



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, January 21st, 2018
3rd Sunday in Epiphany

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, the wind and the waves obeyed Jesus. May we trust you at all times in life and seek your peace. Help us spread the peace of Christ to those who are anxious around us. In his name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

“See Our Lord in all His Glory”

(Tune: Cwm Rhondda)

**Jesus Lord, we see your splendour here and now by daily faith.
In our service, in our suffering we will follow unafraid,
On from glory into glory till we see you face to face,
Till we see you face to face.**

*Call to Worship and Prayer

Joel Russell-MacLean

*Welcome

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Welcoming One Another

WE APPROACH GOD

*Hymn of Reflection “We Have Come at Christ's own Bidding”
(Tune, Converse - “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”)

**We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.**

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

John Nelson

*Hymn of Praise “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” #76

The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn and are invited downstairs following their blessing for their own service.

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

Sanctuary Choir

WE LISTEN TO GOD

Scripture Reader

Bonnie Austring-Winter

Epistle Lesson: Rom 12.16-21

(N.T. pg. 162)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 107.8-9

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.

Choir: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those the Lord redeemed from trouble.

All: Those gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Choir: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and the Lord delivered them from their distress;

(Cont’d, see over)

All: Let them thank the Lord for steadfast love, for wonderful works to humankind. For the Lord satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry the Lord fills with good things.

***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: Matt 8.1-13**

(N.T. pg. 7)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn of Approach**

“Christ, Be Our Light”

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

(Refrain:)

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

(Refrain)

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

(Refrain)

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, seeing your kingdom come.

(Refrain)

Sermon

“Overcome Evil With Good”

Joel Russell-MacLean

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*Hymn of Response

“Joyful, Joyful”

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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

*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!**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing “Prelude and Fugue in A Minor” (Bach) Mark Anderson

Deacon on Duty:

Collin Carbno

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.

“A Time For Friends”: Everyone is invited to the lower hall for refreshments following the service.

Scripture readings for January 28th: Mark 4.35-41, John Nelson preaching.

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