me rings  
          The music of the spheres.  
          This is my Father’s world:  
          I rest me in the thought  
          Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
          His hand the wonders wrought.**

2.       **This is my Father’s world,  
          The birds their carols raise,  
          The morning light, the lily white,  
          Declare their Maker’s praise.  
          This is my Father’s world:  
          He shines in all that’s fair;  
          In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
          He speaks to me everywhere.**

3.                   **This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget  
                      That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.  
                      This is my Father’s world:  
                      The battle is not done, Jesus, who died,  
                      shall be satisfied, And heav’n and earth be one.**

PRAYER of Invocation (adapted from *The Hymnal*, 628)

leader & people

Our God, how great You are!

On the first day of the week we commemorate Your creation of the world and all that is in it.

**Thank You for the light which wakes us morning by morning**

**And for that greater light which shines in Jesus Christ.**

Our God, how great You are!

On the first day of the week You raised Jesus from the dead.

**Raise us with Him to a new quality of faith and life.**

Our God, how great You are!

Again on the first day of the week You sent Your Spirit and Your disciples.

**Do not deprive us of Your Spirit,**

**but renew Her in us day by day. Amen.**

POEM

Psalm 8 (Regina Coupar, *The Seeker's Heart*, 2004)

<p>wondrous God all things glow from your touch</p> <p>when I ponder the vastness of the universe the beauty of the heavens the workings of sea and star</p> <p>I wonder</p>	<p>what am I that you remember me who am I that you care for me that you love me as you do</p> <p>you have called me from the height and depth of all creation shining your light into my heart</p>	<p>you have given me hands and feet to do your work and a tongue to speak your words</p> <p>wondrous God all things glow from your touch</p>
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SONG 476 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

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| <p><b>1. He's got the whole world in His hands,<br/>He's got the big round world in His hands,<br/>He's got the whole world in His hands,<br/>He's got the whole world in His hands.</b></p>              | <p><b>2. He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,<br/>He's got the sun and the moon in His hands,<br/>He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,<br/>He's got the whole world in His hands.</b></p> |
| <p><b>3. He's got the little bitsy baby in His hands,<br/>He's got the tiny little baby in His hands,<br/>He's got the little bitsy baby in His hands,<br/>He's got the whole world in His hands.</b></p> |   |

STORY TIME

(Children's activity sheets are available in the Foyer. There are also Classrooms upstairs.)

SONG 476 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

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| <p><b>4. He's got you and me, brother, in His hands,<br/>He's got you and me, sister, in His hands,<br/>He's got you and me, brother, in His hands,<br/>He's got the whole world in His hands.</b></p> | <p><b>5. He's got everybody in His hands,<br/>He's got everybody in His hands,<br/>He's got everybody in His hands,<br/>He's got the whole world in His hands.</b></p> |
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FIRST Testament

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

CHOIR

"Tune My Heart to Sing Thy Grace"

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

Angela Marks

\*HYMN

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

pp. 4, 5

SERMON

"Original Blessing"

Jeff White

SILENT Meditation

OFFERING

\*RESPONSE

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

(Fairhill)

CELEBRATION of Ministry

PRAYERS for All

\*HYMN

“My Love Colours Outside the Lines”

pp. 7 - 9

\*BENEDICTION

1 Corinthians 13:13

\*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.**

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POSTLUDE

[You may remain seated to hear the postlude music.]

Kevin Dupuis

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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

# 512 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 ♦ dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in - tend, and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;  
 fer - vour, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty;  
 ♦ world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty;  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty;  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;

Words: Jeffery W Rowthorn 1978  
 Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor 1944

ABBOT'S LEIGH  
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# 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines

(Outside the Lines)

Unison *Swing*  
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F Fmaj7 B<sup>b</sup>

1 My love col-ours out-side the lines,  
 2 My Lord col-ours out-side the lines,  
 3, 4 My soul longs to col-our out-side the lines,

B<sup>b</sup>maj7 C F Fmaj7

ex - plor - ing paths that few could ev - er find;  
 turns wounds to bless - ings, wa - ter in - to wine;  
 tear back the cur - tains, sun, come in and shine;

B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>maj7 Gm

and takes me in - to pla-  
 and takes me in - to pla-  
 I want to walk be - yond the boun-

C F C/E Dm Dm/C

ces where I've nev - er been be - fore, and o - pens  
 ces where I've nev - er been be - fore and o - pens  
 daries where I've nev - er been be - fore, throw o - pen

B<sup>b</sup> C<sup>7</sup> F

doors to worlds out - side the lines.  
 doors to worlds out - side the lines.  
 doors to worlds out - side the lines.

