



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, October 7th, 2018

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Pardon the forgetfulness and ingratitude with which we receive our daily blessings. Come and move by your Holy Spirit within us even while we pray, that our praises and thanksgivings may overflow in happy song and joyful life. Make this day and the worship so real to our hearts that we may go forth in life filled with gratitude and not taking life for granted ever again. Amen!

Music for Gathering “Thanks Be to Thee” (Handel) Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service John Nelson

Morning Chimes

*The Introit “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”
(Tune: Lancashire, #226)

**Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise!
By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.**

*Call to Worship: Psalm 30

John Nelson

Leader: God, be merciful to us and bless us; Look on us with kindness,

Choir: *That the whole world may know your will; that all nations may know your salvation.*

All: **May the peoples praise you, God; May all the peoples praise you.**

Leader: The land has produced its harvest;

All: **God has blessed us; We “Sing to the Lord of Harvest.” 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.**

Prayer of Invocation

Welcome

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

*Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise “We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer” #16 v.1, 2

The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn. Following the blessing, the children are invited to remain at the front for the scripture reading and the sermon or to return to their seats.

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

Becky Findlay

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader:

Rosemary Ward

Old Testament Lesson: Ruth 2

(O.T. pg. 242)

*Gospel Lesson: The Gospel according to Matthew 6.25-33 (N.T. pg. 6)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Hymn "We Are So Blessed" #564

Sermon "Good Luck or God's Favour?" John Nelson

*Hymn of Approach "Let all Things Now Living" (*Tune, Ashgrove*)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

*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.

Call to Supper

Joel Russell-MacLean

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

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.

Prayers of the People

Murray Wolfe

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.

The Words of Consecration

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: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and wine as 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 “Let All Things Now Living” (*Tune, Ashgrove*)

His law he enforces; the stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

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*)

*Unison Benediction

Holy Lord, you are the music, and Lord, we are your song.
We are as one voice, and to you our hearts belong.
We've sung our thanksgivings to you with numbers large and small.
Your melodious love unites us to praise you, one and all.
We've worshipped you, O Holy Lord, we glorify your name.
We go with gratitude in one accord, your greatness to proclaim.
Holy Lord, you are the music, and Lord we are your song.
Lord, you worship through us with such a sweet refrain.
Lord, you are the music, and we go to live your song of thanksgiving and
praise.

Music for Departing “Now, Thank We All Our God” (Chesterton) Mark Anderson

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.

“A Time For Friends”

Everyone is invited to the lower hall for refreshments following the service.

Keeping in Touch

We communicate each week in a number of ways. Contact the church to add or update your contact information.

- 1) Our website firstbaptistregina.ca doesn't just list upcoming events. You'll find background information, articles, and videos about Sunday's songs and scriptures, our Learning for Life classes, our Lebanese mission partnership, and much more.
- 2) Our Facebook page includes invitations to upcoming events and posts from the congregation.
- 3) A weekly email is sent out with upcoming events, notices of special events (such as funerals), and links to our website. We'll need your email if you wish to be included.
- 4) Register with “churchtrac” to access your giving record and update your contact information.



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