

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

166 Years a People
146 Years In this Home



Christ Before Pilate, Joseph Himmel.

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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The Sixth Sunday in Lent
March 24, 2024

Morning Worship

10:30 a.m.

♪ we stand to sing

The Light of the World

Prelude: Trumpet Voluntary Thomas Sanders Depuis

Welcome and Greetings

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

Leader: 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: 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: 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 Psalm 31:23-34

♪ Hymn of Praise: Come, thou almighty King (Moscow) 293

Gathering Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Light Shines for All People

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 53:7-12 Reader: Ema Prince
The fourth servant song concludes by announcing redemption through sacrifice.

Psalm Reading: Psalm 31:1-14 (from the New International Version)

A prayer of appeal to God for strength in a time of trial.

Leader: In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;

Response: deliver me in your righteousness.

Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue.

L: Be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

R: Since you are my rock and my fortress,
for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

L: Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.

R: Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

L: I hate those who cling to worthless idols;

R: as for me, I trust in the Lord.

I will be glad and rejoice in your love,
 for you saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul.

L: You have not given me into the hands of the enemy
 but have set my feet in a spacious place.

R: Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress;
 my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief.

L: My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning;
 my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.

R: I am forgotten as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery.

L: I hear many who conspire against me, and plot to take my life.

R: But I trust in you, Lord; I say, "You are my God."

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: Simon the Canaanean

The Way of the Cross

Hymn for Reflection: In the cross of Christ I glory, vs. 1,2 (Cross of Jesus) 208

Gospel Reading Mark 15:1-15
 Jesus is taken to the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: Game of Thrones The Reverend John C. Perkin

Anthem: Mary Speaks Daniel Gawthrop (text by Madeleine L'Engle)
 O you who bear the pain of the whole earth, I bore you. O you whose tears gave human tears their worth,
 I laughed with you. You, who when your hem is touched, give pow'r, I nourished you. Who turn the day to
 night in this dark hour, light comes from you. O you who hold the world in your embrace, I carried you.
 Whose arms encircled the world with your grace, I once held you. O you who laughed and ate and walked
 the shore, I played with you. And I, who with all others, you died for, now I hold you. May I be faithful to
 this final test, in this last hour I hold my child, my son; his body close enfolded to my breast: the holder held,
 the bearer borne. Mourning to joy, darkness to morn. Open, my arms; your work is done.

Silent Reflection

Hymn of Response: In the cross of Christ I glory, vs. 3,4 (Cross of Jesus) 208

Following the Way of the Cross

Notice and Announcements

Commissioning of the Deacons

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 of Assurance: Thou didst leave thy throne (Margaret)..... 204

Prayer from the Christian Tradition: A Prayer of Faith Leader: Michael Hatfield
(from the hymns of Henry Alline, evangelist, hymn writer, and major influence in the establishment of many Maritime Baptist Churches, 1748-1784)

Leader: My soul embraces the Saviour's cross, and counts all other gains as loss.

Congregation: Through losses, crosses, grief and pain, I lose my life and count it gain.

Leader: We turn away from things of earth, and in Christ Jesus find new birth.

Congregation: We surrender to the gospel story, and in Christ only find our glory. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude: Andante..... Felix Mendelssohn

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome to our service and thank Aella, who will sing the anthem this morning.

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.

The deadline for submissions to the upcoming edition of the Contact newsletter is April 3. Please notify the editor, Joanna Calder, if you plan to submit an article. If you have an idea for an article, she'd also love to discuss it with you. Speak with her during Fellowship Time or email at joannacalder.editor@yahoo.com.

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.

Our Wednesday Afternoon Discussion Group wraps up the series on Spiritual Practices this week, and will be on hiatus for April. Jack Heyen will facilitate this last session, and the Zoom link will be sent with the pastor's email on Wednesday morning.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – the third and final study of Romans 8 and the "problem of pain" will meet by Zoom at 7:15. Bible Study will be on hiatus for the month of April, and will resume the first week of May, continuing until late June.

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.

The Gathering of Baptists will hold their Spring 2024 Gathering on Saturday, April 27 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Burlington Baptist Church, 2225 New Street, Burlington. Cost is \$35 for in-person (lunch included), and \$15 for online participation. Payment can be made by etransfer to gatheringregistrar@gmail.com or via cheque payable to The Gathering of Baptists, and sent to 2047 James Street, Burlington, Ontario, L7R 1H4. Final day to register is April 21.

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. The deadline to reserve accommodations on the McMaster campus is March 31. Please see the CBWOQ website for details.

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. 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
Mar. 31	M. Musgrove	Team 4 M. Hatfield M. Musgrove N. Antony	D. George	C. Landry - - - - - P. Linn	Fellowship Commission: Easter breads	M. Hatfield J. Adeyemi
Apr. 7	M. Varisco	Team 1 E. Demaray P. Shaver D. Chain	M. Rivoire	M. Tin - - - - - C. Bekeche	Team 2 J. Efome S. Kange C. Tah C. Bekeche	T. Sumitro J. Eserve

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, Awatef 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. |