

First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, February 16th, 2025 6th Sunday in Epiphany

Welcome! Young children are welcome in the service or in our staffed nursery. The collection is taken at the doorways as you enter the sanctuary. *Please stand as you are able whether you are participating at home or in the sanctuary.

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, out of great love you came in search of us and found us wounded and at the mercy of death. Moved deeply by mercy, you have saved, healed, and clothed us. Help us to love the people who live next door to us and to be moved by mercy to help those in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Opportunities for Life and Service

Oluwaseye Poolpola

Joel Russell-MacLean

*The Introit "We Have Come to Join in Worship" (Words by Ken Bible and George Atkins; Tune: "Joyful, Joyful" #1)

We have come to join in worship and adore the Lord our God. Let us come in prayer, expecting God to speak his mighty Word. All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down. Christians, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too. Let us care for all his people till our God makes all things new. Christ will call us home to heaven; at his banquet we'll sit down; Christ himself will rise and serve us living manna all around. Call to Worship and prayer

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	"Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)"	by Paul Baloche
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The children are invited forward and remain at the front through the service.

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:

(Refrain:) Hosanna! Hosanna! Life-light 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!

Hear the sound of hearts returning to you, we turn to you. In your kingdom broken lives are made new, you make us new. (*Refrain*)

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

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.

"King of Kings"

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

Refrain:

*Hymn of Praise

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

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,

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. (*Refrain*)

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. (*Refrain*)

Prayer of Confession Assurance of Pardon **Cheryl Johnston**

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviour's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued? Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me? Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me!

'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies! Who can explore his strange design? In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine! 'Tis mercy all! let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more. Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me!

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace; Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night; Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed thee. Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me!

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him is mine! Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach th'eternal throne,

And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me!

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Reade Holtslander

Old Testament Lesson: The Prophet Jeremiah 17:5-10

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 82

Leader: God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods God holds judgment:

- All: "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?"
- Leader: "Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute."
- All: "Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."
- Leader: They have neither knowledge nor understanding; they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- All: I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you."

Leader: "Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince."

All: Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations belong to you!

*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.

*Gospel Lesson: The Gospel According to Luke 10.25-37 N.T. page 71

Leader: This is the word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

*Hymn of Response

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.

"We Are God's People"

Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer Margaret Friesen

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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

Cheryl Johnston

*Hymn for Departing

There is hope in every trial for I can trust the Lord. He will turn my heart towards him and help me bear the thorn. So in faith I follow Jesus on the road not understood For I know that he is working for his glory and my good.
(Refrain:) To our God be the glory, to our God be praise - He alone - the name above all names. I will boast ever, only in the Lord my God For I know his glory is my good.
Would I gladly be made nothing that Christ would be made more? Would I seek the only kingdom that far outweighs them all? I will stand before my Father where the faithful saints have stood,

"His Glory and My Good"

And with joy my heart shall praise him for his glory and my good. (Refrain)

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

by City Alight

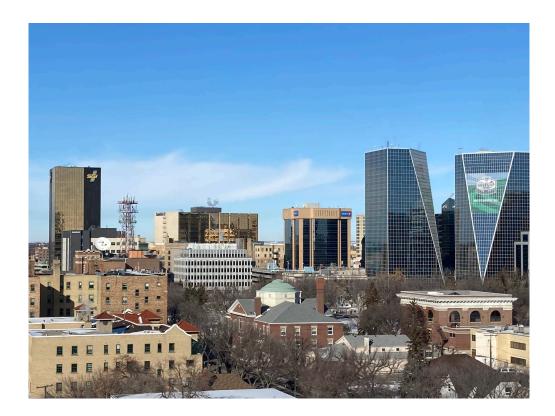
Music for Departing

Oluwaseye Popoola

"A Time For Friends" Everyone is invited downstairs for refreshments following the service.

Parents:

Please go to meet your children in Godly Play and Nursery as they can only be dismissed into your care.



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