



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, January 8, 2023

The Baptism of Jesus

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

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Creator of heaven and earth, remove from us our hearts of stone and give us hearts of flesh, that our worship and work would arise from a sincere love for you and for others. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Music for Gathering

"Prelude in D Flat"
(Chopin)

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

*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 you 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

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

“Tell Me the Story of Jesus”

#172

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

Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word;

Tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.

Tell how the angels, in chorus, sang as they welcomed his birth,

“Glory to God in the highest! Peace and good tidings to earth.”

Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word;

Tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.

Fasting alone in the desert, tell of the days that are past;

How for our sins he was tempted, yet was triumphant at last.

Tell of the years of his labor, tell of the sorrow he bore;

He was despised and afflicted, homeless, rejected, and poor.

Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word;

Tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.

Tell of the cross where they nailed him, writhing in anguish and pain;

Tell of the grave where they laid him, tell how he liveth again.

Love in that story so tender, clearer than ever I see:

Stay, let me weep while you whisper, love paid the ransom for me.

Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word;

Tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Rosemary Ward

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 36:25-35 (pp. 805-806, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 29

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

All: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

All: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

Leader: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness. The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare.

All: In his temple all say, "Glory!"

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

All: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

*Gloria Patri

#623

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.

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:1-17 (p. 3, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Jesus' Baptism"

Joel Russell-MacLean

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, O sinner, come kneel:

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

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.

Earth has no sorrow that God can't redeem.

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.

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure.

*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.

Call to the Supper

Joel Russell-MacLean

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: 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

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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

Joel Russell-MacLean

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 cup 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.

Communion

(All communion wafers are gluten free)

*Hymn of Response

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

#167

**O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,
And of the news that came to them from angels in the air:
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today;
Of Jesus’ birth and peace on earth the angels sing alway.**

**O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy,
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless boy:
For now the flow’rs of Nazareth in ev’ry heart may grow;
Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.**

**O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,
Of him who walked upon the sea and bade the waves be still:
For though, like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll,
When faith has heard the Master’s word, falls peace upon the soul.**

**O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay;
Of him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away:
For he who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,
And Christ, our Lord, by heav’n adored, is mighty now to save.**

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

“Peace To All Nations”
(Turner)

Mark Anderson

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.

January Events

Monday, January 9, 7:30-9:00 pm	Spiritual Formation group begins ¹
Wednesday, January 11, 10:00 am	Reading through the Bible resumes
Thursday, January 12, 7:00-8:30 pm	Choir practice resumes New members welcome!

¹ This small group will be based on the book *Sensible Shoes*, by Sharon G. Brown. For more information, contact Pastor Cheryl or Pastor Kayely, or see page 6 of the last newsletter. To sign up, please use the online form in the newsletter, or contact the church by phone at (306) 359-1450 or by email at main_fbcregina@sasktel.net.