



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, March 4th, 2018 Third Sunday in Lent

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Father, keep us alert day after day so that we might turn from sin. Open our eyes to your presence in this world and in our lives. May we find our rest and joy in you. Through Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

John Nelson

*The Introit “Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights”
(Tune: Winchester New)

Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way,
Where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter Day.

So let us choose the path of One who wore for us the crown of thorn,
And slept in death that we might wake to life on Resurrection Morn.

*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 “Here I Am to Worship”

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.
Here I am to worship.

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

*Hymn of Praise “In Christ Alone”

The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn and are welcome to sit at the front during the scripture reading and sermon.

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all - here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the love of God was magnified;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid - here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am his and he is mine - bought with the precious blood of Christ.

(Cont'd, see over)

No guilt in life, no fear in death - this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home - here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Children's Blessing

Gift of Music

"Communion Prayer"

Sanctuary Choir

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Maddi Wolfe, Dustin Johnston,

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians. 5.1-14

(N.T. pg. 194)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 25

Leader: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore the Lord instructs sinners in the way.

Choir: The Lord leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble the way.

All: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep the covenant and decrees.

Leader: For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.

Choir: Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

**All: Do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 11.14-28

(N.T. pg. 72)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Commitment “Jesus, All for Jesus”

Jesus, all for Jesus: all we are and have and ever hope to be. *(Repeat)*

For it's only in your will that we are free. *(Repeat)*

**All of our ambitions, hopes, and plans,
We surrender these into your hands. *(Repeat)***

For it's only in your will that we are free. *(Repeat)*

Jesus, all for Jesus: all we are and have and ever hope to be.

*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

*Hymn of Response

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

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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

Mark Anderson

*Response of Praise

“Lamb of God”

(by Twila Paris)

**Your only son no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.**

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God! I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

*Benediction

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Music for Departing

Mark Anderson

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 March 11th: Galatians 4.21-5.1, John 6.1-14. Joel Russell-MacLean preaching.

News and Notes

2017 donation receipts are in the mailboxes in the church foyer. Please remember to pick yours up today.

Our condolences to Klaus Link and family and friends with the passing of Frieda Link. Her funeral will be April 21 at Heritage Alliance Church.

Achievers Luncheon, March 22

Roast pork, mix vegetables, potatoes, dessert, buns, and beverage.

Guest Speaker, Rev. Ryan Emmons (Lead Pastor of Argyle Road Baptist church)

EASTER ALLELUIA presentation

Sunday, March 25, 7:00 p.m.

(refer to the March Newsletter for more information)

"The Message of the Cross".....FBC Music Ministry Family

Guest musicians: Paul Anderson (cello), Gillian Engen (trumpet), Eleanor Hector (violin), Rob Nelson (voice & percussion)

Want to experience ministry in Lebanon?

In light of our possible partnership with Lebanon, First Baptist has been invited to send a representative this June to the Middle East Consultation (MEC) at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary (ABTS) in Beirut! The Director of the Institute for Middle East Studies at ABTS, Martin Accad, says that the MEC "seeks to breathe new life into our Evangelical churches' witness to Muslim communities globally." This is an incredible opportunity to see firsthand the ministry that Canadian Baptists are part of in this region, and will include attendance at the conference, ministry visits with our partner including the Syrian refugee relief efforts, and visits to sites of cultural and historical significance.

Dates: June 16-27, 2018. Estimated total cost: \$3500 (includes flights, insurance, conference registration and all ground costs). Application deadline: March 31, 2018. Please speak to Pastor Joel or Marilyn Phillips if you are interested!



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