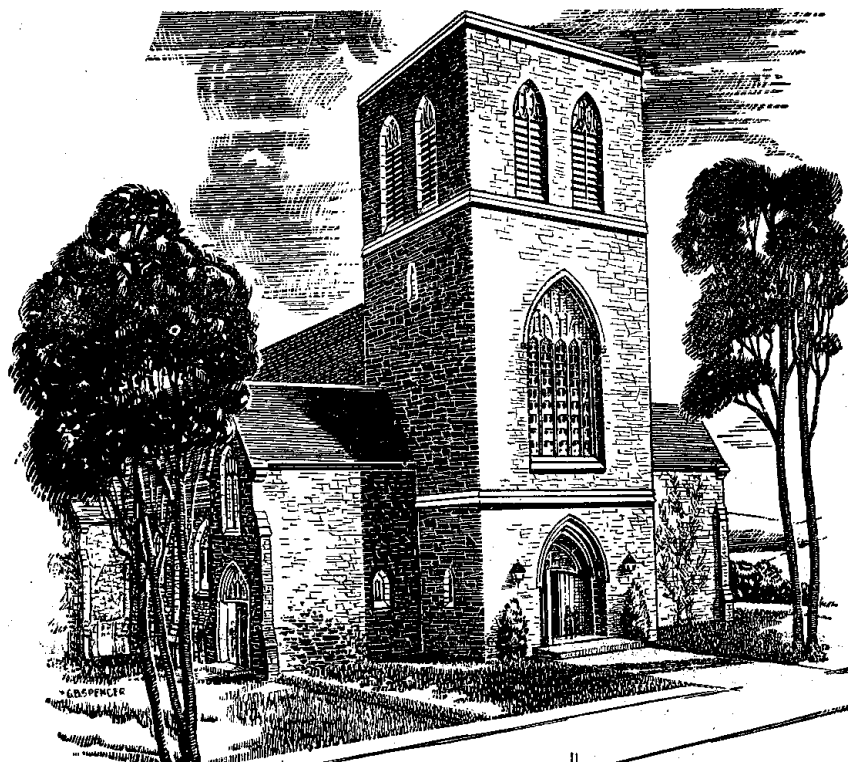


*Third Sunday of Epiphany
First Baptist Church Halifax
January 21, 2018*



The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude

Lynette Wahlstrom, Organist

The Call, op. 39 -Raymond Weidner

Please use this time to settle for worship

***Please stand as you are able**

***Processional Hymn**

Congregation

#416 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" (WESTMINSTER ABBEY)

***Call to Worship**

Lic. Arla Johnson

Dear God we come before you this morning

And we know you accept us just as we are

Dear God search our hearts and mold our intentions

As you are so gracious with us, may we too be gracious and share your love with others

May our hearts be filled with your love dear God

So we may have the longing to reach out to others who are in need

***Prayer of Approach**

Loving God, thank you for always being present for us. May we know and understand the deep love you have for each of us. We look to you dear God, so you may touch our hearts and give us what we need. Help us to grow in our love for you, for each other and for our communities. Thank you for loving us and showing us how to love. Be with us all, Amen.

Anthem

Choir

Ubi caritas - Duruflé

translation: "Where charity and love are, God is there"

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jenny Drewitz

***Children's Hymn**

Congregation

#432 "Song of Hope" (ARGENTINA)

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

Children's Story

Deacon Bryan Darrell & Congregation

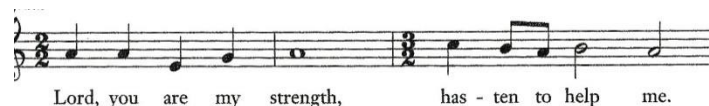
The children and youth in Primary to Grade 12 are dismissed for Sunday School

First Testament: Proverbs 2:1-15, 20-22 (pg. 585)

Tony Marshall

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 127:1-2
(the Inclusive Bible)

Lic. Arla Johnson & Congregation



If the LORD does not build the house; the builders work in vain; if the LORD does not guard the city, the sentries watch in vain.

