



# First Baptist Church

**Worship Service for Sunday, September 3rd, 2023**

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*\*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, you ask us to seek to know you and to love you. May our gifts and service arise from neither calculating selfishness nor cold duty but from free and loving obedience to you. In the name of Jesus, who first loved us, we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service

Kayely Rich

\*The Introit

"Joyful, Joyful"

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**Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

Call to Worship and Prayer

Kayley Rich

**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

“We Are God’s People”

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*The children are invited forward and will remain at the front until the hymn of approach.*

**We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,  
Born of his Spirit, established by his Word;  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:  
O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.**

**We are God’s loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,  
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;  
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:  
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.**

**We are the Body of which the Lord is head,  
Called to obey him, now risen from the dead;  
He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:  
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.**

**We are a temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place,  
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace;  
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire:  
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston



Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 72

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

**All: May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.**

Leader: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

**All: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

Leader: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**All: May he have dominion from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

Leader: May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

**All: For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.**

Leader: He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy.

**All: From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Leader: May there be abundance of grain in the land; may it wave on the tops of the mountains

**All: And may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field.**

Leader: May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun.

**All: May all nations be blessed in him; may they pronounce him blessed.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**All: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Celebrate**

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\*Hymn of Approach

“All Your Anxiety”

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**Is there a heart o'erbound by sorrow? Is there a life weighed down by care?  
Come to the cross, each burden bearing; All your anxiety—leave it there.**

**All your anxiety, all your care, bring to the mercy seat, leave it there,  
Never a burden he cannot bear, never a friend like Jesus!**

**No other friend so swift to help you, no other friend so quick to hear,  
No other place to leave your burden, no other one to hear your prayer.**

**All your anxiety, all your care, bring to the mercy seat, leave it there,  
Never a burden he cannot bear, never a friend like Jesus!**

**Come then at once; delay no longer! Heed his entreaty kind and sweet,  
You need not fear a disappointment; you shall find peace at the mercy seat.**

**All your anxiety, all your care, bring to the mercy seat, leave it there,  
Never a burden he cannot bear, never a friend like Jesus!**

**\*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

Cheryl Johnston

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful and loving God, we confess to you before all of heaven, and before one another, that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, forgive us and restore us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

### 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

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

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

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn for Response

“King of Kings”

*(Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood )*

**In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,  
Till from heaven you came running, there was mercy in your eyes.  
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin, came the Word,  
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.**

**Praise the Father, praise the Son,  
Praise the Spirit, Three-in-One,  
God of glory, Majesty,  
Praise forever to the King of kings!**

**To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation, you did not despise the cross.  
For even in your suffering, you saw to the other side.  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake, you died.**

**Praise the Father, praise the Son,  
Praise the Spirit, Three-in-One,  
God of glory, Majesty,  
Praise forever to the King of Kings!**

**And the morning that you rose, all of heaven held its breath.  
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.  
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe,  
Now the souls of all who come to the Father are restored.**

**And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame.  
Now this gospel truth of old, shall not kneel, shall not faint.  
By his blood and in his name, in his freedom, I am free,  
Through the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me.**

**Praise the Father, praise the Son,  
Praise the Spirit, Three-in-One,  
God of glory, Majesty,  
Praise forever to the King of Kings!**



## **We Depart to Serve God**

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\*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Xavier Russell-MacLean

*Children's Volunteer Training Refresher today. All our volunteers are required to attend one of the training sessions. Please make time to attend. Thank you for your ministry to our children and families.*

