



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, September 24th, 2017

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Silent Prayer: God who is three in one, and one in three: draw near to us and remove from our hearts all our pride and fear. Fill us instead with love and humility that we might be one with our brothers and sisters in Jesus, just as you and Jesus are one in the Holy Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

Chimes

*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 and Prayer

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

*Hymn of Praise “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” #96

The children will come forward during the singing of this hymn and then proceed to the lower hall for the children’s service.

Gift of Music Marilyn Phillips

WE LISTEN TO GOD

Scripture Reader: Heather Holtslander

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 36.22-28, 37, 38 (O.T. pg. 805)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 145.1-8

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and evens.

All: Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

Leader: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; the Lord’s greatness no one can fathom.

Choir: One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

Leader: They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty - and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

All: They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds.

Leader: They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

All: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

*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

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 24.9-14
New Testament Lesson: Philippians 1.12-14, 18b-30

(N.T. pg. 27)
(N.T. pg. 196)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn of Preparation “Days of Elijah”

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the word of the Lord.
And these are the days of your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying
‘Prepare ye the way of the Lord!’

Refrain:

Behold he comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it’s the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion’s hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of your servant David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in your world,
And we are the labourers in your vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord!

Refrain

Gift of Music

Sanctuary Choir

Sermon

“Friends in Hard Times”

Joel Russell-MacLean

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*Hymn of Response:

“We Are God’s People”

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Prayers of the People

John Nelson

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

Christa Walsh

*Response of Praise

“Praise the Lord”

Congregation

**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!**

*The Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Mark Anderson

Deacon on Duty:

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.

Scripture readings for September 18th: Philippians 3.

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

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

Sign-up the sheets are in the foyers or contact the church office by Tuesday.

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