



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, September 17th, 2017

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

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Silent Prayer: Heavenly Father, thanks to your love and mercy we are included in this church family. Your grace is at work in us shaping us into the likeness of Jesus. My the desire of our hearts be to love and serve you every day of our lives. Amen.

Music for Gathering

“Joy and Prayer”

“Make a Joyful Noise”

BLTS

“Jesu Joy”

Jeff Sotropa

“Standing in the Need of Prayer”

Gaither Gospel Hour

“I Will Greatly Rejoice”

His Kids

“Jesus Loves me”

Christa Walsh

“Old Man's Rubble”

BLTS, In His Image

“Joy to the World”

Allan Whitworth

Opportunities for Life and Service

John Nelson

*The Introit

“Come, People of the Risen King”

By Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Come, people of the risen king, who delight to bring him praise.

Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the morning star of grace.

From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,

Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!

One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice! *(repeat refrain)*

*Call to Worship

John Nelson

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

Congregation: Let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation.

Leader: Let come before the Lord with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Choir: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

Leader: In the Lord's hands are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

Congregation: The sea is the Lord's, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Leader: Come, let us bow down and worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

Choir: For he is our god and we are the people of his pasture, and flock under his care.

*Gloria Patri #623

Congregation

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Welcoming One Another

WE APPROACH GOD

*Reflective Moment

“Fall On Me”

By Joseph Martin

**Fall on me, fall on me, let your Spirit fall on me.
Descending as a dove, come fill me with your love,
Holy Spirit, fall on me.**

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Norma Holtslander

*Hymn of Praise

“Joy Unspeakable”

Congregation

Children are invited to come to the front during this song. They are invited to go downstairs for children's worship following the children's blessing.

*Hymn of Preparation

“Before You I Kneel”

(Keith & Kristyn Getty, Jess Taylor, & Stuart Townend)

Before you I kneel, my Master and Maker,
to offer the work of my hands.
For this is the day you’ve given your servant;
I will rejoice and be glad.
For the strength I have to live and breathe,
for each skill your grace has given me;
For the needs and opportunities that will glorify your great Name.

Before you I kneel and ask for your goodness
to cover the work of my hands.
For patience and peace to shape all my labor;
your grace for thorns in my path.
Flow within me like a living stream;
wear away the stones of pride and greed,
Till your ways are dwelling deep in me and a harvest of life is grown.

Before you we kneel, our Master and Maker;
establish the work of our hands.
And order our steps to seek first your kingdom
in ev’ry small and great task.
May we live the Gospel of your grace;
serve your purpose in our fleeting days;
Then our lives will bring eternal praise and all glory to your great Name.

Repeat last line.

Sermon

“Offering Prayer With Joy”

John Nelson

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*Hymn of Assurance

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

#435

(tune: Hyfrydol, #61)

Prayers of the People

John Hillmer

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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (*Wood*)

Mark Anderson

*Response of Praise

"Praise the Lord"

**Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow,
He has washed and made me white as snow.
I'm redeemed from all my sin and shame.
Now and forever, praise his holy name!
Praise his holy name! Praise his holy name!
To God be the glory now and forever, praise his holy name!**

*Responsive Benediction

Love and Joy

John Nelson

Leader: May your days be filled with LOVE.

Congregation: May our paths be paved with JOY.

Leader: May the sound of forever lift you up and keep you STRONG.

Choir: *May our hearts resound with LAUGHTER.*

Leader: May the rhythms of your lives bring you JOY.

Congregation: May the harmony of our community bring us LOVE.

Leader: May the King of kings and Lord of lords BLESS and keep you

Choir: *May God's music of PRAISE guide our ways.*

Leader: May you go from this place to belong in his name, to serve with love, joy, gratitude, and with thanksgiving in your hearts.

All: We go in joy as one to SERVE individually and as a community, bound by LOVE, and PRAISING the King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen!

Music for Departing

"Finale" (*Couperin*)

Mark Anderson

Deacon on Duty:

Eleanor Russell

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.

Achievers' Luncheon

Thursday, September 28, 11:55 a.m.

Menu: Roast Beef, vegetables & potatoes, gravy, 2 salads & dessert

Cost: \$10.00

Guest speaker: Eleanor Friesen

Open to those 55+ years of age

Location: First Baptist Church Lower Hall

*RSVP Church Office no later than noon Tues. Sept. 26

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favourite food*fabulous fellowship*fantastic fun

Invite a friend or two!

www.achieversregina.ca

Eleanor Palmer Friesen, a teacher for 32 years [now retired], continues to value education and to pursue learning opportunities, both informal and formal. She was a member of First Baptist Church for twenty two years and recalls those years with great pleasure.

In April 2017, Eleanor, accompanied by family members, travelled to northern France to attend the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. Her pilgrimage to France, planned for many years, was in recognition of her grandfather John Palmer who fought with the Canadian Corps at Vimy. It was a momentous experience for Eleanor and her family to gather with 25 000 other Canadians on the famous ridge that courageous young Canadians fought and died to capture a century before. Eleanor looks forward to sharing that experience with the Achievers.

First Steps - On the Road to Indigenous Reconciliation

Friday, October 13th, and Saturday, October 14th

Want to learn more before this great weekend event? Visit our website for lots of articles and interesting links.

One of the important issues facing Canada today has to do with Indigenous issues. These issues can often be polarizing and difficult, and sometimes increasingly so as we consider the role of the church in such issues.

The Canadian Baptists of Western Canada and Canadian Baptist Ministries are partnering with First Baptist Church Regina to offer three events to help foster education, conversation, understanding and healing.

Blanket Exercise, Friday evening

On Friday, October 13th, 7:00 pm, there will be a “Blanket Exercise”, an interactive teaching event that helps people understand Indigenous history in Canada.

Seminar, Saturday

On Saturday, October 14th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, First Baptist will host a seminar where we will have various presenters and times for discussion, as we hear about themes like residential schools, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Saturday Evening Concert

Saturday night, 7:00 pm there will be a concert featuring Cheryl Bear. Cheryl is an Indigenous leader from northern BC and an award-winning singer/songwriter who will offer an evening of stories and songs. As an Indigenous Christian, Cheryl attempts to help churches understand Indigenous issues relating to faith and to help others hear about Jesus.

Lunch will be catered by *The Bannock House*.

Cost: \$30 per person/\$50 for a couple/\$15 students

Canadian Baptist Ministries Emergency Hurricane Relief Missions Commission update

Hurricanes have inflicted massive damage to infrastructure in many areas of the Caribbean. The recent destruction compounds the challenges many vulnerable people face on a daily basis. In Cuba, our partners are assessing their requirements. Our international Baptist mission partners, active in other Caribbean countries recently affected are also determining their response. As more information becomes available in the next few days and weeks, Canadian Baptist Ministries will be responding to requests for assistance.

If you are looking for a reliable group through which to channel your aid, donations for CBM's emergency relief fund can be made at: cbmin.org



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