

First Baptist Regina Weekly News

For the Week of April 3, 2022

The first sunny days above freezing have come. I've opened up my windows a few times to feel the breeze inside. We've also spent some time cleaning, inside and out. We've gone through closets and drawers. It's time for some things to be put away and some to be brought out. As we have done this, we've realized there are things we no longer need at all.

Lent and Easter can work together in our lives in this way. The celebration of Jesus' resurrection at Easter is a spiritual spring. Lent encourages us to clean out our habits, our behaviour, our thoughts, and our hearts under the direction of the Holy Spirit. It is an opportunity to put away all the things that belonged to the old way of living, and bring out all the new.



In the Gospel of John, Jesus invites us to begin to live “eternal life” now, while we wait for the day when we see Jesus for ourselves, face to face. May God purify us and cleanse us, and may the joy of Jesus, alive forevermore, be with us all.

With love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. M. L.' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pastor Joel

“Celebration of Easter Praise”

Date: April 10, 2022, 7:00 pm

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: First Baptist Church Regina

You are invited to an evening of concert and praise, celebrating the life of Jesus Christ! Arranged by our Interim Minister of Music, Maria Fuller, the evening will feature:

- Mark Anderson on the organ
- Mark Ancheta on the piano
- Maria Fuller on the trumpet and piano
- First Baptist Sanctuary Choir
- JuBELLation handbell choir
- John Nelson, guest choir conductor
- Dramatic readings
- String quartet from the Regina Symphony Orchestra
 - Carmelle Pretzlaw, violin
 - Megan Zak, viola
 - Jeremy Buzash, violin
 - Joel MacDonald, cello
- Adria McCulloch, soprano
- Emma Johnson, soprano
- Chris MacRae, tenor
- Daniel McElroy, baritone



Invite your friends to join you, as we come and hear the Easter story presented in a meaningful and inspiring way. The concert will also be live streamed over Zoom and Facebook. See [our website](#) for the links. A basket will be available at the entrance for a freewill offering.

Our Condolences



Our condolences go out to the friends and family of Eileen Hutton, who passed away on Saturday, March 19, 2022. She was 94. To read the obituary, please click here: [Eileen Hutton Obituary](#).

Eileen was an usher here at First Baptist for many years, as well as helping out in other areas wherever and whenever she was needed. A service of remembrance will be held at First Baptist and online on Thursday, April 7th, at 2 pm. All are welcome.

Holy Week 2022 – The Journey to the Cross

Holy Week is April 10th to 17th. Set aside time for silence, prayer, and fasting as we follow the story of Jesus' self-sacrifice for the world. We are offering morning and evening online gatherings for worship.

Here is a list of Holy Week Worship Services and Events:

Palm Sunday, April 10th

- Learning for Life, 9:30 am, in person and online
- Morning Worship, 11:00 am, in person and online
- "Celebration of Easter Praise" concert, 7:00 pm, online. An evening of concert and praise, celebrating the life of Jesus Christ.

Monday, April 11th – Wednesday, April 13th

- Short services of daily prayer
 - Morning prayer – 7:15 am daily, online only
 - Evening service – 7:00 pm daily, online only

Maundy Thursday, April 14th

- 7:00 pm, in person and online. Our youth are helping to take the lead for this special service of Jesus' final evening with his friends.

Good Friday Service, April 15th

- 10:30 am, online and in person at Westhill Park Baptist Church. Pastor Tim McKinnon, from Weyburn, will be preaching. This is a joint service involving First Baptist, Argyle Road Baptist, Westhill Park Baptist and Calvary Baptist Community (Weyburn) churches. The service will be live streamed from Westhill Park Baptist Church.

Easter Sunday, April 17th

- Sunrise Service: 6:30 am, Wascana Marina. A short outdoor service with singing, readings of Jesus' resurrection, and a warm breakfast to follow. Please contact the church [by email](#) or at (306) 359-1450 if you plan to attend.
- Easter Sunday Morning Worship service, 11:00 am, in person and on Zoom. Christ is Risen! From the Easter greeting to the Hallelujah Chorus and the Easter egg hunt, this joyful celebration of God's victory is the high point in our calendar as a congregation.
- For more information and links to the various services and events, visit [our website](#).

COVID Measures

We are still waiting for Covid to slow down further. As we head into April, we will continue to ask people to mask on Sunday mornings and in larger groups. We will continue to evaluate this week by week.

Website

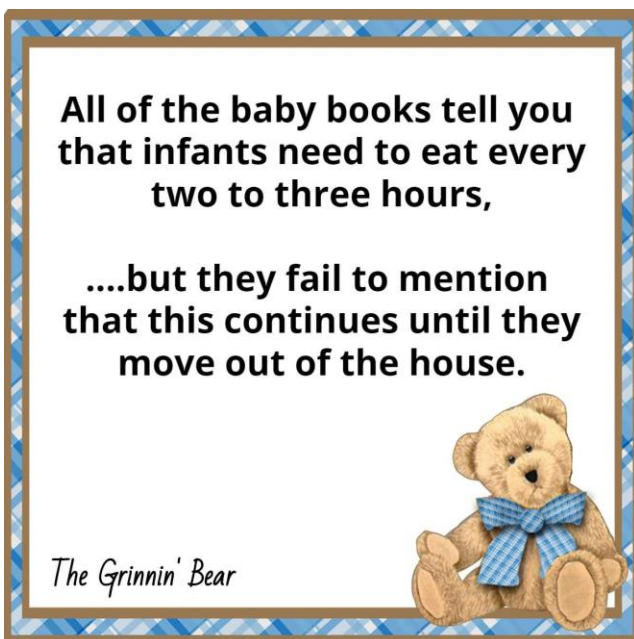
Just a quick reminder that the church website, at firstbaptistregina.ca, is a valuable source of information that can help keep you connected and up to date with the various programs that are available—especially now that we are seeing more in-person activities being resumed.

