

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

166 Years a People
146 Years In this Home



Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 5, 2024

Morning Worship

10:30 a.m.

♪ we stand to sing

Christ is Alive

Prelude: Dialogue de Flûtes pour l'Élévation Nicolas de Grigny

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!

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 Psalm 98

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

Response: God's right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

R: Let us sing praises to the Lord with the sound of melody,
with music and singing we make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord God.

L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

R: Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord.

All: Let us worship our Lord and God.

♪ Hymn of Praise: God is love: come heaven, adoring (Abbot's Leigh) 314

Prayer of Approach

The Living Word

New Testament Readings:

Acts 10:44-48

Following Peter's vision of God's grace for all people, many Gentiles are baptized.

1 John 5: 1-6

The victory of faith means serving God's will in love.

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: Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life ([The Call]) 565

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17
Jesus gives his disciples the new commandment, to love one another.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: One Love The Reverend John C. Perkin

Silent Reflection

Living as People of Christ

♪ Hymn of Response: Come, thou fount of every blessing (Nettleton) insert

Notices and Announcements

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

Welcoming a New Member: Ema Prince Deacon: Omobolaji Atanda

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.

Celebrating the Presence of Christ

Anthem: O taste and see. R. Vaughn Williams
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him. -Psalm 34:8

Invitation to Holy Communion

Instructions from Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Prayer of Thanksgiving Deacon: Charles Tah

Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Breaking and Eating Bread
Pouring and Drinking Wine
Silent Reflection

♪ Hymn of Discipleship: Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour (St. Osmond) 541

Benediction

Postlude: Dialogue N. de Grigny

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. 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.

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.

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.

Matthew House Ottawa thanks our congregation for our recent gift of \$11125.00. 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.

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 to obtain tickets.

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.

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 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
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

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.

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Folk Hymn

Robert Robinson 1735-1790

John Wyeth's "Repository of Sacred Music, Second Part" 1813

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; Hith - er by Thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.
 And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed with pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove. A - men.