



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, January 22, 2023

Third Sunday After Epiphany

**Please stand as you are able whether you are participating at home or in the sanctuary.*

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, in the midst of our occupations and preoccupations, you reveal Jesus to us. Your son calls us to follow him. Help us to recognize if there is anything we should cast aside in order to follow him more closely. In his name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering “Prelude in C (No. 2)” & “Jesus My Lord” Calla-Dawn Brooks
(Bach; Gospel/Folk tune)

Opportunities for Life and Service Cheryl Johnston

Morning Chimes Xavier Russell-MacLean

*The Introit “Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)”
(Paul Baloche)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you, we turn to you.

Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for you, we long for you.

When we're with you, we find strength to face the day,

In your presence all our fears are met, and from our hearts we say:

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Life-light of God shine on us,

You bring the age of ages.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

You are the God who saves us,

Worthy of all our praises.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Call to Worship and Prayer Cheryl Johnston

Leader: Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“ Be Thou My Vision”

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The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this song before going downstairs for Godly Play (younger group) and Oasis (older group).

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I, thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart;
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won;
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Chris Senger

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach “Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)”
(John Bell & Graham Maule; Arr. John Bell)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,

Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4 (pp. 638, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

All: To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in The Lord's temple.

Leader: For the Lord will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

All: I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

All: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Leader: Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

All: Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

*Gloria Patri

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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.

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (p. 166, New Testament section)

*Gospel lesson: Matthew 4:12-23 (p. 3-4, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

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**Oh love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.**

**Oh light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine’s blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.**

**Oh joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.**

**Oh cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust, life’s glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.**

Prayers of the People

Kayely Rich

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Gifts and Offerings

Kayely Rich

We Depart to Serve God

*Response of Praise

“Praise the Lord”
(Arr. Jeff Sotropa)

**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

“Let All Things Now Living”
(Lloyd Larson)

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Following the worship service, you are invited to the lower hall for “A Time for Friends” — an opportunity to fellowship with one another and enjoy some refreshments together.

For those of you on Zoom, after the Music for Departing, a breakout group will be formed. There is no obligation to stay if you need to be going. If you wish to take part, simply remain on Zoom to be invited to the group and hear how others are doing.

Coming up in January...

Saturday, January 28, 9:30 am

Ladies join the HBW¹ for the
“Great Canadian Bible Study”

¹ Heartland Baptist Women