

CBAC Prayer Link

(Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada)

November 2: Across our region, churches are demonstrating incredible hospitality and generosity to refugee families settling in Atlantic Canada. Pray for CBAC's Refugee Sponsorship ministry (coordinated by Jacqueline Derrah) as churches and groups prepare for the arrival of new families and serve those already here. Ask God to increase our capacity for hope-filled care for neighbours, near and far.

November 9: This Remembrance Day, take time to pray for peace and gratitude. Thank God for the sacrifices of those who have served to protect our freedom and safety. Pray for comfort and healing for veterans, their families, and all who bear the scars of conflict, and ask for God's wisdom and guidance for leaders working toward peace in our world.

November 16: Pray for the new ordains who have been celebrating ordination services this fall. Ask God to strengthen them, provide wisdom and humility, and guide their ministries as they step into this next chapter of their calling. Celebrate their journey and pray for the churches and communities they will serve.

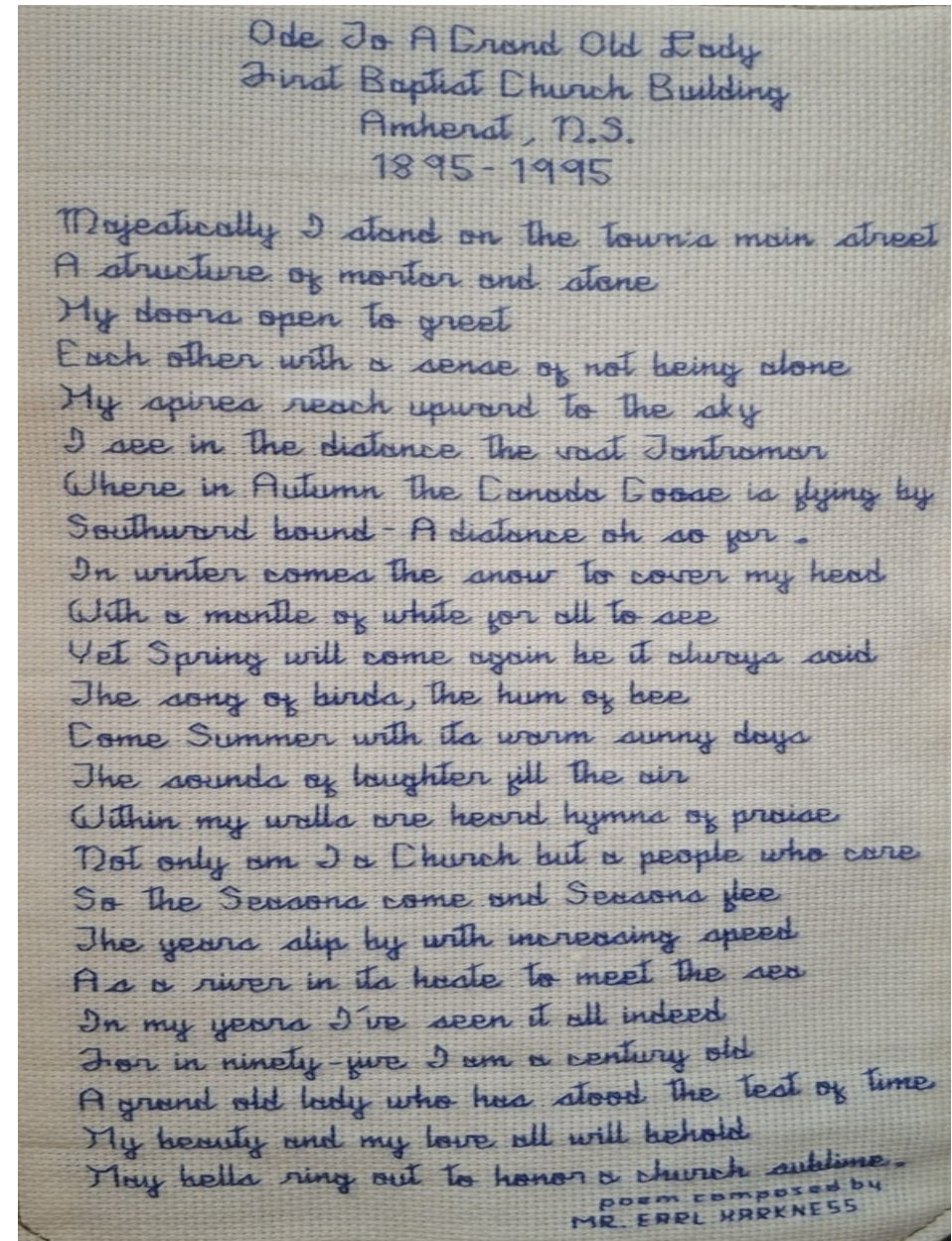
November 23: Pray for generosity and gratitude to flourish in this coming season. Ask God to open our hearts to those in need and to help us embrace the joy of giving and sharing God's blessings. Pray for new openness and opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus in our neighbourhoods.

