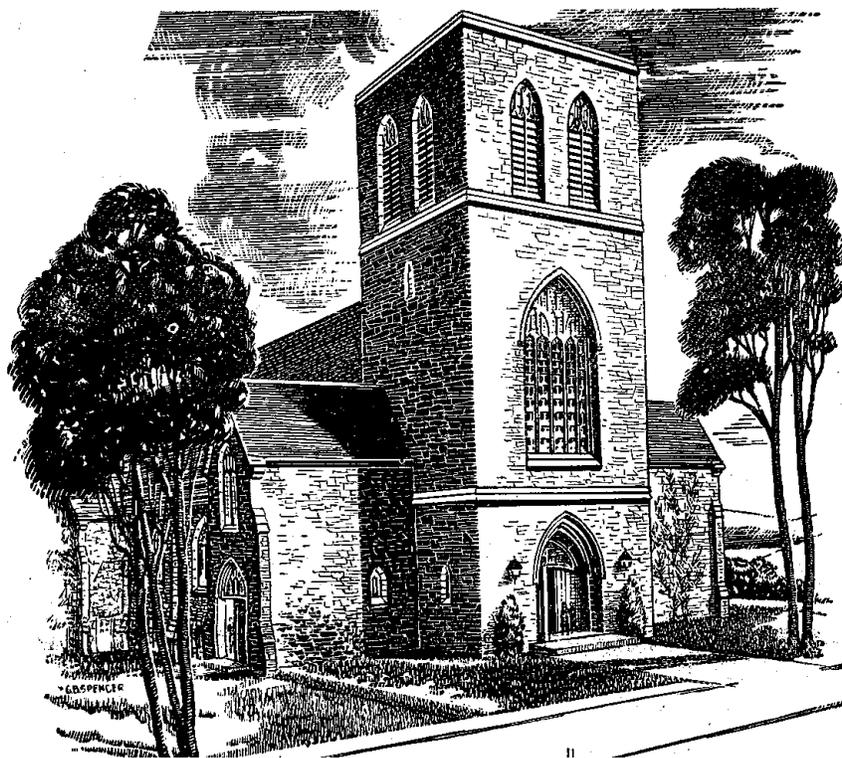


Second Sunday after Epiphany
First Baptist Church Halifax
January 14, 2018



The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude

Lynette Wahlstrom, Organist

Prelude and Air -Robert Cundick

Please use this time to settle for worship

***Please stand as you are able**

***Processional Hymn**

Congregation

#476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" (LYONS)

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Jenny Drewitz

The hour has come

God's presence has been revealed to us

As we gather in this space

May we be like the disciples and believe

We join as community

To give You the glory for the signs of your love

***Prayer of Approach**

God of abundance, Jesus revealed the riches of your unexpected grace in turning water to wine. Open our hearts to the richness of your love and make us better witnesses to the revelation we have in Jesus Christ. We pray this in the name of Christ, who is God with us. Amen.

Anthem

Natasha Sider, Soloist

Esto les digo- Lange

translation: Where two or three gather together in My Name, there I am also

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jenny Drewitz

***Children's Hymn**

Congregation

#458 Earth and All Stars (DEXTER)

Children are welcome to come to the chancel steps during the last verse.

Children's Story

Rev. Jenny Drewitz & Congregation

The children and youth in Primary to Grade 12 are dismissed for Sunday School

First Testament: Proverbs 1:20-33 (pg. 584)

Heather Harris



Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord

Bless the LORD, my soul! O LORD, my God, how great you are! Clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in a robe of light, you stretch the heavens out like a tent.

You lay the beams for your chambers in the waters above; you use the clouds as your chariot and ride on the wings of the wind.

At your rebuke the waters bolted, fleeing the sound of your thunder, cascading over the mountains, into the valleys, down to the reservoir you made for them; you imposed boundaries they must never cross so they would never again flood the land.

You set springs gushing in ravines, running down between the mountains, supplying water for wild animals and attracting the thirsty wild donkeys; the birds of the air make their nests by these waters and sing among the branches. R

From your chambers you water the highlands until the ground is sated by the fruit of your work;

You make fresh grass grow for cattle and plants for us to cultivate to get food from the soil—wine to cheer our hearts, oil to make our faces shine, and bread to sustain life.

Bless the LORD, my soul!

O LORD, my God, how great you are! R

"Be Thou my Vision & God in the Planning" (SLANE)



1. Be Thou my Vi - sion O Lord of my heart;
2. Je - sus was found, at a wedd - ing feast,
3. Praise then the Make - er the Spir - it, the Son,



Naught be all else to me save that Thou art;
Tak - ing the roles of both wait - er and priest,
Source of the love through which all are made one.



Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Turn - ing cre - at - ed things in - to div - ine
God's is the glo - ry, the good - ness and grace



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
Tears in - to laugh - ter and wa - ter to wine.
Seen in this gath - er - ing and known in this place.

Gospel: John 2:1-11 (pg. 93)

Rev. Dr. Rusty Edwards

Sermon: *Life of the Party?*

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Offertory Anthem

Choir

Jesus bleibet meine Freude - J.S. Bach

translation: Jesus shall remain my joy, my heart's comfort and life, Jesus shall fend off all sorrow, He is the strength of my life, the delight and sun of my eyes, the treasure and wonder of my soul; therefore I will not let Jesus go out of my heart and sight.

*Presentation of Offering: Offertory Response (DIX)

As they offered gifts most rare, At that manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King. Amen.

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.

