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The Church Gathers for Worship

Sunday, January 4, 2026, 10:30 am

~ 2nd Sunday of Christmas ~

*Please stand, as you are able

Gathering Music: *All Who are Thirsty*
What A Friend We Have in Jesus
Be Still, For the Presence of the Lord

Welcome

A Celebration of Our Life and Work Together

*Responsive Reading: Lic. Margaret Mensah

Leader: Come, O church of God,
People: let us worship here together.

Leader: On this corner,
People: where we've seen God's faithfulness from year to year,

Leader: Sing and worship, tell and cherish,
People: share our faith with one another.

Leader: For God has blessed us in each season,
People: and we have seen God's goodness here.

Leader: Come, O church of God,
People: let us seek God's will together.

Leader: In the changing of our season,
People: God is moving once again.

Leader: Pray and ponder, watch and wait,
People: share our dreams with one another.

Leader: God will guide us in this season
People: as we commit to follow him.

Leader: Let us worship now together,
All: expecting God to move among us.

*Gathering Hymn: *All People Living on the Earth* Psalm 100

Opening Prayer Lic. Margaret Mensah

Solo: *If I Have Wounded Any Soul Today* Murray Shaw

Scripture Reading: Psalm 62: 5-8 Shon Whitney

Children's Moment Rob Raeside

*Hymn of Response: *Be Still and Know*

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:12-15

Sermon: **Cultivating a Quiet Heart in a Noisy World**

Rev. Dr. Seidel Abel Boanerges

Pastoral Prayer Jennifer Longley

Offering of our Gifts Lic. Vipin Joseph

*Offertory: *Use These Gifts*

Prayer for the Offering Lic. Vipin Joseph

*Communion Hymn: *God Loved the World so Much* v1-3

Holy Communion Rev. Dr. Seidel Abel Boanerges

Prayer for the Bread Eveline DeSchiffart
Prayer for the Cup Joanna McGrath

*Closing Hymn: *God Loved the World so Much* v4-6

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Seidel Abel Boanerges

Postlude

We would like to thank the Rev. Dr. Seidel Abel Boanerges for participating in our Worship Service today.

Sunday Worship Services in January

Date	Preacher	Deacon of Service
January 11	Rev. Dr. Anna Robbins	Lic. Luke Steeves
January 18	Rev. Dr. Mark Jefferson	Joanna McGrath
January 25	Rev. Dr. Mark Jefferson	Eveline DeSchiffart

At Wolfville Baptist, Jan 4-10, 2026

Sunday Worship: In-person & online services at 10:30am. Go to www.wolfvillebaptist.ca for the weekly YouTube link

Valley Mission Church (in Korean): Sundays, 3pm, Sanctuary

Valley of Hope Ministry: Sundays, 1pm, Sanctuary

Alcoholics Anonymous: Tuesdays, 10am, Parlour

Miriam Ross ABW: Wednesday, Jan 7, 2pm, Parlour

Friendly Fellowship: Thursdays, 10am, Parlour

Sanctuary Choir: Thursdays, 7pm, Sanctuary

Men's Ensemble: Friday, Jan 9, 2pm, Sanctuary

kidzQuire: Fridays, 3:30pm, Sanctuary

EDGE Youth: Fridays, 6:30pm

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Rev. Dr. Seidel Abel Boanerges joined Acadia Divinity College on August 1, 2025, as Associate Professor in the Abner J. Langley and Harold L. Mitton Chair of Church Leadership and Director of Mentored Ministry. A native of Hyderabad, India, and an accredited Baptist minister, he brings to the College more than two decades of experience in pastoral ministry, academic teaching, and strategic leadership across multicultural and international contexts.

Seidel is recognized for his passion for ministerial formation and his vision for reimagining leadership training for the contemporary Church. Prior to his appointment at Acadia, he served as Dean of Ministerial Formation and a senior executive at Spurgeon's College in London, England, where he oversaw training at every stage (lay, accredited and probationary) of ministerial preparation. He has also held leadership roles as Moderator of the Baptist Council for the Baptist Union of Great Britain and as a board member for Capernwray Hall and Bible School, Global Action UK, and the British IVP Publishing Board. His scholarly output reflects a sustained commitment to equipping the Church with intellectually robust and pastorally sensitive resources. Seidel's publications range from pioneering works in apologetics and preaching to insightful contributions on ministerial formation, intercultural ministry, and Baptist identity. His academic contributions include work as an External Examiner for Durham and Middlesex Universities, as well as a recent appointment as Visiting Scholar at the University of Oxford.

He holds a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) in Practical Theology from the University of Chester, an M.Th. in Preaching with Distinction from the University of Wales, and a B.A. in Applied Theology with First Class Honours from the University of Gloucestershire. Additionally, he has earned a Higher Education Teaching Certificate from Harvard's Derek Bok Centre for Teaching and Learning (HarvardX). Seidel has been elected a Fellow of the British Royal Society of Arts, the Royal Asiatic Society, and the Higher Education Academy (Advance HE).

At Acadia, he lectures in ministerial formation and Christian leadership, encouraging students to integrate theological depth with practical skills for ministry and mission. His global outlook and innovative approach make him a valued voice in shaping the next generation of Christian leaders.

Beyond academia, Seidel is committed to the church and wider community. An active preacher and mentor, he draws on his international experience to bridge diverse perspectives within Baptist life and beyond.

Seidel is married to Linda, and together they have two daughters.