One easy way to keep on top of upcoming events is to click on the calendar icon in the top right hand corner of each page on the website, or the larger icon on our home page. Each entry on the calendar provides a link to information about various events, such as prayer times, small group studies, and special events.

You will also find links to our Facebook page and YouTube channel, where we are presenting video reflections and devotions by a number of our members and pastors.

A New Way to Give...

For those who prefer to give their offering using their credit card, it is now possible to do that directly from our website without using other options such as PayPal. To check it out, please visit the [donations page](#) on our website.



A nursery school teacher was driving a van full of kids back from a field trip one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the truck was a Dalmatian. The children started discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to help keep the crowds back," said one child.

"No," said another. "He's just for good luck."

"No," said a third child. "They use the dogs to find the fire hydrants."

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes it five years in a row.

What's happening at First?

Morning Prayer

Join us each morning, Monday to Thursday at 7:15 am to begin your day with scripture and prayer, via Zoom. Visit our [website](#) for the link.

Children's Ministry

There is an in-person class for children up to Grade 6. The children are currently learning about the stories of Jesus' ministry. For more information, please contact [Pastor Kayely](#).

Youth Ministry

The youth have been meeting for a video study on creation. The series looks at our understanding of what God as Creator means, and how that affects how we can look at our world and ourselves as creative beings. For more information, contact [Pastor Chris](#).

Adult Ministries

Learning for Life (L4L): Annabel Robinson is leading the series: "The Gospel of John." This whole Gospel is centred on Jesus and who he is. The class will encourage each person to ask themselves, "Who, in my experience, is Jesus?" This class is in person, and also on Zoom. For more information, please contact Annabel, email [the church](#), or go to [our website](#). [Join Learning for Life](#).

Learning for Life between Sundays: In this class, facilitated by Joel Russell-MacLean, we will read and reflect on the powerful stories and personal presentation of Jesus in the Gospel according to John. Whether Sunday mornings at 9:30 don't work for you, or if there's something you want to follow up on after Sunday's sermon or L4L class, all are welcome. The class is both in person and on Zoom. For more information, visit [our website](#) or contact [Pastor Joel](#). [Join Weekday L4L](#).

Voice: A small group for women who like to read and enjoy lively conversation. The group meets every second Wednesday from 7 to 9 pm, using Zoom. For more information, contact Bonnie A-W or Lauren S, call (306) 359-1450, email [the church](#), or visit [our website](#).

Reading through the Pauline Epistles: This group, facilitated by Norma Holtslander, meets every Wednesday, on Zoom, at 10:30 am. For more information, contact Norma or call the church at (306) 359-1450. [Join Reading the Pauline Epistles](#).

Dial-the-Sermon – (306) 992-1912



Know of someone with no computer and/or internet access and cannot come to church in person? Please let them know that there is an easy way to listen to a recent Sunday's sermon. Simply dial (306) 992-1912 (toll-free within the Regina area) on a landline phone or cell phone. This number takes you straight to the sermon recording.

Tithes and Offerings

Whether you are attending Sunday services in person or online, there are several methods that you can use to give your tithes and donations to the church:

1. Mail your gifts to the church or call and leave a message at (306) 359-1450 to arrange for an in-person pick-up. Please place your cheque in your regular offering envelope (or any envelope marked "Offering"), and seal that inside another envelope addressed to: First Baptist Church, 2241 Victoria Ave, Regina, SK S4P 0S4.
2. Establish a **Pre-authorized Remittance (PAR) Plan**. This will automatically transfer funds from your account into the FBC Regina account on a regular basis. Please email the church or contact the Treasurer if you would like to set up PAR, or change your commitment.
3. Make an [online donation](#):
 - Use a credit or debit card to make a donation from our website. (*The church is charged a small processing fee for each donation.*)
 - Use **Interac e-Transfer** to donate from your phone or computer to FBCRegina@gmail.com (*no fee or cost to the church*)
 - Use a credit card with a PayPal account via the **PayPal Giving Fund** (*no fee or cost to the church – 100% of your donation reaches us*)
 - Use a credit card or PayPal via **CanadaHelps** (*a 4% fee is deducted from the donation*)
 - Use a credit or debit card via **FBC ChurchTrac** (*the church is charged a fee of approximately 3% for each donation*)

PLEASE refer to our website at firstbaptistregina.ca for more specific information on these contribution methods. You may also contact the treasurer at (306) 775-1497 or email the church at main_fbcregina@sasktel.net for further details.



A police officer at the scene of a car crash saw a horrible sight smashed against the inside of the windshield. Quickly he called for help and then ran over to the car.

"Are you badly hurt?" the officer asked the man in the front seat.

"Nah," replied the driver, "but this pizza is a mess."

How do you make friends with a computer? Bit by bit.