



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

**Worship Service for Sunday, July 22nd, 2018**  
**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

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

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

**Silent Prayer:** Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, you rule over all creation and over all people. Come, rule in our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit while we wait for the return of Jesus to fulfill his rule on earth. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Becky Findlay

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

**\*The Introit**

**“God is Here”**

*(Tune: Hymn to Joy, #1)*

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**\*Call to Worship and Invocation**

Joel Russell-MacLean

Welcome

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**\*Welcoming One Another**

## **We Approach God**

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\*Reflective Moment

“Sanctuary”

John Thompson & Randy Scroggs

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.**

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Pardon

John Nelson

\*Hymn of Praise

“We Will Glorify”

#72

*The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn and are welcome to remain at the front. Colouring and activity sheets are available and the nursery is open to infants and toddlers.*

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

Karen Martin

## **We Listen to God**

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Scripture Reader

Adoniram Holtslander, Maizy Russell-MacLean,  
Honette Guruka

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 24.3-8

(N.T. pg. 26)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 9

Leader: You have rebuked the nations, you have destroyed the wicked; you have blotted out their name forever and ever. The enemies have vanished in everlasting ruins; their cities you have rooted out; the very memory of them has perished.

**All: But the Lord sits enthroned forever, the Lord has established his throne for judgment.**

(Cont'd, see over)

Leader: The Lord judges the world with righteousness;

**All: The Lord judges the peoples with equity.**

Leader: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,

**All: And a stronghold in times of trouble.**

Leader: Those who know your name put their trust in you,

**All: For you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Gift of Music                      “Poor Wayfaring Stranger”                      Karen Martin

New Testament Lesson: The Revelation to John 1.1-18                      (N.T. pg. 245)

Leader: Blessed are those who hear these words.

**People: May God bless those who take these words to heart.**

\*Hymn of Response                      “Our God Reigns”                      #229

Sermon                      “The Revelation of Jesus”                      Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn of Response                      “Hallelujah, What a Saviour”                      #175

Prayers of the People                      Martha Pauls

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                      Becky Findlay

\*Response of Praise

“Give Thanks”

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. *(repeat)***

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong", let the poor say, "I am rich",  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. *(repeat)***

\*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Becky Findlay

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.*

## **Patio Party**

Tonight, at Julie and Kevin Rich's home. 6:30 - 8:30. Dessert and snacks provided. Bring a lawn chair and invite a friend.

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

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