

Lent 2026

Trust in the LORD with all your heart.

Proverbs 3:5a



Dear Church Family,

During this season of Lent, we find ourselves standing in a meaningful place - both spiritually and as a church community. Lent is a season of *in-between*. It sits between ashes and resurrection. It is a season of honest reflection, patience, and trust.

And in many ways, that mirrors where we are as a church right now.

We are in a season without a pastor. That absence is real. Yet Lent reminds us that God often does deep and quiet work in spaces that feel unsettled, unfinished, or uncertain.

In the Gospels, Jesus spends forty days in the wilderness — not preaching, not healing, not leading crowds, but listening, fasting, and discerning. The wilderness is not a failure of leadership; it is a place where identity and purpose are clarified. Perhaps this season invites us to see our own moment as sacred ground where God is shaping us.

One of the quiet gifts of this season has been how many of you (of all ages) have stepped forward to offer what you have: time, creativity, leadership, prayers, presence, and steady faithfulness. What we are learning is that the church is sustained by the Spirit of God moving through many people, many gifts, many acts of faithfulness. Our children and youth have shared in this spirit as well. Enclosed you will find a small gift—a simple reminder of the light and hope we carry together as we walk through Lent toward Easter.

As a community, we are learning to listen to God, to one another, and to the needs of the world around us. We are a community discovering resilience through cooperation and practicing shared responsibility. And that matters deeply as we look ahead.

Our search for a new pastor includes discerning who we are being called to be, what kind of church we are now, and what kind of church we hope to become. **Lent does not rush us to Easter; it teaches us to walk faithfully, one step at a time.** The good news is that God meets us precisely in seasons like this—when we are learning, listening, and leaning on one another. Please join the Pastoral Search Committee in prayer for wisdom and openness to the Holy Spirit's leading.

In this spirit, we invite you to give thanks for the many ways God has already been faithful among us. To trust that God is still shaping us, still calling us, still at work in our midst. We invite you to prayerfully consider making an Easter gift to support the work of Wolfville Baptist Church. Your generosity is one of the ways we walk together in this season—sustaining worship and caring for one another.

Your Easter gift will strengthen the ministries taking root and growing among us as we welcome newcomers, nurture children and youth, and care for seniors, so that all are welcomed, formed, and encouraged in faith. Please use the enclosed offering envelope or make your gift through e-transfer: donatewolfvillebaptist@gmail.com, Zeffy, or CanadaHelps. For more information, visit www.wolfvillebaptist.ca/giving.

May this season be an act of faithful stewardship and a reflection of our shared commitment, as we continue to be shaped into a community that follows Jesus.

With Easter hope,

The Board of Deacons
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Opportunities to Gather as a Community

A Poetic Lenten Journey with Barry Whatley: Sundays 9:30-10:20am in the Church Parlour. No gathering on March 15.

Wednesday Noon-Hour Lenten Concerts: Soup will be served at 11:45am, followed by the concert from 12:15-1:00pm. Freewill donation.

- March 18. Henri Gauci (baroque flute), Peter Togni (harpsichord)
- March 25. Paula Rockwell (mezzo-soprano), Shelley Thompson (readings), Heather Price (piano)
- April 1. The Amadeus Guitar Duo: Dale Kavanagh and Thomas Kirchhoff

Spaghetti Lunch Youth Fundraiser: Sunday, March 22, following the morning worship service. Lunch includes spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, and desserts. Proceeds will help offset the travel costs for our children and youth attending Camp InterMISSION and One Conference.

Walk with the Cross: Good Friday, April 3. The Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council (WAICC) warmly invites you to join the council and community for the Walk with the Cross. The walk will include six stations in Wolfville, beginning at Manning Memorial Chapel at 10:00am and ending at L'Arche Homefires, where light refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

Easter Breakfast: Sunday, April 5. 9:00am before the morning worship service. Share fellowship and some delicious food (gluten-free and dairy-free options available). Freewill donation.



PASTORAL SEARCH

*"You are the light of the world.
A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.
In the same way,
let your light shine before others."*

Jesus

Dear Lord,

Thank you for inviting us into your mission of overcoming darkness with light! Although our church is not on a "hill", it is in the heart of our community and cannot be hidden! Help us shine brightly, refracting the love of God shown in Christ to each other, and to our community!

We are looking, Father, to find a lead pastor to help us fulfill our mission. Please guide us to the person who will, under your hand, best provide the leadership and the inspiration needed to us to be the "light of the world" in our community, for your glory.

Give us the mind of Christ in this important process.

Amen

WOLFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

**In the Heart of the Community
with the Community at Heart**



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Over the next weeks and months, the Pastoral Search Committee will be visiting with the various groups active in our church.

There will be opportunities for your input through surveys, congregational meeting(s) and other opportunities that you might suggest.

We look forward to our conversations as we pray on and discern this important activity. Please reach out to any on the Pastoral Search Committee if you wish to chat.