

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

166 Years a People
146 Years In this Home



Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

140 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, ON K1P 5J4 613-234-3261
office@firstbaptistottawa.ca / www.firstbaptistottawa.ca

Minister: The Reverend John C. Perkin
Director of Music: Shawn Potter

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 12, 2024

Morning Worship

10:30 a.m.

♪ we stand to sing

Christ is Alive

Prelude: Canzon in G Heinrich Scheidemann

Words of Welcome

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!

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.

Choral Introit: Gloria Jacques Berthier

Call to Worship: from 1 John 3:18-24

♪ Hymn of Praise: O worship the King (Hanover) 313

Gathering Prayer

The Living Word

New Testament Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Reader: Benia Semujanga
The account of the Jerusalem church selecting Matthias as the twelfth apostle.

Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 1

A wisdom psalm that highlights the fortunes of the righteous and unrighteous.

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

Response: Instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of the Lord, and they study it day and night.

L: They are like trees that grow beside a stream,
that bear fruit at the right time, and whose leaves do not dry up.

Response: They succeed in everything they do.

L: But evil people are not like this at all; they are like straw that the wind blows away.

R: Sinners will be condemned by God and kept apart from God's own people.

L: The righteous are guided and protected by the Lord,

R: but the evil are on the way to their doom.

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: The apostle Matthias

♪ Hymn for Reflection: Hail, our once rejected Jesus (Blaenwern) 353

Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19
Jesus prays for his disciples in their ministry and mission.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: Time and Tide The Reverend John C. Perkin

Silent Reflection

Living as People of Christ

♪ Hymn of Response: Pour out your Spirit (Melcombe) 581

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 Lord continues his ministry in and through the church. All Christians are called to participate in the ministry of Christ. As his body on earth we all have gifts to use in the church and in the world to the glory of Christ, our king and head. God furthers this ministry by calling some to special tasks in the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. Through all its ministries, the Word is proclaimed, God’s people are nourished and nurtured, supported and guided. One in Christ, we seek to serve God.

Notices & Announcements

Anthem: The Lord ascendeth up on high Michael Praetorius
The Lord ascendeth up on high, the Lord hath triumphed gloriously, in power and might excelling; the grave and hell are captive led. Lo! He returns, our glorious Head, to his eternal dwelling. The heavens with joy receive their Lord, by saints, by angel hosts adored; O day of exultation! O earth, adore thy glorious King! His rising, his ascension sing with grateful adoration. Our great High Priest hath gone before, upon his Church his grace to pour and still his love he giveth. O may our hearts to him ascend; may all within us upward tend to him who ever liveth! –Arthur T. Russell (1806-74)

Presentation of our Offerings

♪ Sung Response: The Doxology (Old 100th) 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: Sent forth by your blessing (Ash Grove) 775

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Praeambulum in G H. Scheidemann

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. 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 church family. Here is how it works:

- Everyone who participates will receive a free photo directory
- 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

Portrait sessions will take place in the sanctuary at First Baptist Church from June 4-7 (2:30-8:30 pm) and on June 8 (9:30 am-3 pm). Sign up sheets have been placed at the back of the sanctuary. Please choose an available time slot that works for you and your family, and add your name to the sheet.

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. Full participation is required if the photo directory is to succeed and so we ask that everyone consider signing up for a portrait session.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

We thank our youngest choristers, FBC's Children's Choir, for sharing the introit with us this morning.

The May 2024 edition of Contact has been published and hard copies are available at the back of the sanctuary. We thank Joanna Calder, editor, for her hard work in putting together this edition of our church newsletter.

Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend will be held this year on Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26. The usual downtown street closures will be in effect so please plan your route accordingly. As always, the easiest way to access congregational parking at 150 Elgin that weekend will be via Metcalfe to Elgin to Gloucester.

The Service Commission invites congregation members to donate used books and good quality magazines to our community "little library." This project is one way we can reach out to the community surrounding our church. Donations of almost any books except text books are welcome. They can be left in the church office or in the storeroom in Blatchly Hall. For more information, contact Martha Musgrove, musgrom@hotmail.com.

Our Wednesday discussion and study groups continue through June. The afternoon discussion begins 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.

Bible Study Change of Date - Advance Notice! Please note that Bible Study will take place on Thursday, May 23 and not Wednesday, May 22, for that week only.

MultiFaith Housing Initiative (MHI) will host the Tulipathon, the annual walkathon fundraiser at Commissioners Park, on Sunday, May 26. All proceeds go directly to MHI's subsidies program, helping to keep MHI's communities affordable for all. MHI provides more than \$400,000 in subsidies to tenants living in MHI-owned housing communities each year. If you wish to walk for Team FBC, please speak to Marta Varisco or Jack Heynen. To support this initiative financially, please put your donation in the Missions offering envelope marked for MHI. Donations to MHI received in May will be designated for the Tulipathon. To make an online donation directly to MHI:

1. Visit multifaithhousing.ca/tulipathon.html.
2. Scroll down to the Team Directory list, and then to First Baptist Church - select that listing.
3. Select the blue Donate button which will take you to a donation page.
4. Fill in the form (every item with an * must be completed).
5. Then click on the faint Give Now button to the right of a picture of the church at the bottom of the page
6. You will receive a receipt by email.

Spiritual Care in Secondary Schools thanks our congregation for our donation of \$775.00, which will help the SCSS to support spiritually the students and staff of some secondary schools in the Ottawa Carleton District School Board.

Matthew House Ottawa thanks our congregation for our recent gift of \$1125.00. This donation will help MHO to continue its work of helping refugee claimants by providing housing, food and essential settlement support at their reception and transition homes in Ottawa. Please visit www.matthewhouseottawa.org for more information on MHO.

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
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
May 19	E. Demaray	Team 3 J. Eserve J. Efome A. Mário	D. George	M. Tin - - - - - C. Bekeche	Team 1 E. & F. Demaray M. Musgrove M. Hatfield	G. Arbuckle D. George
May 26	M. Hatfield	Team 4 M. Hatfield M. Musgrove N. Antony	P. Shaver	K. Chain - - - - - P. Linn	Team 2 J. Efome, S. Kange C. Tah, C. Bekeche	M. Hatfield J. Adeyemi

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for FBC and our plans for the future.



- At home: -Dorothy Grant, Prem Lall
- The Redwoods: -Ruth Rath, 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 Alton Alexander who is in hospital, under observation;
- 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.