*Recessional Hymn

Congregation

#423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (DUKE STREET)

*Benediction & Choral Amen

Rev. Dr. Rusty Edwards

Postlude

Lynette Wahlstrom, Organist

Recessional -Robert Cundick

News Notes

Our Prayer List

We pray for all members of our congregation, especially those who are in frail health and unable to join with us for worship and activities. Particular prayers are requested for: Lynne Alary, Judy Morton, Pearl Stevens, Marjorie Morrisson, Bruce Sterns, Betty Deal, and Dr. Daniel Macintosh.

Sympathy goes to family and friends of Roy Yetman who passed away this week. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Faith Development Notes

New Parent and Tot Drop-In Program

Weekly Tuesdays from 9:45-11:15 am

First Baptist Church Halifax, Creche (second floor)

Parents/guardians and children up to age 5 are welcome to come for a morning drop in play time in the First Baptist Creche. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other parents in the neighbourhood and meet new children. This is a free program; coffee and light peanut-free snacks will be provided. The drop in will be free play with a closing circle time of story and song at 11:00 am. Please feel free to contact Rev. Jenny Drewitz with any questions, jennydrewitz@fbchalifax.ca.

Looking for Hosts for Monday-Night Meal at the Dalhousie Multifaith Center

Monday, January 29, 5:00-7:00pm

Dalhousie International Centre, 1246 LeMarchant Street suite 1200, Main Floor

Every Monday evening the Multifaith Center puts on a free meal for the students and staff of Dalhousie. This has been a shared responsibility of all the chaplains and denominations affiliated with the Multifaith Center. This is a great way to serve our community, get to know and welcome more students. Meals typically serve about 35 people and have vegetarian, halal and gluten-free options (usually 3 crock pots plus a salad, bread and dessert). If you would like to prepare, host (stay and chat) or clean up for this meal, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board across from the parlour. If you have any questions, please speak with Rev. Jenny Drewitz.

Youth and Young Adult Baptism Class

Jan. 28, Feb, 11 and 18, 12-1:30pm – includes lunch

Youth Room

Classes will be held to prepare youth to join First Baptist Church Halifax either by baptism or by transfer from another Christian Church. The class will cover such questions as: What does it mean to be a Christian? Why do Baptists baptize the way they do? What is different about a Baptist Church? How can I continue to grow in my faith? What is the First Baptist Church Halifax story? The class is always open to youth inquirers who have not made up their minds about joining the Church, but have lots of questions! For more information, contact Rev. Jenny Drewitz.

If you would like to sponsor one of the lunches (prep, serving and cleaning up) for the class, please speak with Rev. Jenny. Receipts will be reimbursed.

Woman's Discussion Group

First Saturday of Each Month, 10:30-Noon

Arla and Julie's on Lower Water Street, private room

All woman are invited to morning discussions the first Saturday of each month. Coffee and Tea will be provided, we'll watch a TED talk or Youtube clip to begin our conversation. Next date is Sat. Feb. 3, feel free to invite a friend, see you then!

Community Notes

Annual Report

All Board / Committee reports for the 2017 Annual Report are due no later than Jan. 15, 2018.

FBC Auxiliary Executive Meeting

January 15, 10AM

Board Room

The Executive of the FBC Auxiliary will meet on January 15, 2018 at 10:00am in the Board Room.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Join along with Christians of all denominations worldwide to celebrate our diversity and unity through prayer. Halifax South-end Churches will gather for short mid-day services (note differing times) throughout the week, all are welcome.

Tues 16 Jan at 12:15pm: First Baptist Church The Rev Kimber McNabb (Lutheran)

Wed 17 Jan at 12:15pm: All Saints Cathedral The Rev Brian MacMillan (Catholic)

Thurs 18 Jan at 11:45am: Atlantic School of Theology The Rev Paul Friesen (Anglican)

For more information on the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity sponsored by the Canadian Council of Churches, visit: www.weekofprayer.ca

FBC Auxiliary Meeting

January 22, 1:30PM

Parlour

The FBC Auxiliary will meet on January 22, 2018 at 1:30pm in the Church Parlour for their regular January Meeting followed by their Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Members and guests are encouraged to attend. Tea and sweets will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

This Week in Our Church: Jan 15 - 21

Please refer to the calendar on our website for a complete list of activities.

Church Office hours: Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm.

Today

10:30am Creche, Worship

11:45am, Coffee & Conversation, Parlour

Monday – 10:00am, Auxiliary Executive, Boardroom

Tuesday – 9:45am, Parents & Tot, Creche

Tuesday – 12:15pm, Christian Unity Service, Sanctuary
(office closed during service)

Wednesday – 2:30pm, Diaconate Executive, Boardroom

Thursday – 7:00pm, Choir Practice

Next Sunday: January 21, 2018;

10:30am Creche, Worship

3rd Sunday of Ephiphany

Cleaning House

Rev. Jenny Drewitz

11:45am, Coffee & Conversation,
Parlour



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Our Mission

To be an inclusive and ecumenical community of believers in Jesus Christ, committed to proclaim God's mission of love by word and deed.

Our Vision

To be a Christ-centered community of diverse people experiencing God's unconditional love and acceptance, finding opportunities to grow and nurture our faith, and sharing that love, acceptance and faith with the world.

"Using gifts God has given us to do the work God is calling us to do!"

Welcome to First Baptist Church Halifax! If you are visiting with us today, please know how glad we are to have you with us as we worship God together. We invite you to complete a visitor's card, located in the hymnal rack in front of you, and place it in the offering plate later in the service. You are also invited to stay for coffee & conversation immediately following the service. We gather in the parlour, right behind the sanctuary.