



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
HALIFAX

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# SAILING *TOGETHER*

Building Community &  
Making Your Contribution

Easter  
2024

# Welcome aboard!

During the Season of Easter, the first followers of Jesus prepared to set sail as a community centred in the Way of Jesus. The ship became an ancient symbol of the Church—a symbol that the church is a refuge upon the waters and a vessel that, with sails hoisted, is propelled by the winds of the Spirit.

Since FBCH adopted the 5 Guiding Statements in April 2019, much of our congregational work has happened below deck. We have concentrated energy on property redevelopment, financial sustainability, governance, and staffing. In this Easter season we are preparing to set sail as we head into our third century of congregational life. We invite you to be a part of our growing community. *Join our crew!*

## Who's in our boat

Just like a boat needs a strong crew, we need your presence and energy as we navigate the waters ahead. *Are you in?*

### **New Member:**

- You don't have to be a member to participate in everything we have to offer. However, we invite you to become part of our church family!

### **Baptism:**

- Would you like to know what it means to dip into the waters of faith?

Chat with Rusty Edwards:  
[rustyedwards@fbchalifax.ca](mailto:rustyedwards@fbchalifax.ca)

### **Finding a Place to Serve:**

- If you'd like to know how you can share some of your time and talents:

Chat with Paula Antunes:  
[paulaantunes@fbchalifax.ca](mailto:paulaantunes@fbchalifax.ca)

# Easter 2024 goal

Our goal for the season of Easter is to grow participation in our monthly giving plan (often referred to as Preauthorized Offering Plan or POP). Consistent, monthly support gives FBCH predictable income to support our mission and ministry.

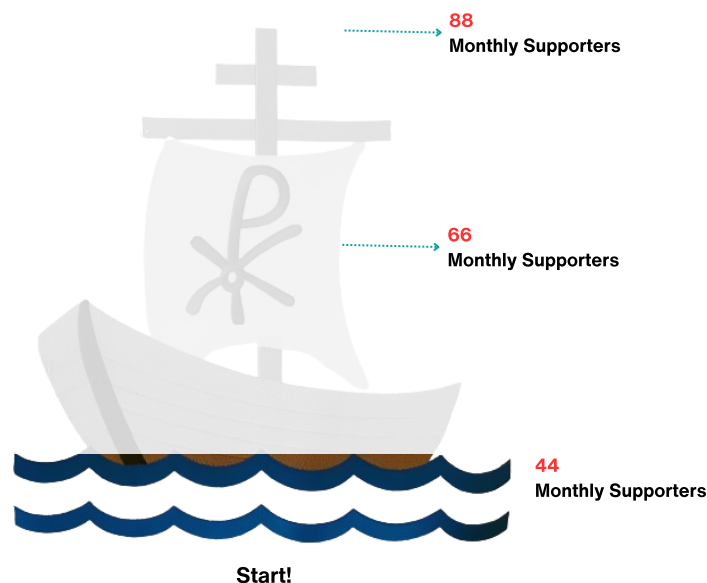
**Our goal is to double the number of  
Monthly Supporters to 88 donors.**



Let's raise our sail!

- Did you know that it takes **\$1,500 every day** to meet our **annual operating budget**?
- **A \$30 donation every week during the year** meets **1 day** of operation costs; **\$60 meets 2 days**, and so on.
- Every donation matters. Every donation helps us deliver our mission of love in our community and in the world around us. *Every donation is gratefully received!*

Watch us achieve our goal in Easter:



# All hands on deck!

Together our crew plots our course and sets the sails to accomplish our goals!

## Making your contribution includes:

- Sharing your time
- Sharing your talents
- Sharing your treasure



Our mission and ministry needs your consistent financial support, and **our Monthly Supporters provide a steady, reliable income stream to help meet our ministry commitments.** If you are not already a Monthly Supporter, we encourage you to sign up. It's easy!

## How to become a Monthly Supporter

- Go to [fbchalifax.ca](http://fbchalifax.ca) > tab *Donate*.
- Under *Monthly Supporter*, complete the form "POP - Preauthorized Offering Plan".
- Submit your completed form (choose 1):



Email:  
[accounting@fbchalifax.ca](mailto:accounting@fbchalifax.ca)



Drop it off at the office:  
Mon-Thu, 9:30am-2:00pm

Mail:



First Baptist Church Halifax  
1300 Oxford St.  
Halifax, NS B3H 3Y8

Inspiration for a Monthly Donation Amount				
Annual Household Income	Regular Monthly Donation			
	1%	3%	5%	10%
\$30,000	\$25	\$75	\$125	\$250
\$50,000	\$42	\$125	\$208	\$417
\$75,000	\$63	\$188	\$313	\$625
\$100,000	\$83	\$250	\$417	\$833
\$125,000	\$104	\$313	\$521	\$1,042
\$150,000	\$125	\$375	\$625	\$1,250

# Sailing together!

## Our gratitude for your impact!

Every act of giving, big or small, moves the church forward.

