

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

166 Years a People  
146 Years In this Home



Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 28, 2024

Morning Worship

10:30 a.m.

♪ we stand to sing

Christ is Alive

Prelude: Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr ('Alone to God on high be honour') . . . . . Georg Böhm

Welcome and Greetings

Lighting of the Christ Candle: (from I John 5:7; John 12:46; Matthew 5:15)

Leader: Christ is Risen!

Congregation: He is Risen indeed!

Choir: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Leader: Jesus said: I have come into the world as light.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you – that God is light.

Congregation: Jesus also said: Let your light shine before others,  
so that they may see your good works, and give glory to God in heaven.

Call to Worship: from 1 John 4:7-12

Loved by God, we are called to love one another.

♪ Hymn of Praise: The strife is o'er, the battle done (Victory) . . . . . 257

Gathering Prayer

The Living Word

New Testament Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Reader: Ema Prince

Philip, one of the first Deacons in the church, baptizes an Ethiopian official.

Psalms Reading: Psalm 22:25-31

The psalmist offers praise to God, who is the Lord of all people.

Leader: From you, O God, comes my praise in the great congregation;

Response: my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

L: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

R: those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

L: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;

R: and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

L: For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

R: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and we shall live for him.

L: Posterity will serve him;

R: future generations will be told about the Lord,  
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- ♪ Response: Christ is alive (Truro), vs. 5. . . . . 251  
Christ is alive and comes to bring good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

## Time for Young Worshippers

- ♪ Hymn for Reflection: Lord Jesus, you shall be my song (Les Petites Soeurs) . . . . . 665

Gospel Reading: John 15: 1-8  
The image of the vine is used to express the relationship of Christ with the church.

## Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: Madly off in all directions The Reverend John C. Perkin

## Silent Reflection

Anthem: My Eyes for Beauty Pine . . . . . Herbert Howells (1892-1983)  
My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddes grace: No other care nor hope is mine, To heaven I turn my face. One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above: 'Tis named when God's name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love. And every gentle heart that burns with true desire, Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire. (Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930))

## Living as People of Christ

Affirmation of our Faith from our Baptist Tradition: (in unison)  
from This We Believe; Resources for Faith with Baptist Distinctives  
– Section Seven: God's Church (CBOQ, 1985)

The church proclaims the gospel. It is founded on the solid rock, which is Jesus Christ; the proclamation of the good news by the church continues the work that the apostles began. The church, in proclamation and service, is empowered by the Holy Spirit. It serves God, God's people, and the whole created world, through deeds of love and mercy. In the fellowship of the church, we support one another in sorrow, and uphold one another in prayer.

## Welcome and Announcements

## Presentation of our Offerings

- ♪ Sung Response: The Doxology (Old 100<sup>th</sup>) . . . . . 830  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creature here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

## Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Prayer: Prayer is the soul's sincere desire (Crimond), verse 5. . . . . 660  
O thou, by whom we come to God, the Life, the Truth, the Way,  
the path of prayer thyself hast trod: Lord, teach us how to pray.

Prayers of the People and 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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever, AMEN.

♪ Hymn of Discipleship: Your word, O God, awoke the uncreated (Londonderry Air). . . . . 508

Benediction

Postlude: Praeludium in F. . . . . G. Böhm

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get set for our Congregational Photo Directory! First Baptist is working with IPC Canada Photo Services in order to put together a pictorial directory for our congregation. We previously participated in a pictorial directory from IPC Canada and the project was a great success. Photo directories help to strengthen ties among the congregation as they connect names with faces for existing members and provide a way for new members to familiarize themselves with our group. Here is how it works:

- Everyone who participates receives a free photo directory
- Portrait sessions will take place at FBC from June 4-7 (2:30-8:30 pm) and on June 8 (9:30 am-3 pm)
- Everyone is asked to sign up for a portrait session, which are approximately 30-45 minutes
- After the session, you select the portrait that will be published in the congregational directory
- If you wish, you may also select a custom portrait package to purchase
- Please note that there is no requirement to purchase a portrait package

This really is a perfect opportunity to have a professional quality portrait done of you and/or your family at a reasonable cost. Pets may also be included in the portrait. Patti will send out the sign-up schedule to everyone next week and sign-up sheets will also be available at the back of the sanctuary next Sunday. More details are available in the brochure included in today's bulletin. Full participation is required if the photo directory is to succeed and so we ask that everyone consider signing up for a portrait session.

Congregational Potluck Luncheon on April 28: The Fellowship Commission invites everyone to participate in this meal after the worship service. Please bring enough food (main course, salad and or dessert) to share with others, and if possible bring dishes that are representative of your culture. Cold dishes are most convenient but if you bring a dish that needs to be heated, ovens will be available. Please bring your food items to the kitchen before worship.

