



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

## Worship Service for Sunday, July 2, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Silent Prayer:** Grant, O Lord, that my heart may neither desire nor seek anything but what is necessary for the fulfillment of your holy will. May health or sickness, riches or poverty, honors or contempt, humiliations, leave my soul in that state of perfect detachment to which I desire to attain for your greater honor and your greater glory. Amen (*St. Ignatius Loyola*)

Music for Gathering	“Adagio Cantabile” (Beethoven)	Xavier Russell-MacLean
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Opportunities for Life and Service		Kayely Rich
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\*Singing of the National Anthem      “O Canada”

**O Canada! Our home and native land!  
 True patriot love in all of us command.  
 With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
 The true north strong and free!  
 From far and wide, oh Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
 God keep our land glorious and free!  
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.**

\*The Introit      “Father of Lights”  
 (John Barnett)

**Father of Lights, you delight in your children. (2x)  
 And every good and perfect gift comes from you, (x3)  
 Father of lights.**

Call to Worship and Prayer	Kayely Rich
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**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**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“Wonderful Words of Life”

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*The children are invited to come forward during this song and remain at the front until after the sermon, at which time they may return to their parents.*

**Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life,  
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;  
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty;**

**Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.**

**Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;  
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;  
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven:**

**Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.**

**Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;  
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only Saviour, sanctify forever:**

**Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

## We Listen to God

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Scripture Reader

Enoch Ernest

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 (p. 817, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 50:1-6

Leader: My soul clings to the dust; revive me according to your word.

**All: When I told of my ways, you answered me; teach me your statutes.**

Leader: Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

**All: My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word.**

Leader: Put false ways far from me; and graciously teach me your law.

**All: I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your ordinances before me.**

Leader: Cling to your decrees, O Lord; let me not be put to shame.

**All: I run the way of your commandments, for you enlarge my understanding.**

\*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.**

Epistle Lesson: Romans 2: 1-4 (p. 153, New Testament section)

\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:24-30 (p. 14, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“God’s Patience with All Creation”

Chris Senger

## **We Celebrate**

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\*Hymn of Preparation

**“Agnus Dei”**  
(Michael W. Smith)

**Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.**

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**Alleluia. Holy, holy, are you Lord God Almighty.**

**Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.**

**You are holy, holy, are you Lord God Almighty.**

**Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.**

**Amen.**

\*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

Chris Senger

Call to 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

Cheryl Johnston

### 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

Chris Senger

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!**

## Our Gifts and Offerings

Chris Senger

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)

## **We Depart to Serve God**

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\*Hymn for Departing

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

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**'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;  
Just to rest upon his promise, just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;  
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

**Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

**I'm so glad I learned to trust him, precious Jesus, Saviour, Friend;  
And I know that he is with me, will be with me to the end.**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

\*Benediction

Chris Senger

Music for Departing

“Fugue in C Minor”  
(J. S. Bach)

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Following the service, you are invited to meet in front of the church, weather permitting, for a time of fellowship and a cold beverage.



## Coming up in July...

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Sunday, July 2, 5:00 pm	Backyard BBQ at Mark & Cheryl Johnston's farm
Wednesday, July 12, 10:00-11:30 am	Prayer Walk
Sunday, July 16, 6:30 pm	Patio Party – Home of Rob & Tiffany Stafford-Lai
Tuesday, July 18, 1:00 – 2:30 pm	“North of 60” Afternoon Tea & Social

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*For more information about any of these events, please see the current newsletter or visit our website at [firstbaptistregina.ca](http://firstbaptistregina.ca).*