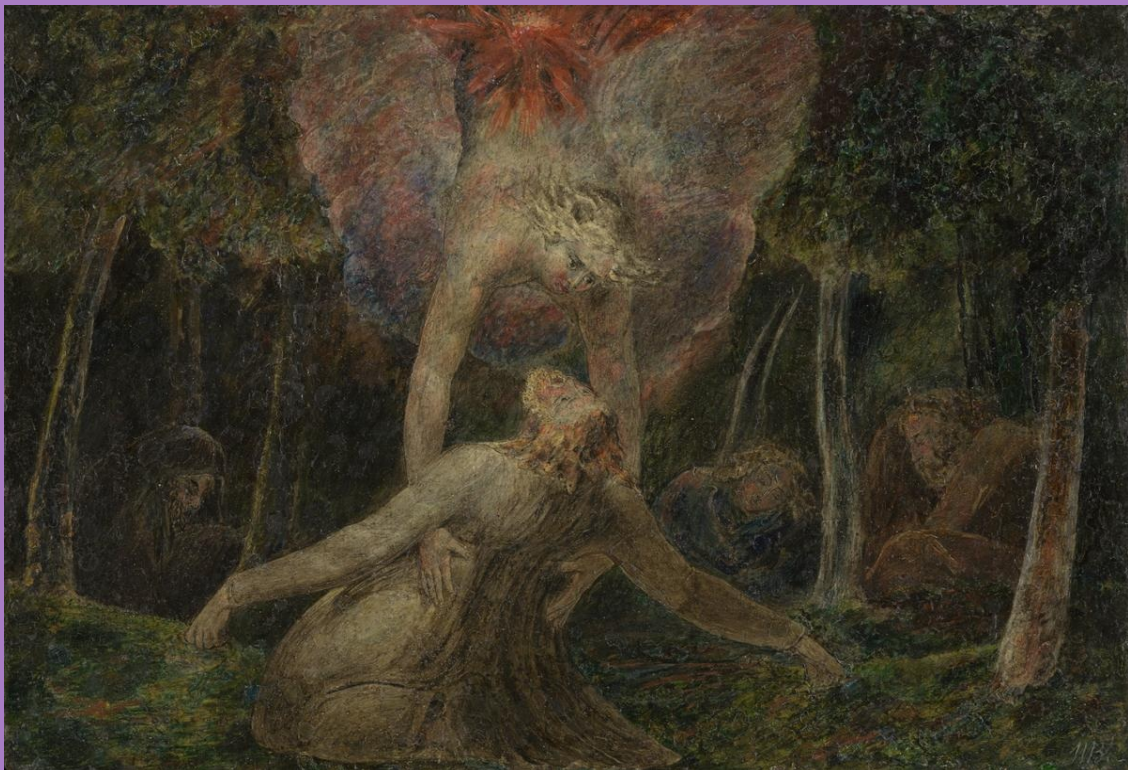


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

166 Years a People
146 Years In this Home



"The Agony in the Garden" (1799-1800) by William Blake (1757-1827). The Tate Gallery. Used under permission.

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2024

Morning Worship

10:30 a.m.

♪ we stand to sing

The Light of the World

Prelude: Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr, BWV 664. Johann Sebastian Bach
(‘Alone to God on high be honour’)

Welcome and Greetings

Lighting the Christ Candle: Leader: Apolinario Mario
from Psalm 27:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:14; 1 John 4:16; John 8:12

Leader: El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación; ¿a quién temeré?
(The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?)

Response: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: Encendemos la Vela de Cristo,
sabiendo que la luz y la salvación vienen de Dios.
(We light the Christ Candle, knowing that light and salvation come from God.)

Response: Anyone in Christ is a new creation:
everything old has passed away and everything has become new!

Leader: No volveremos a caer en el miedo, porque Dios es amor;
los que permanecen en el amor permanecen en Dios.
(We will not fall back into fear, for God is love; those who abide in love abide in God.)

Response: If we follow Jesus, we will have the light of life.

Call to Worship: from Ephesians 2:4-7

♪ Hymn of Praise: O God beyond all praising (Thaxted) 448

Gathering Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

The Light Shines for All People

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-1 Reader: Tope Ojo
The third servant song offers a word of comfort to God’s people.

Gospel Reading: Mark 14: 32-42
Jesus prays alone in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Anthem: Almighty God, which hast me brought Thomas Ford
Almighty God, which hast me brought in safety to the present day, keep me from sin in heart and thought,
and teach me what to do and say. Prosper me, Lord, in all my works, help me with thy continual grace, keep
me from Satan vile that lurks to trap my soul in ev’ry place. Almighty Lord and God of love, direct mine
heart and guide my ways, amend my miss, my mind remove from all that from thy glory strays.
-William Leighton (1614)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Sung Assurance of Forgiveness: There is a redeemer, vs. 1. 358

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy one.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till your work on earth is done.

Time for Young Worshippers: Matthew (Levi)

♪ Hymn for Reflection: Go to dark Gethsemane (Redhead No. 76) 230

The Way of the Cross

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: Heart of Darkness The Reverend John C. Perkin

Silent Reflection

Psalm Reading: Psalm 28:1-9 (from the King James Version)

A prayer for deliverance from enemies.

Leader: Unto thee will I cry, O Lord my rock; be not silent to me:
lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Response: Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee,
when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

L: Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity,
which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts.

