



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, August 13th, 2017

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able.*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Silent Prayer: Lord God, teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me as I seek, because I can neither seek you if you do not teach me how, nor find you unless you reveal yourself. Let me seek you in desiring you; let me desire you in seeking you; let me find you in loving you; let me love you in finding you. Amen. *A prayer of Anselm*

Music for Gathering

Becky Findlay

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

“God is Here”

(To the tune of Hyfrydol, #61)

Here our people find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
What it is means in daily living to be believe and to adore.

*Call to Worship and Prayer: Psalm 143

Joel Russell-MacLean

Leader: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

People: Give ear to my supplication in your faithfulness;

Leader: Answer me in your righteousness.

People: I remember the days of old,

Leader: I think about all your deeds,

People: I meditate upon the works of your hands.

Leader: Teach me to do your will,

People: For you are my God.

All: Let your good Spirit lead me on a level path.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Welcoming One Another

WE APPROACH GOD

*Reflective Moment

“Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your
likeness.

That the light of Christ might be seen today,

In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Call to Confession

Joel Russell-MacLean

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Praise

“Be Thou My Vision”

#382

Children are invited to come to the front during this song. They are welcome to sit at the front during the scripture reading and sermon, or to return to their families.

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

Becky Findlay

WE LISTEN TO GOD

Scripture Reader:

Carol Hepting

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40.27-31

(O.T. pg. 668)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 90

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

All: Before the mountains were brought forth,

Leader: Or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

All: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Leader: You turn us back to dust,

All: And say, "Turn back, you mortals."

Leader: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,

All: Or like a watch in the night.

Leader: For all our days pass away under your wrath;

All: Our years come to an end like a sigh.

Leader: The days of our life are seventy years,

All: Or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;

Leader: Even then their span is only toil and trouble;

All: They are soon gone, and we fly away.

Leader: Turn, O Lord! How long?

All: Have compassion on your servants!

Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

All: So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Leader: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,

All: And as many years as we have seen evil.

Leader: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

All: And prosper for us the work of our hands -

O prosper the work of our hands!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 8.22-25

(N.T. pg. 67)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of Preparation “Be Still, My Soul” #347

Sermon “Growing Old With Grace” John Hillmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*Hymn of Response “God Leads Us Along” #46

Prayers of God’s People Kayely Rich

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Gifts & Offerings Becky Findlay

*Response of Praise “Give Thanks”

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his son. (repeat)**

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (repeat)**

Give thanks! Give thanks!

*Benediction John Hillmer

Music for Departing Becky Findlay

Deacon on Duty: Tiffany Lai

Anyone desiring prayer is invited to come to the front of the sanctuary on the right hand side. One of our deacons will be there to listen and to pray with you.

Backyard BBQ

Everyone is invited to a BBQ at John and Debbie's home, 5 p.m., Sept 3rd. Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages, and desserts are provided. Please remember to bring a lawn chair! See the summer newsletter for more details.

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. Please sign up today!

Patio Party, 6:30-8:30, August 20th

Len & Martha Pauls and Merv & Carol Hepting, 77 Motherwell Crescent. See the summer newsletter for more details.

Doors Open Regina

Saturday, August 19th, 10 a.m to 2 p.m.

Every two years, Heritage Regina and Regina Downtown organize a day where downtown historical buildings open their doors to informal public tours. Once again, First Regina is participating in this event.

John Robinson is a member of Heritage Regina and for many years was involved here at First Regina. He will be onsite to answer questions about the architecture and the history of this church.

We are looking for volunteers to act as hosts during this event. We could offer lemonade, welcome folks, and answer questions as we feel comfortable doing so, though that is not necessary. Minor cleaning might be needed as folks come and go.

If you would be willing to be a host for this event, please speak with Joel or Rosemary, or sign up in the foyer.

A Warm Welcome to Chris Senger

We are pleased to announce a one year contract with Chris Senger to oversee our youth ministry. Chris has been a full time teacher with jr. and sr. high teens in Saskatchewan, Kuwait, and Nigeria over the past 10 years. He also brings years of experience of ministering to teens. Before teaching, Chris worked with youth at Hillsdale Baptist and Westhill Park Baptist. He also helped create and run Urban Adventure Camps and was a Program Director and a Executive Director at Katepwa Lake Camp.

Chris enjoys spending his time with family and friends but also has an entrepreneurial spirit and likes to keep busy. He is an experienced hiker and has a passion for theology and reading going back to his days at bible college.

Chris and his wife Christie, an RN, have a son named Kaleb and are expecting another child this fall. They will balance maintaining their connection in their own Regina church while Chris attends First Regina several times each month with our teens.

Chris will be ensuring that discipleship, service, and fellowship among our teens continues on a weekly basis over the coming year in coordination with our volunteers and parents. Thank you Chris for sharing yourself and your strengths with us in the coming year. You and your family and your ministry will be in our prayers.

Why have we hired someone to oversee our youth ministry?

1. God has given us an opportunity to serve our young people and their families.

There will be 24 jr. and sr. high teens in the coming year, plus others that have not yet become involved over the past few years. We will also have around 40 young people under the age of 12 continuing to take part in our children's programs.

We want to ensure that our teens are disciplined during these formative years towards baptism and a lifelong, active faith within the church. We also want to continue to provide regular times and activities where teens can build caring and prayerful relationships.

2. To better manage the staff's ministry workload.

The growth of our congregation in young people has come at the same time staff changes. There has been a significant and unsustainable increase in John and Joel's workload and other important areas have lacked greater attention.

We will continue to seek volunteers and lay leaders as much as possible in every area. Let us know if you would like to help!

3. We have the financial means.

We have run our operations without debt this entire year and can afford this position.

4. This idea was considered at a leadership retreat including deacons, the

finance committee, commission chairs, and pastors in June. Our chair and treasurer then brought it to the congregation in June, inviting folks to share their concerns or questions.

This one year position will give the congregation and leadership time to continue to understand and discuss together the opportunities and needs God is placing before us ahead of any long term decisions.



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