



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, September 24th, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Creator of earth and heaven, you hold the gifts of life and contentment in your hand. In your mercy, help us surrender our lives to you and to seek you and your kingdom first, so that we might receive back from you the abundant and eternal life that is yours to give. Amen.

Music for Gathering

“Joyful, Joyful” (Innes)

Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

John Nelson

Morning Chimes

*The Introit

“We Are Called to Be God's People”

(Tune: Hyfrydol, #61)

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace,

One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.

Let us show how he has changed us and remade us as his own;

Let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.

*Call to Worship: Psalm 30

John Nelson

Leader: To you, Lord, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:

Choir: *What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?*

All: **Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me; Lord, be my help.**

Leader: You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

All: **My heart will sing your praises and not be silent. Lord my God, I will praise you forever. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever, to the ages of ages. Amen.**

Welcome

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Reflective Moment

“Holy Spirit”

Keith Getty/Stuart Townsend

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all we do.

Love enough to cover ev’ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.

Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn our striving into works of grace; breath of God, show Christ in all we do.

Confession of Sin

Joel Russell-MacLean

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Praise

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

#292

The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn. Following the blessing, the children are invited to go down to Godly Play and Oasis.

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

Sanctuary Choir

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Esther Wiens

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.18-23

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gift of Music “I Stood at the Door of My Lord” John Nelson

*Hymn “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” #1

Reflection “Joy and Illusions”

First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3.1-13

Reflection “It Is Never Enough”

Second Lesson: Ecclesiastes 5.10-20

Reflection “A Letter to His Child”

Third Lesson: Ecclesiastes 11.7-12.10

Reflection “For Such a Time as This”

Fourth Lesson: Ecclesiastes 12.13, 14

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response “Be Thou My Vision” #382

Prayers of the People Norma Holtslander

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 “Be Thou My Vision” (Wood) 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!

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing “God of Grace and God of Glory” Mark Anderson

Deacon on Duty: Eleanor Russell

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.

Sent to Lebanon: Information Meeting today

Meeting following morning worship in the conference room

Next June, First Baptist has been invited to send a group from Regina to Lebanon to learn from and to be inspired by our ministry partners there. If you are curious about taking part or ready to sign up come out to hear more and discuss plans. The tax deductible cost and other information can be found on our website and in our September newsletter.

Achievers’ Luncheon

Thursday, Sept. 27 at 11:55 a.m.

Guest Speaker: David Kaiser. Cost: \$10.00.

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer or RSVP church office by Tuesday, Sept. 25.

Learning for Life

9:30am, Sunday mornings:

- “A Christian Perspective on Work” with Len Pauls and Derrick Bellows
- “Basic Christianity” with Ron Phillips
- “Thrive” (for families), with Deirdre Sentis. A 15 minute teaching video, discussion, and weekly family activity.

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

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