

# Wolfville Baptist Church

## Announcements for Sunday, Jan 18, 2026

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### **This Week's Guest Speaker – The Rev Dr. Mark Jefferson:**

Rev. Dr. Mark Andrew Jefferson serves as Associate Professor in the John Gladstone Chair of Preaching and Worship at Acadia Divinity College and as Dean of the Sarah Daley Nickerson Chapel. A gifted preacher, teacher, and church leader, Dr. Jefferson has served in congregations in Virginia and Georgia, and he has preached across the United States and internationally. Before joining Acadia Divinity College in July 2025, he taught at Virginia Theological Seminary and has also served on the faculty of Howard University School of Divinity, Sewanee School of Theology, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and Candler School of Theology. His scholarship explores preaching at the intersection of faith, culture, technology, and the lived realities of race and community. Mark is married to his wife Chanel, and together they have one daughter, Ella.

**Nominees for Pastoral Search Committee:** Wednesday night we held a special church meeting, where one of the items of business was to appoint a search committee for a new pastor. The Deacons provided the names of Michael Jeffrey, Nancy Robertson, and Luke Steeves to serve, with Helen Chan as an alternate. There are six remaining positions to be filled by members of the congregation. Ten candidates for these positions were invited to provide background information outlining their previous experience in church settings. A motion was made and passed that these statements be shared with the congregation so that all members could consider the candidates before voting. Subsequently, one person has withdrawn their nomination. Accordingly, Gisèle has transcribed the candidates' comments of the remaining nine candidates for your review. Paper copies of the document are available at the back of the sanctuary. **Please note:** only WBC members may participate in this vote. Please review the information and send your vote to the Moderator (rob.raeside@acadiav.ca). You may vote for up to six candidates. If you have already voted in the Zoom call or by email, please do not vote again. **The vote will stay open until Sunday evening, 18 January.**

**Green Keepers Garden Club** invites you to a slide presentation of Scottish gardens visited by Rob and Wendy last summer, lots of water lilies and tea shops. A time of fellowship will follow. Join us in the WBC vestry Wednesday, Jan 21, 2pm.

**Outdoor Adventurers!** We plan to trek to Blue Beach or walk/snowshoe the Gaspereau River Canal loop, depending on the weather. Meet in the church parking lot at 9:55am to carpool for 10am. All are welcome. Please email Beth Crosby with questions ([mbcrosby@eastlink.ca](mailto:mbcrosby@eastlink.ca))

**Games Wanted!** If you have new or gently used board games and/or card games that would be appropriate for our youth group (games that take no longer than 90 minutes to play), please consider donating them. Games may be dropped off at the church office or given directly to Vipin or Gisèle. Thank you for supporting our youth!

**Confidential Prayer Chain:** To request a regular prayer for yourself or someone you know, email [shonwhitney@hotmail.com](mailto:shonwhitney@hotmail.com). Names may be omitted, if desired.

**WBC YouTube:** Wolfville Baptist has a YouTube channel!  
<https://www.youtube.com/@wolfvillebaptistchurchonli4675/streams>

**Donate to WBC:** Donate to WBC on-site, via e-transfer (DonateWolfvilleBaptist@gmail.com), by pre-authorized giving, regular mail, and third-party giving (e.g. using our Zeffy app QR code). For further info, contact the office.



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## Community Events

**Loyal Workers' Take-Out Luncheon:** Wednesday, Jan 21, Port Williams United Baptist Church. Corn chowder or hamburger soup, Flower Cart roll & butter, and either carrot cake or apple crisp. Please call Carol Ann at 902-542-3681 or Ruth at 902-542-7141 by Monday, Jan 19. You will get a call back number with a pick-up time on Tuesday, Jan 20. \$10 per order. (Snow date Jan. 22)

**Nancy's Gospel Hymn Sing:** Wednesday, Jan 21, 7pm, Wickwire Place.

**Acadia Divinity Chapel Services:** Wednesdays, 11:30. Services are available in-person or via Zoom. Community lunch to follow in the College building at 12:30pm. Suggested lunch donation: \$5. For more info, or to hear past messages visit [acadiadiv.ca/chapel](http://acadiadiv.ca/chapel).