

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

166 Years a People  
146 Years In this Home



Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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Easter Sunday  
Sunday, March 31, 2024

Morning Worship

10:30 a.m.

♪ we stand to sing

Christ is Alive

Prelude: Christ ist erstanden ("Christ is risen"), BWV 627 . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

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

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 Corinthians 15:1-11)

The apostle Paul declares the good news of resurrection.

Prayer of Approach

♪ Hymn of Praise: Jesus Christ is risen today (Easter Hymn). . . . . 243

The Living Word

New Testament Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Reader: Fred Demaray

Peter preaches the good news of the resurrection.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 118:14-24

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Congregation: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

L: The Lord is my strength and my might;

C: he has become my salvation.

L: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

C: The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

L: the right hand of the Lord is exalted;

C: the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

L: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

C: Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

L: This is the gate of the Lord;

C: the righteous shall enter through it.

L: I thank you that you have answered me, and have become my salvation.

C: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

L: This is the Lord's doing;

C: it is marvellous in our eyes.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

♪ Response: Christ is alive, verse 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

Anthem: The strife is o'er . . . . . Henry G. Ley, melody by Melchior Vulpus  
The strife is o'er, the battle won. Now is the Victor's triumph won. O let the song of praise be sung,  
Hallelujah. Death's mightiest powers have done their worst, and Jesus hath His foes dispersed. Let shouts  
of praise and joy outburst, Hallelujah. On the third morn He rose again, glorious in majesty to reign. O let  
us sweep the joyful strain, Hallelujah. Lord by the stripes which wounded Thee, from death's dread sting  
Thy servants free, that we may live, and sing to Thee, Hallelujah. Amen. -Anonymous, trans. Francis Pott

Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8  
The women who first experience the resurrection are filled with fear.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: Brave New World The Reverend John C. Perkin

Silent Reflection  
Living as People of Christ

Affirmation of our Faith from the Baptist Tradition: (in unison)  
from This We Believe; Resources for Faith with Baptist Distinctives  
Section Seven: God's Church (CBOQ, 1985)  
The Church lives to praise God. It is the Body of Christ, and is formed of gathered groups of believers. We  
have no higher calling than to offer the worship that belongs to God day by day, Sunday by Sunday... We  
worship God offering ourselves in the service of Christ, rejoicing that we have been brought from darkness  
to light. Worship draws us into the work of Christ together, and we are in union with Him. Blessing and  
honour and glory and power be to our God who unites us in Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

♪ Hymn of Response: The church's one foundation (Aurelia) . . . . . 479

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of our Offerings

♪ Sung Response: At the dawning of salvation, verse 2. . . . . 248  
He is risen in the morning; he is risen from the dead;  
he is laughter after sadness; he is light when night has fled.  
He has suffered; he has triumphed; life is his alone to give:  
as he gave it once, he gives it evermore, that we may live.

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  
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 Commitment:            Thine be the glory (Maccabaeus) . . . . . 258

Benediction

Postlude:            Toccata in F, BWV 540. . . . . J.S. Bach

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us after the worship service on Easter Sunday, when 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 these items will be appreciated and should be brought to the kitchen before worship.

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](mailto: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 Evening 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](mailto:wilsonjohns@rogers.com).

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Multifaith Housing Initiative is scheduled for Sunday, April 21 at the Ottawa Muslim Association in The Hall of Peace, 241 Northwestern Ave, Ottawa. No registration is required. Simply arrive at 2 p.m. on April 21 to complete your registration before the meeting begins.

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](mailto: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. 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
Apr. 14	M. Rivoire	Team 2 M. Hunsley F. Demaray J. Heynen	D. George	K. Chain - - - - - P. Linn	Team 3 M. Tin J. Ralston K. Chain D. Chain	P. Campbell J. Efome

### 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 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.   |