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

## Reminders for next week:

- 11 am start time
- Church BBQ to follow

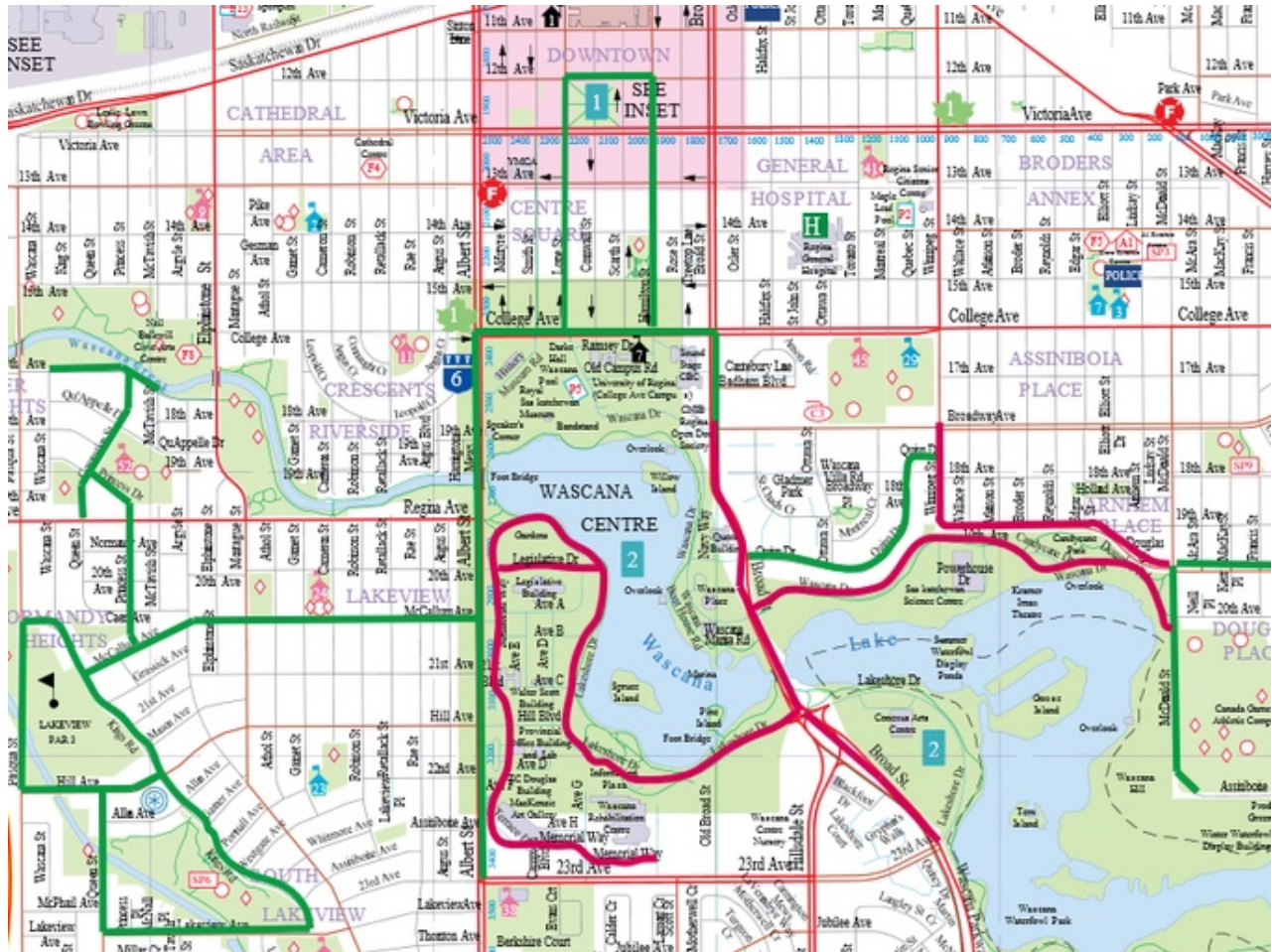
Next Sunday is also the Queen City Marathon.

- Roads downtown will be reduced or blocked from 7 am until 9:30 or 10 am. Restrictions will continue into the afternoon along College Ave, Albert St and others.
- Closed roads: Broad St from Hillside to Broadway, including the bridge, and all Wascana park roads will be closed from 7 am to 2 pm.
- Arriving from south Regina might require a different route than usual, taking either Albert, Elphinstone/Montague, or the Lewvan to Victoria Ave and then downtown.
- See map below

## Month at a Glance

<b>Sept 13</b>	10:00 am	Prayer Walk
	10:00am	Bible Reading Group Resumes
	7:00 pm	Voice 'Book Pitch'
<b>Sept 14</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sept 15</b>	6:00 pm	Youth Kick Off
<b>Sept 17</b>	12:15 pm	Children's Volunteer Training Refresher
<b>Sept 19</b>	1:00 pm	North of 60
<b>Sept 22</b>		Pastor Cheryl departs to Lebanon
<b>Sept 24</b>	9:30 am	Learning for Life begins: The Book of Isaiah
<b>Sept 30</b>	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast

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