



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

## Worship Service for Sunday, November 12th, 2017

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

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Silent Prayer:** Almighty God, in your loving-kindness you have invited us into the redemption of all creation through Jesus Christ. Holy Spirit ready and fit us for that world day by day so that we might be signs of the approaching celebration. Amen.

Music for Gathering      “O, Thou Will Be Joyful” (Merrell)      Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service      Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning 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 New Members

Anne and Roger Bellows

## Church Covenant

We, members of First Baptist Church, Regina, covenant together  
to walk with Christ and each other in fellowship of holy love,  
to gather together regularly for united worship,  
to look to God daily for grace and guidance,  
to search the scriptures for understanding of the Christian way of life,  
to serve God and each other in love and humility.

We will recognize the worth of each individual within our community,  
regardless of age or circumstances,  
recognizing that all are precious in God's sight.

We will uphold each other in prayer.

We will offer kindness, forgiveness and mercy to each other  
as Christ has offered to us.

We will give cheerfully of our time, talents and finances  
so that God's work would prosper in this place.

We will recognize Christ's presence in every aspect of our lives.

We will seek to honour Jesus in all that we say and do -  
at church, in our homes, and at our places of employment.

With the help of the Holy Spirit,  
we will seek to follow Christ throughout our lives.

\*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

John Nelson

\*Hymn of Praise

“Glorious Is Thy Name”

#85

*Children may come forward during the singing of this hymn for a blessing and are then invited to the lower hall for the children's service.*

God at Work in Our Lives

Tim Keizer, Katepwa Lake Camp Director

Gift of Music

Sanctuary Choir

**WE LISTEN TO GOD**

Scripture Reader:

Esther Wiens

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 19.1-8a

(O.T. pg. 65)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

**All: It is God that made us, and we are the Lord's; we are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

*Choir: Enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to the Lord, bless his name.*

**All: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

\*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 9.2-13

(N.T. pg. 8)

New Testament Lesson: Romans 5.1-8

(N.T. pg. 155)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn of Preparation

“Rain Down”

*Chorus:*

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.  
Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.

Faithful and true is the word of our God,  
All of God’s works are so worthy of trust.  
God’s mercy falls on the just and the right;  
Full of God’s love is the earth.

*Chorus:*

We who revere and find hope in our God,  
Live in the kindness and joy of God’s wing.  
God will protect us from darkness and death;  
God will not leave us to starve.

*Chorus:*

God of creation, we long for your truth;  
You are the water of life that we thirst.  
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,  
All of our hope lies in you.

*Chorus:*

Sermon

“This Grace In Which We Stand”

Joel Russell-MacLean

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

\*Hymn of Response: “Hear the Call of the Kingdom” by Keith and Kristyn Getty

Hear the call of the kingdom, lift your eyes to the King.  
Let his song rise within you as a fragrant offering:  
Of how God rich in mercy came in Christ to redeem,  
All who trust in his unfailing grace.

*(Cont’d, see over)*

*Chorus:*

**King of Heaven we will answer the call.  
We will follow, bringing hope to the world.  
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim:  
Salvation in Jesus' name.**

**Hear the call of the kingdom to be children of light,  
With the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ.  
Walking justly before him, loving all that is right,  
That the life of Christ may shine through us.**

*Chorus:*

**Hear the call of the kingdom to reach out to the lost.  
With the Father's compassion in the wonder of the cross  
Bringing peace and forgiveness and a hope yet to come:  
Let the nations put their trust in him.**

*Chorus:*

Prayers of the People

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

“Chorale” (Martin)

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!**

\*The Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing “The God of Abraham Praise” (Price) Mark Anderson

Deacon on Duty: Rosemary Ward

*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 November 19th: Matthew 22.1-14.

## **November Business Meeting**

Sunday, November 19th following the morning worship service. Lunch will be provided. All the materials are available in the foyers.

## **Volunteers Needed**

The church is seeking 2 to 3 volunteers to share the work of tidying and refilling the papers and pencils in the pews once a month. Please speak with John or Joel if you can help.

## **Achievers’ Christmas Luncheon**

November, 23rd, noon

An exciting and enthusiastic group for those 55+ years of age  
Rev. Jennifer Holtslander, guest speaker; Roberta Nichol, special music; Carol singing.

Menu- turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salads, buns, dessert, and beverage

Cost- \$11.00 (\$1.00 increase for special meal)

Sign up lists are available in the West and East foyers.

RSVP no later than Tuesday noon November 21st (church office, email)

## **Christmas Glory: Sunday, December 17th, 7 p.m.**

A Christmas concert with bells, choirs, soloists and scripture.

## **Calling All Seasonal Singers**

The Sanctuary choir invites all interested singers to join them on any of the Thursday nights of Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, & Dec. 7, 14, to learn the Christmas music for the CHRISTMAS GLORY CONCERT on Sunday, December 17, 7:00 p.m.. Let's swell the choir numbers to 40! For more information contact Pastor John.

## **Benevolent Fund**

First Baptist maintains a benevolent fund from which it helps folks from inside and outside our congregation in times of crisis. Pastors, in discussion with the diaconate, disperse money as needs arise.

Over the past year we have helped different folks with food, housing, and transportation. We have used all the money given to us to date. If you wish to help replenish this fund, please indicate "benevolent fund" on your donation.

## **Christmas Baptisms**

Baptism preparation classes begin this Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at the church. This class can be a way of exploring if this is the right time for you. Baptism is one of the key early steps in a Christian's life and it is a great gift from God.

Please speak with Pastor Joel if you are thinking about attending.



First Baptist Church Office hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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