R: Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours:
give them after the work of their hands; render to them what they deserve

L: Blessed be the Lord, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

R: The Lord is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusted in him, and I am helped:
therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

L: The Lord is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed.

R: Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

♪ Hymn of Response: Great God, your love has called us here (Melita) 226

Following the Way of the Cross

Notice and Announcements

Presentation of our Offerings

♪ Sung Response: What gift can we bring (Anniversary Song), vs. 4 798

This gift we now bring, this present, this token, these words can convey it, the joy of this day!

When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, this song we now offer in honour and praise!

Prayer of Dedication

Sung Preparation for Prayer: O Lord, hear my prayer, vs. 1. 446
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Prayers of the People

♪ Hymn: Be still, my soul (Finlandia) 749

Prayer from the Christian Tradition: A Prayer of Assurance Leader: Joanna Calder
(from the hymn of Paul Eber, reformer and theologian, 1511-1569)

Leader: When we are in deepest need, and do not know which way to turn
and can find neither help nor counsel –

Congregation: then together we call on you, O true God.

Leader: When days and nights of anxious thoughts produce no relief,
and we have exhausted all our resources –

Congregation: then together we call on you, O true God,
for you alone can comfort us, and rescue us from fear and want.
By the grace of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude: Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein, BWV 641 J.S. Bach
(‘Whenever we are in deepest need’)

“Whenever we are in deepest need, and do not know which way to turn, and find neither help nor counsel,
whether we try early or late; then thus alone is our comfort, that we together can call on You, O true God,
for rescue from fear and want.” –Paul Eber

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 166th Annual General Meeting of First Baptist Church Ottawa will be held on Sunday, March 17 after the morning worship service. All are encouraged to attend this important event in the life of our church. The 2023 Annual Report will be made available to the congregation at that time.

Our Good Friday service will be held on March 29 at 10:30 a.m. This reflective service in the word and music brings the narrative of Lent to the cross. Our service in celebration of Easter will be held on Sunday, March 31 at 10:30 a.m.

To share in the provision of Easter lilies for the sanctuary this year, please fill out the enclosed slip and place on the offering plate, along with your donation, by Sunday, March 24. Cheques can be made out to First Baptist Church with Easter Lilies written on the memo line.

On Easter Sunday, March 31, the Fellowship Commission will host a special Fellowship Hour in which the food will be hot cross buns and other Easter breads. Contributions from the congregation of such will be appreciated and should be brought to the kitchen before worship on Easter Sunday.

Our pastor will be on vacation and away from Ottawa from Wednesday, April 10 until Tuesday, April 23. Worship services on Sunday, April 14 and Sunday, April 21 will be led by members of the congregation.

OperOttawa returns once again to First Baptist Church on Sunday, March 10 at 2:30 p.m. with a world premiere Requiem for women's voices and a spectacular performance of Mozart's Exultate Jubilate, sung by Ania Hejnar. OperOttawa offers up to 10 complimentary tickets to FBC's congregation. Contact Patti in the office to arrange.

Our Wednesday Afternoon Discussion Group continues weekly at 1:15 p.m. Join us as we consider Christian spiritual practices of the early church, and how to apply them today. The Zoom link will be provided in the pastor's Wednesday email.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study - For the remainder of March, and the season of Lent, we will consider the "problem of pain", raising the theological questions of theodicy: Where is God in suffering? Is there any meaning in suffering? What hope does faith give us in hard times? Why do bad things happen to good people? Our text for this study and discussion will be Romans 8:

March 13 Romans 8:1-11

March 20 Romans 8:12-25

March 27 Romans 8:26-39

The Christian Council of the Capital Area presents an Online Series 2: "What are our churches doing towards Reconciliation?". The weekly series will take place until Tuesday, March 19, from 7 - 8:30 p.m.. To register through the online link, please contact the church office for information.

Bethany Baptist Church(382 Centrepointhe Drive) will host an evening with Canadian Baptist Ministries Partner in Mission Andre Sibomana, live and in person! The event will take place on Monday, March 18 at 7 p.m. After the interview, Andre will answer audience questions. A freewill offering will be taken on Andre's behalf and light refreshments will be served. Contact Gerry Brinkman at 613-413-6636 if you have any questions about this event.

The annual Zoom Trivia Night (multiple choice questions!) in support of Campus Ministry at Algonquin College: will be held on Friday, April 5 at 7 p.m. Organize a team or join others who will be participating in support of the ecumenical Christian Campus Ministry that serves the students and staff at Algonquin College. Cost: Freewill donation (all donations are tax-receiptable). For details, please contact Jack Wilson @ wilsonjohns@rogers.com.

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
Mar. 10	M. Varisco	Team 1 E. Demaray P. Shaver D. Chain	D. George	C. Landry - - - - - C. Bekeche	Team 5 J. Eserve M. Eserve E. Hessouh	T. Sumitro J. Eserve
Mar. 17	E. Demaray	Team 2 M. Hunsley F. Demaray J. Heynen	P. Shaver	M. Tin - - - - - P. Linn	Team 6 M. Varisco J. Marson C. Cornell E. Lindor	P. Campbell J. Efome
Mar. 24	M. Hatfield	Team 3 J. Eserve J. Efome A. Mário	M. Rivoire	K. Chain - - - - - C. Bekeche	Team 1 E. Demaray F. Demaray M. Musgrove M. Hatfield	G. Arbuckle D. George

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for FBC and our plans for the future.



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| 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 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. |