



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, August 4th, 2019

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Creator God, you made the world and everything in it. You are Lord of Heaven and earth. Yet you long to be in meaningful relationship with your creation. As we look at all you have made, may we turn to you. Grant us courage to hear the Spirit's promptings and share you with others too. In Jesus Name, Amen!

Music for Gathering

Brianna Levesque

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

“God is Here”

(tune- Hymn to Joy #1 / Words- Fred Pratt Green)

**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.**

*Welcome and prayer

Joel Russell-MacLean

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn and remain at the front until the Hymn of Approach. The nursery is unsupervised during the summer months - parents are welcome to take little ones to the nursery and watch the service from there.

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Hilary Ryan

*Responsorial Reading: Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

All: Let us make a joyful noise to our Lord with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,

All: And a great King above all gods.

Leader: In God's hand are the depths of the earth;

All: The heights of the mountains are the Lord's also.

Leader: The sea is God's, for God made it,

All: And the dry land, which God's hands have formed.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down

All: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Leader: For the Lord is our God,

All: And we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.

Leader: O that today you would listen to God's voice!

New Testament Lesson: Acts 17:16-34

(N.T. pg. 137-138)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Approach

“Come As You Are”

David Crowder

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been;
Come broken hearted, let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy, oh sinner, come kneel:
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal (*repeat*).

The Father is calling, “Come as you are”;
Join Christ in the water; take up your cross;
Welcome God’s Spirit and new life receive:
Earth has no sorrow, that God can’t redeem (*repeat*).

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed.
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures:
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure (*repeat*).

*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.

Confession & Call to Supper

Richard Hovey

The Great Thanksgiving

Joel-Russell MacLean

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

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT THIS MONTH

Backyard BBQ: TONIGHT August 4, 2835 Thornton, 5 p.m.

Please sign up today in the foyer if you are planning on attending. Hosted by Eleanor Russell, and Joel and Heather Russell-MacLean

Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and desserts are provided. Please remember to bring a lawn chair, and a friend.

Donations to cover the costs will be gratefully received.

August Patio Parties

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Dessert and beverages are provided. Bring a lawn chair and a friend!

August 11: Rob and Deirdre Sentis at 3704 Dewdney Ave.

August 18: Lynette & Evan Wollbaum at 3 Burton Place

August 25: First Baptist Place

LOOKING AHEAD...

Fall Retreat - October 18-20 2019

Mark your calendars for our 2019 FBC Fall Retreat at Katepwa Lake Camp. This is a church-wide retreat for all ages. The weekend will include sessions for teaching, reflection and worship; as well there will be free time and opportunity for deepening our friendships, finding some rest and renewal. The focus of the weekend will be "On Meeting Jesus" with three areas of emphasis: "Meeting Jesus in His Word: Spiritual Reading," "Meeting Jesus in His Body: Spiritual Friendships," and "Meeting Jesus in His World: Spiritual Living." Pastor Richard will be facilitating the sessions and providing oversight to the Fall Retreat. Anyone interested in attending or helping to plan this weekend, please speak with Pastor Richard.

LEARNING 4 LIFE - FALL 2019

"The Book of Ezekiel" - September 15 - December 8 2019

Dr. Kelvin Friebel will be leading a class on the book of Ezekiel. This class will begin with information on how to read Old Testament prophecy followed by an introduction to the book of Ezekiel. The remainder of the classes will break down different key chapters in Ezekiel, including: Ezekiel's call to be a prophet, Ezekiel's weird behaviour, Israel the unfaithful wife, God and the foreign nations, God restoring his presence, and more!

Dr. Friebel's doctoral studies are in Hebrew and Semitic studies and he has a long history of teaching the Old Testament at CTS, Houghton College, and more recently at Briercrest College and Seminary.

"Stories About Jesus" - September 22 - October 27, 2019

This class will read some of the stories from Jesus' life, as told in the gospels, with the hope of getting to know Jesus better. The class will be especially appropriate for people just looking at the Christian faith, and people young in their faith. It will also be suitable for young people 11 or 12 and up, as well as for adults. It will involve dramatic reading, perhaps some acting out of the stories, as appropriate, and much discussion.

This class will be followed in November by:

"Stories Jesus Told", November 3 - December 8, 2019

This follow up class will use the same format as "Stories About Jesus". Instead of stories featuring Jesus, we will look at some of his parables, stories he told to teach about the Kingdom of God.

The teacher for these two classes will be Ron Phillips.

SERMON NOTES