November 30: On this First Sunday of Advent, pray for hearts to be filled with hope. Thank God for the promise of his coming in Jesus and the light he brings into a world of darkness. Ask him to prepare us to wait expectantly, living in the assurance of his faithfulness and the joy of his presence.

The Reflector

November 2025

Reflecting the life of First Baptist Church Amherst



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Worship on Sundays at 10:30 AM

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UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Advent Devotions

This year, once again, we the people of First Baptist write our own **devotional book**, for the **season of Advent**. Sign up on the **sheet in the Vestry**, take a blank page, and put together a thought for the day, based upon the day's scripture or carol lyric. Add a prayer at the end. Jeff and Angela will work with a volunteer as editors. Your devotion could be a few thoughts, a story you tell, or take the form of a poem. Your page limit is about 200 words. The **deadline is Sunday, November 16th**. Turn your page into the office on paper, or email us at ambapt@ns.aliantzinc.ca We will publish the book on our website and on paper. Let's share again our hope in Christ during this special season.

Cumberland County Association Worship Service

Join us **Saturday, November 16 at 4 pm** at **Springhill Baptist Church** with guest speaker **Rev. Dr. Spencer Boersma**. Enjoy worship, prayer, and fellowship, followed by a **pot-luck**—bring finger foods to share. All are welcome—let's worship and connect together as one community in Christ!

REGULAR, REPEATING MINISTRIES

Volunteers for November

Flowers: Cynthia McCarthy; **Communion Clean-up:** Liz Hickey & Liz Purdy; **Ushering & Offering: Team One:** Shawn Brunt, Lisa Brunt, Karen Fraser, Bev Curry, Debby Creamer, Rick Creamer, Jean Harrison, Greg Wilson (Team Leader).

Singing at White Birches

Once a month on **Thursday afternoons**, a small group visits **White Birches** to share music and song. We gather a few days beforehand for a short rehearsal, and all are welcome to join—no special training needed, just a willingness to sing along! If you'd like to be part of this joyful ministry, please contact the Church Office for more details.

Nursing Home Services

We bring joy and encouragement to local nursing homes through a short service of scripture, song, and fellowship. It's a wonderful way to share God's love and brighten someone's day! If you'd like to be part of this heartwarming ministry, please contact the Church Office.

Prayer Team

There is a small group who will pray for prayer requests, confidentially & confidently. Contact Jeff White:

E-mail: jgwhite@ns.aliantzinc.ca Phone: 902-614-1011.

Offering Options

Pre-Authorized Giving; E-mail Money Transfer, Interac/Debit; Offering Envelopes.

Holy Communion & Benevolent Fund

On the **first Sunday of each month**, we celebrate Holy Communion and invite benevolent offerings for our **Benevolent Fund**. Your generosity helps us support those in need—covering essentials like food, prescriptions, and heating, and partnering with others to make a difference.

