



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Silent Prayer: God, you made all the nations of humanity of one blood, and you sent your Son Jesus Christ to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that all peoples of the world may search after you and find you; and hasten, Lord, the fulfilment of your promise to pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

Music for Gathering

Morning Reflections

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

Morning Chimes

Xavier Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

“Lamb of God”
(Twila Paris)

**Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.**

**Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

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

“Christ, Be Our Light”
(Bernadette Farrell)

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).

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.
Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow’r to save us. Make us your living voice.
Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.
Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.
Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.
Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Call to Confession

Kayely Rich

Assurance of Pardon

Gift of Music

“LightShine”
(Words: J. Paul Williams; Music: Joseph M. Martin)

Sanctuary Choir

For those who would like to follow along, the words are printed on page 7.

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

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**O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.**

**Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.**

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:4-7 (p. 260, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 23

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

All: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures; The Lord leads me beside still waters;

Leader: The Lord restores my soul. The Lord leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

All: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

*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: Ephesians 5:8-14 (p. 194, New Testament section)

*Gospel lesson: John 9:15-17; 24-41 (pp. 102-103, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Water For Our Souls”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Beneath the Cross”
(Keith & Kristyn Getty)

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me come.
Beneath the cross of Jesus my unworthy soul is won.**

**Beneath the cross of Jesus, his family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams; now, one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonour the ones that you have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.**

**Beneath the cross of Jesus the path before the crown,
We follow in his footsteps where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us to be his perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly live our lives.**

Prayers of the People

Dell Bornowsky

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Depart to Serve God

* Hymn for Departing “Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer”
(Words: Margaret Becker; Music: Keith Getty)

**Jesus guide me through the tempest;
Keep my spirit staid and sure.
When the midnight meets the morning,
Let me love you even more.**

**May this journey bring a blessing,
May I rise on wings of faith;
And at the end of my heart’s testing,
With your likeness let me wake.**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

“Preambulum”
(J. Heinrich Scheidemann)

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Following the Music for Departing, we will have our Annual General Meeting in the lower hall. Lunch will be provided. Printed copies of the agenda, proposed budget for 2023, and minutes of our last meeting are available in the foyer. Or you can visit our website at <https://firstbaptistregina.ca/events/event/agm-2023/>.

Lyrics for "LightShine"

Light your lamp, hold it high
Like a candle in the night.
Light your lamp, hold it high
Like a beacon burnin' through the night.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin'
Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin'
Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin'
The time is drawin' nigh.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin'
Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin'
Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin'
The time is drawin' nigh.

Oh, hide it under a bushel, no.
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, no.
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, no.
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Light your lamp, hold it high
Like a candle in the night.
Light your lamp, hold it high
Like a beacon burnin' through the night.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin'
Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin'
Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin'
Like a beacon burnin' through the night.

Burnin' through the night.
Now let your light shine, now let your light shine,
Now let your light so shine!

Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin'
Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin'
Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin'
Like a beacon...

Hold it high
Like a candle in the night.
Light your lamp, hold it high
Like a beacon burnin' through the night.

Coming up in March...

Saturday, March 25th

Ladies Fellowship Breakfast
