



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

## Worship Service for Sunday, February 4th, 2018 The Sunday of sixty days before Easter

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

### **We Gather as God's People**

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**Silent Prayer:** Heavenly Father, creator of heaven and earth, show us the way we must go and help us to walk in it. Through Jesus Christ our Lord 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

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\*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 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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*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

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Scripture Reader:

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3.12-17

(N.T. pg. 201)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 98:8-10

**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.

*(Cont’d, see over)*

**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;*

**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: Matthew 13.24-30

(N.T. pg. 14)

**Leader:** This is the word of the Lord!

**People:** Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“A Mix of Good and Evil”

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Celebrate**

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\*Hymn of Approach:

“Behold the Lamb”

*(By Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend)*

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us, and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of his sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.**

*(Cont'd, see over)*

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you; eat and remember:  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,  
The great price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of his sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you; drink and remember:  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of grace, around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise,  
To respond and to remember:  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As his body here on earth.  
As we share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the wedding feast, around the table of the King.

\*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed ..., saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil. With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

**All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Minister: Holy Spirit, bless this bread and wine that they become for us genuine symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us, in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

(All communion wafers are gluten free)

Prayer for the Bread

Prayer for the Wine

# We Respond To God

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\*Hymn of Response

“How Great Thou Art”

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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

\*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

Mark Anderson

Prayers for Healing

*Anyone who would like prayer for healing is invited to come forward following the worship service.*

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.*

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

Scripture readings for February 11th: 1 John 3.1-11, Matthew 24.23-31.

### **Townhall Meeting, Church Health Initiative:**

Everyone is invited to to come to this event. If driving is a concern, please speak with Rosemary or one of the Pastors.

This Friday, February 9th, from 7-9 pm in the lower hall.

Lead by Sam Breakey and CBWC Area Minister, Mark Doerksen



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