

Thank you for participating in CBAC Sunday, *together*. In a challenging, unexpected year, we are still stronger and more resilient as a family of ministries, joining God in our neighbourhoods.

Below are some elements you may want to incorporate into your service. We invite you to take some time to celebrate, support, and pray for the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada through the videos provided, call to worship, responsive readings, specific prayer requests, and by taking up an offering designated to the CBAC over and above your regular giving.

Limited time in your service to highlight CBAC Sunday? No problem—use what you feel is best for your worship service on CBAC Sunday.

“We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 THESSALONIANS 1:2-3 (NLT)

WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR CBAC SUNDAY

*Below are some worship service elements you may choose to use in your service.
Please use them as you see fit.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*This is the place
and this is the time;
here and now,
God waits
to break into our experience:
**to change our minds,
to change our lives,
to change our ways;***

*to make us see the world
and the whole of life
in a new light:
**to fill us with hope,
joy and certainty
for the future.***

*This is the place
this is the time
**Here and now
let us praise God.***

(Gathering for Worship the Baptist Union of Great Britain)

COVENANTING TOGETHER

We have gathered today
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ
so that we may covenant together
with the Lord and with each other
and be fully committed
as a fellowship of believers,
to the body of Christ.

There are four things asked of those who enter into this partnership:

faith in the Lord Jesus Christ;
mutual love and respect for each other;
a **willingness** to obey Christ's great commission and great commandment;
a **commitment** to the wider fellowship of God's people,
and to working together in the family known as the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic
Canada.

RESPONSIVE READINGS

READING #1:

Leader We baptize those who repent and trust in Christ as Lord and Saviour.

All In baptism we are called to be disciples who share in the death and resurrection of Christ.

Leader Through baptism we are received into the Church, the body of Christ.

All Immersed into the fellowship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Leader To know Christ is to follow him;

All To name him Lord is to obey him;

All Jesus calls us to be a gospel people.

READING #2:

Leader Jesus says, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength'.

All He calls us to be a worshipping community, offering all to God in prayer.

Leader Jesus says, 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you'.

All He calls us to be a missionary people, making known the redeeming love of God.

- Leader Jesus says, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me'.
- All He calls us to be a sacrificial community, generously giving from all that God has given us.**
- Leader Jesus says, 'Anyone who comes to me, I will never turn away'.
- All He calls us to be an inclusive community sharing the hospitality of God's Kingdom with all.**
- Leader Jesus says, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, to proclaim good news to the poor'.
- All He calls us to be a prophetic community, challenging powers that oppress and values that corrupt.**

(Covenant 21, Baptist Union of Great Britain - https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/457361/Covenant_21_Covenant.aspx)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray:

- For the Good News of Jesus Christ to be lived and shared in our neighbourhoods, led by the Holy Spirit.
- For baptisms in our churches—that we would see a movement of 3000 people praying every day for 3000 baptisms in one year.
- For our next generation ministries and their leaders to answer God's call on their lives and be sent as missionaries into their everyday rhythms of life.
- For all CBAC Churches and their leaders. Pray that they will grow more resilient and refreshed, even in challenging times.
- For the many volunteers who give sacrificially to support our ministries with their resources and time.
- For CBAC Staff who work diligently to support and resource our churches and pastors.
- That God would raise up courageous leaders for our churches, inspire others with dreams of new congregations, and others to take up the challenge to revitalize our churches.
- That we would be joining God in our neighbourhoods—and that we would clearly see where God is at work.