**Thank you** for being an integral part of our shared journey.

**You bring FBCH to life!**

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*FBCH is my spiritual home, where I am comfortable in asking fundamental life questions. I remember during a book study when someone shared doubts about the afterlife... I had those same doubts! This is a place where I am challenged in how I think about the world around me and in how to put these beliefs into action in my own life. It is more than just a place; it is the people who enrich me with their perspectives and experiences, no matter where they are on their journey. So, what makes FBCH my spiritual home? The beautiful place of worship? Yes. The inspirational preaching and music? Yes. The people? Yes. The welcome and support of a family? Definitely!*

Lighthouse Beacon: David Clarke



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*Being part of the First Baptist family has brought peace to my heart and soul. My involvement in the Youth Group has given me countless opportunities to help my community and practice love, empathy, and kindness toward others.*

Sea Star: Manuela Marques



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*The most important personal impact the faith community of FBCH has made in my life is helping me meet the everyday challenges of living, working, and contributing in the broader community. Here we learn respect for others, patience, kindness, and the courage to participate in making those decisions that can affect others meaningfully. The work of FBCH today is as vital to our community as it has ever been.*

Ship's Purser: David Dexter



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*It has been a privilege to grow up in the warm and welcoming faith community of FBCH. Through attending Youth Group to gathering for meals as a church family, I am grateful to have formed many connections over the years with people who are all committed to learning and growing together.*

Harbour Hero: Sophie Ashton



# Donation Options

## Monthly Supporter

Follow the steps on page 3.

## One-time e-transfer

On your online banking app, complete the info:

Amount ..... To: *accounting@fbchalifax.ca* Note: .....

Note: Please include your name for tax receipt purposes (otherwise, we will not know who made this transfer). If your donation is for an offering or special project, please also include that note.

## Envelopes

Request a box or find envelopes at the back of the sanctuary on Sundays. If your donation is for an offering or special project, please write a note on it.

## QR code

These barcode-like images will be on the pews and worship guides. Try it out: open your camera, point it to the image and click on the link that will pop-up.

## Credit Card

Complete the form on our website - Processing is through Canada Helps.



## Legacy Gifts

We invite you to consider leaving a lasting gift for the future of our church – a legacy as enduring as a lighthouse that stands tall and offers a guiding light for sailors. Interested in planning for the future?

Chat with David Dexter:  
*ddexter@helmco.ca*

# See the **impact** of your support!

Just as it takes all of us to navigate the challenges of life and ministry, it takes the whole crew working together to meet the obligations of our mission. We report regularly on our progress!

- 🏠 Quarterly reports in News Notes.
- 🏠 Tax receipts are provided by FBCH every February for donations of \$25 or more.
- 🏠 Canada Helps will provide the receipts when you donate by credit card.
- 🏠 Facebook and Instagram: We are constantly sharing our activities and ways we help our neighbours. *Follow us today!*



# Anchoring in faith!



## Membership:

Welcome to FBCH! We believe in inclusivity, embracing diversity in faith and belief. All baptized followers of Jesus are invited to become members. Your new church will not discriminate on the basis of age, race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, disability, marital status, family status, sexual orientation or economic circumstance.

## Community Life:

Our diversity helps us all expand our understandings of God. Some choose to be involved only on Sunday mornings; others participate in groups for forming faith, creating music, and doing justice. Here we worship God, pray, sing, mix and mingle, and we serve our neighbours. Whatever your desired level of involvement, let's journey together!

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## Baptism:

It is a symbol of commitment to follow Jesus. At FBCH, we practice "believer's baptism":

- We only baptize those who are old enough to make this choice, and we baptize by immersion.
- We welcome all who were baptized in other ways into the full life of the church.

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## Come sail away!

- Join FBCH as a member
- Become a Monthly Supporter
- Volunteer today - Contact the staff and find ways you can contribute regularly
- Find many treasures - Subscribe to our weekly News Notes on our website and stay in the loop
- Stay connected - Life is a voyage, and so is our social media feed. Stay onboard for all the good stuff!

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