Wednesday discussion and study groups begin this week and continue through June. The afternoon discussion will begin at 1:15; the theme over nine weeks will be Leading a Worthy Life, with our discussion based on the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). The evening study begins at 7:15, and will continue to reflect on themes of a changing church in changing times, exploring the second letter of Timothy over eight weeks. Both groups take place by Zoom, with the link being sent in the pastor's Wednesday e-pistle, Through Stained Glass.

MultiFaith Housing Initiative (MHI) is hosting the Tulipathon, the annual walkathon fundraiser at Commissioners Park, on Sunday afternoon, May 26. All proceeds go directly to the subsidies program, helping to keep MHI's communities affordable for all. To support this initiative, please put your donation in the Missions offering envelope marked for MHI. Donations to MHI received in May will be designated for the Tulipathon. If you wish to walk for Team FBC, please speak to Marta Varisco or Jack Heynen.

The Canadian Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec will hold their annual conference at McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton, Friday, May 3 - Saturday, May 4. The theme is Belonging. Becoming. Brought Back. Speaker: Dr. Cynthia Long Westfall / Worship Leader: Cheryl Hill. Please see the CBWOQ website for details.

The Ottawa Association Annual Assembly will be held on Saturday, May 4 at Longfields Community Church (3376 Woodroffe Ave. During the meeting, the Revd Alvin Lau, CBOQ Next Generation, will be presenting the recent findings of Canadian youth in the Create and Cultivate program. All are welcome to attend.

Aella Choir presents "Roots", a music concert that will be held on Sunday, May 5 at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Tickets are pay-what-you-wish. Please visit [aellachoir.com](http://aellachoir.com) to obtain tickets.

Campus Ministry at Algonquin College needs volunteers to welcome students during spring orientation on Monday, May 6. If you can help, please contact Yuriy Derkach, at [derkacy@algonquincollege.com](mailto:derkacy@algonquincollege.com). The Campus Ministry also thanks FBC for our recent donation. Our support will help the ministry to meet the spiritual and pastoral care needs of the young adults that attend the school.

The Centretown Churches' Social Action Committee will hold its Annual General Meeting at Trinity Anglican Church, 1230 Bank Street, on Wednesday, May 8 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

The re-Source Thrift Shop will be holding a Christian book sale on Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The store is located in the Bleeker Mall at 1400 Clyde Avenue. Hundreds of books available! Books are 99 cents each and Christian CD's are 3 for \$1.

The YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange Program is looking for families to host 16- and 17-year-old exchange students from Quebec for 6 weeks this summer, from June 29 to August 10. Families provide lodging for the incoming youth while they get to learn more about your family and culture. This low-barrier program is a valuable opportunity for Canadian youth to travel, improve their English and gain work experience at a full time summer job in Ottawa. For more information about how to host, reach out to [abby.traina@ymcagta.org](mailto:abby.traina@ymcagta.org) before May 12.

Volunteer Calendar: Our volunteers help our church service to run smoothly every Sunday. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to help out.

Date	Greeter	Ushers	AV	Nursery and Church School	Fellowship Hour	Tellers
Apr. 28	J. & K. Efome	Team 4 M. Hatfield M. Musgrove N Antony	M. Rivoire	M. Tin - - - - - P. Linn	Congregational Potluck Lunch (Fellowship Commission)	M. Hatfield J. Adeyemi
May 5	J. Heynen	Team 1 E. Demaray P. Shaver D. Chain	D. George	K. Chain - - - - - C. Bekeche	Team 5 J. Eserve M. Eserve E. Hessouh M. Bakare	T. Sumitro J. Eserve
May 12	J. Eserve	Team 2 M. Hunsley F. Demaray J. Heynen	P. Shaver	C. Landry - - - - - P. Linn	Team 6 M. Varisco J. Marson A. & A. Mário C. Cornell E. Lindor	P. Campbell J. Efome

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for FBC and our plans for the future.



- At home: -Dorothy Grant, Prem Lall
- The Redwoods: -Ruth Rath, Alton & Rosalie Alexander
- Overseas: -Abdul Zabeba, Awaterf Rasheed
- Ukraine: -We pray for the people of Ukraine and Ukrainian descent;
- Restoring Hope: -We pray for the overnight youth shelter in our basement;
- Other: -We pray for Sandra Evans, mother of Jason Evans, who is in hospital;
- We pray for peace in the Middle East, and for Jewish and Muslim people  
around the world who are living in fear;
- We pray for Bakir Ali Ismail, who is clearing landmines in Cambodia;
- We pray for the Salehi family;
- We pray for the sick and suffering in Ottawa;
- We pray for missionaries Bruno and Kathleen Soucy in Latin America;
- We continue to pray for the nation and people of Afghanistan.