B<sup>b</sup> F C<sup>7</sup> F F F<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>

4 Fine 2, 3

We'll nev-er walk on

C F C/E Dm Dm/C

wa-ter if we're not pre-pared to drown, bo - dy and soul

B<sup>b</sup> C<sup>7</sup> F F<sup>7</sup>

need a soak-ing from time to time. And we'll

B<sup>b</sup> C F C/E

nev-er move the grave - stones if we're not pre-pared to die,

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RESPONSE

Dm Dm/C B<sup>b</sup>

and re - a - lize there are

C<sup>7</sup> F D.C.

worlds out - side the lines.

We extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Dianne Melanson. A service will take place here at **11:00 am** on **Monday, June 1**, reception to follow.

We extend our sincere condolences to Gwen & Rob Wells and also to their family and friends on the loss of their daughter, Janet Lorraine (Wells) Balsom.

The spring edition of the **Bulletin of the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms** is available online and in paper copies. Pick one up today and read it.

You are invited to help support **Camp Pagweak's Food Donation Program** through a **monetary gift** in place of food items. Donations may be made through your regular offering (please mark "Camp Pagweak" on your envelope) or through the church office by cash, interac or e-transfer ([ambapt@ns.aliantzinc.ca](mailto:ambapt@ns.aliantzinc.ca)).

**Offerings for Sunday, May 24**

Envelopes	\$485.00
Plate	\$ 27.00
Benevolent	\$ 5.00
Restoration	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$522.00</b>

Pre-Authorized Offerings for April  
**\$1,045.00**

**Schedule for Sunday, May 31 – Monday, June 8**

- Sun., 31      10:30 am    Worship Service
- Mon., 1      11:00 am    Funeral & Reception: Diane Melanson
- 4:00 pm    IODE
- Tue., 2      3:30 pm    Christianity Intro.
- Wed., 3      9:45 am    Food Bank Mtg.
- 4:00 pm    Board of CE
- Thur., 4      7:00 pm    Choir Rehearsal
- Sun., 7      10:30 am    Worship Service: Byron Corkum
- Mon., 8      11:00 am    Prayer Time

≡ You are invited ≡

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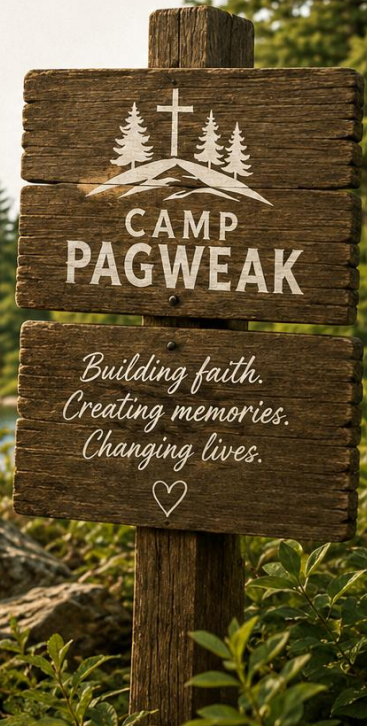


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♥ Thank you for supporting Camp Pagweak!



# Introduction to Christianity

Anyone interested in Church membership, or a refresher in what it means to be a Baptist Christian, can join **Jeff White** for this study series.



**Tuesdays | 3:30–5:00 pm**

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| May 26  | <b>First:</b> Being Christian              |
| June 2  | <b>Second:</b> Being Church                |
| June 9  | <b>Third:</b> Being Baptist                |
| June 23 | <b>Fourth:</b> Being First Baptist Amherst |