Christmas Tea & Sale

You're Invited! Come join us for a cozy and joy-filled day on **Friday, November 28**. Tickets **\$12.00/person**. First Sitting **10:30 am - 11:30 am**; Second Sitting **11:45 am—12:45 pm**. Enjoy a lovely assortment of sandwiches, sweets, and tea or coffee as we gather in fellowship to celebrate the joy of the Christmas season. **Please note:** seating is limited. We encourage you to purchase tickets in advance to ensure your spot and avoid missing out on this special event.

ARHS Band Christmas Sing-along

Join us on **November 28** at **7:00 pm** for a festive sing-along with the ARHS Band!

Rachel MacLean Christmas Concert

We invite the whole community to enjoy the sounds of the season on **Friday, December 19** at **7:00 pm**. Cash donations in support of our Local Food Bank.

Weekly Prayer Time

Mondays at 2:15 pm. Led by Jeff White, the sessions this month will use classic prayers from history.

Bible Basics

Jeff is offering a weekly **Bible study group - The Gospel of John** on **Tuesdays** from **1:15 – 2:30 pm**, meeting in the Parlour. It is recommended you read a few chapters in John before our weekly lesson. And bring a Bible.

Church Luncheons

Here are the top **three lunch choices** from the ballots at our most recent luncheon: 1. Christmas Dinner; 2. Breakfast Brunch 3. Chicken Breast Meal. Other popular suggestions included: Turkey Burgers/Dressing/Gravy; Shepherd's Pie; Cold Cuts and Beans; Chicken Noodle Soup; Ham and Scalloped Potatoes; Lobster Roll. We love hearing your ideas and **THANK YOU** for helping us plan future luncheons!

First Baptist 2026 Calendar

Late this month, a calendar of twelve photos, celebrating First Baptist and our **130 year old building**, will be available for sale. Watch for it! Could make a good Christmas gift.

Advent Family Craft Night

Rev. Marlene will be having a **Family Craft Night** on **Wednesday, November 19** from **6:30 pm-8:00 pm**, enter backdoor basement. For ages **5 to adulthood**. Come and enjoy making crafts, as we get ready to celebrate this wonderful time of year. There will be several crafts available, pick the one or ones you want to make until we run out of time or craft supplies. Please **pre-register by Friday November 14** as there are a limited amount of supplies. If you are not crafty, please come, socialize and sign some Christmas Cards for our Christmas Cheer Boxes.

Advent Lunch and Learn

Join Rev. Marlene for **four Wednesdays** beginning **November 26, December 3, December 10, December 17** from **Noon till 1:00 pm**. Bring your lunch and come to the parlor as we eat lunch together, look at some Christmas Traditions and why we continue to do them and enjoy making a small craft. **Please note these events are sponsored by Christian Education Committee.*

Tour of First Baptist Church

Join us for a special tour of First Baptist Church on **November 22** from **2:00 pm—4:00 pm**. Come explore the history, architecture, and community that makes our church a special place. Everyone is welcome!

Congregational Chili Luncheon!

Stay after worship on **Sunday, November 23** and enjoy a delicious meal in the **Christie Room**. It's a wonderful time for food, fellowship, and supporting our **Benevolent Fund**, which helps those in need in our community.

November 2025 at First Baptist Church Amherst

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:30 am Worship Service 11:45 am Congregational Luncheon	27 1:00 pm Line Dancing	28	29 	30 10:00 am Deacons Mtg. 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	31 Happy Halloween	1
2 10:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School Daylight Savings Time—Clocks back	3 1:00 pm Line Dancing 2:15 pm Prayer Time 4:00 pm IODE	4 1:15 pm Bible Basics 6:30 pm Board of Management	5 1:00 pm Christmas Tea Mtg. 4:00 pm Board of CE	6 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	7	8
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16 10:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School 4:00 pm Association Service @ Springhill Church	17 10:00 am Practice for White Birches 1:00 pm Line Dancing 2:15 pm Prayer Time	18 1:15 pm Bible Basics	19 6:00 pm Advent Family Craft Night	20 1:30 pm Singing at White Birches 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	21	22 2:00 pm Church Tour
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