



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

**Worship Service for Sunday, January 14th, 2018  
2nd Sunday in Epiphany**

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

## **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Silent Prayer:** O God of steadfast love, at the wedding in Cana your Son Jesus turned water into wine, delighting all who were there. Transform our hearts by your Spirit, that we may use our varied gifts to show forth the light of your love as one body in Christ. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

John Nelson

\*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

John Nelson

\*Welcome

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

**People:** And also with you.

\*Welcoming One Another

## WE APPROACH GOD

\*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

Joel Russell-MacLean

\*Hymn of Praise “Holy, Holy, Holy” #262

*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

Scripture Reader

Louise Krueger

Epistle Lesson: Romans 12.6-16

(N.T. pg. 162)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 84.1-4

**Leader:** How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**Choir:** *My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

**All:** **Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of**

**Leader:** Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

**All:** **Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

\*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.**

Gift of Music

John Nelson

\*Gospel Lesson: John 2.1-11

(N.T. pg. 93)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

\*Hymn of Preparation

“Before You I Kneel”

(Getty, Taylor, & Townend)

**Before you I kneel, my Master and Maker,  
To offer the work of my hands.  
For this is the day you’ve given your servant;  
I will rejoice and be glad.  
For the strength I have to live and breathe,  
For each skill your grace has given me;  
For the needs and opportunities that will glorify your great Name.**

**Before you I kneel and ask for your goodness  
To cover the work of my hands.  
For patience and peace to shape all my labor;  
Your grace for thorns in my path.  
Flow within me like a living stream;  
Wear away the stones of pride and greed,  
Till your ways are dwelling deep in me and a harvest of life is grown.**

**Before you we kneel, our Master and Maker;  
Establish the work of our hands.  
And order our steps to seek first your kingdom  
In ev’ry small and great task.  
May we live the Gospel of your grace;  
Serve your purpose in our fleeting days;  
Then our lives will bring eternal praise and all glory to your great Name.**

*Repeat last line.*

Sermon

“God’s Wedding Gifts”

Joel Russell-MacLean

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

\*Hymn of Response      “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”      #92

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      Christa Walsh

\*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      “Prelude and Fugue in A Minor” (Bach)      Mark Anderson

Deacon on Duty:      Collin Carbno

*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 January 21st: Rom 12.16 - 21, Matt 8.1 - 13.

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