



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, August 26th, 2018
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Almighty and Most Holy God, you alone are right in all your judgements: mercy and compassion are inseparable from justice when you speak. Help us to release our complaints to you. Help us to obey and to imitate Jesus in forgiving others through the power of your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

*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

Norma Holtslander

*Hymn of Praise

“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

#241

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

Becky Findlay

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Adam Johnson, Honnête Guruka

New Testament Lesson: The Revelation to John 22

(N.T. pg. 256)

Leader: Blessed are those who hear these words.

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

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 65

Leader: O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

All: Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

(Cont'd, see over)

Leader: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

All: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

Leader: By your strength you established the mountains; you silence the roaring of the seas,

All: You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water;

Leader: You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

All: The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

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.

Gospel Lesson: John 1.1-4

(N.T. pg. 91)

*Hymn

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

#118

Sermon

“The Beginning and the End” Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“The Kingdom of God”

#547

Prayers of the People

Ali Miller

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:

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.

Patio Party

Tonight, at First Baptist Place, 2153 Smith Street, from 6:30 to 8:30. Dessert and snacks provided. Bring a lawn chair and invite a friend.

Back Yard BBQ

September 2, at 5 pm, at Joel and Heather's home: 1968 St John St. Please sign up in either foyer or by contacting the church office. A lawn chair and an appetite are all that is required. Donations will be collected. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

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