God loves us and provides for us even while we sleep. R

In vain you get up early and stay up late, sweating to make a living,

God loves us and provides for us even while we sleep. R

Epistle: 1 John 2:1-6 (pg. 239)

Frank McGill

***Gradual Hymn**

Congregation

“This Vaulted Room” (ST. COLUMBA) FBC 190th Anniversary Hymn

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| 1. This vaulted room is all ablaze
With light and life and love
Our prayers and songs and kindly ways
Will echo high above. | 2. We listen for a better choice
We listen for the spirit
We listen for a still small voice
That calls for us to hear it. |
| 3. Your love has filled this place with light
And love has filled our prayer
A love that has transformed the night
And taught us how to care. | 4. A hymn of Christ’s amazing love
A song of transformation
to touch the soul and make us whole
A holy invocation. |

Gospel: John 2:13-25(pg. 93)

Rev. Jenny Drewitz

Sermon: *Cleaning House*

Rev. Jenny Drewitz

Offertory Anthem

Choir

Prayer of St. Francis – Togni

***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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Lic. Arla Johnson

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

#434 “Today We are all Called to be Disciples” (KINGSFOLD)

Fantasy in G major -J.S. Bach

[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, Betty Deal, and Dr. Daniel Macintosh.

[Acknowledgement](#)

Thank you to the Auxiliary for purchasing **8 large print Bibles**. Bibles are located in the narthex (front entrance area). Feel free to take one to your seat if you prefer the larger print version.

[Music Announcement](#)

[Schubert and Friends: Chamber Music](#)

[Sunday January 28th, 7pm](#)

[First Baptist Church](#)

Joint concert venture with Fountain School of Performing Arts and FBCH. Voice and instrumental students from Dalhousie's Fountain School of Performing Arts will present an evening of vocal and chamber music, in the style of the original Schubertiads.

Donation at the door, all are welcome!

[Faith Development Notes](#)

[Free 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 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.

[Men At Work Group - Where Have All the Good Men Gone?](#)

[Saturday, January 27, 8:30am – 9:45am](#)

[The Armview Restaurant at 7156 Chebucto Rd, south side. \(Armdale Rotary\)](#)

The group will be meeting for breakfast and an open discussion of the “Time’s Up” and “#Metoo” movements. Man up and join the discussion or just come for the fellowship! Please

RSVP to: neil.ritchie@invictahealth.com, call 902-489-9123 for more information or if you need transportation.

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 offers a free meal for the students and staff of Dalhousie. Meals typically serve approx. 35 people and include vegetarian, halal and gluten-free options (IE: 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

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.

Canstruction 2018!

Action required by Sunday February 4th!

The FBCH youth have introduced two possible themes for this year's project. The deciding vote is up to you! The two choices are: A piano themed tag line "music to lift the soul and feed the body" or a Scales of Justice tag line "can we balance the effects of hunger?"

Donation bins and rough sketches by engineer Bryan Darrell can be viewed during coffee and conversation. The theme that receives the most donations by Feb. 4 will be the structure we build. All donations (cans & monetary) will go to Feed Nova Scotia. Mark your calendar for build date March 7th, public exhibit from Mar 7-10 at Sunnyside Mall. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Jenny Drewitz or Deacon Bryan Darrell.

Annual Budget Meeting

Sunday February 4, following worship service

Assembly Room (light lunch will be served)

In preparation for this meeting, the 'Proposed Operating Fund Budget 2018' has been issued. Hard copies can be found in the Narthex or outside of the Parlour. The electronic version has already gone out to those on our mailing list.

Valentine's Dinner

Saturday February 10, 6:30pm

Assembly Room

Mark your calendars for this year's Valentine Dinner! Tickets are \$10 per person or \$30 for families. Tickets will be available for purchase outside of the parlour after Sunday worship or from the office during regular business hours.

Volunteer Opportunity

Planned Giving Committee

Interested in helping our members who would like to contribute to the continued delivery of First Baptist's Mission? Larry Doane, current chair, has decided it is time to step back. Larry will continue to offer his technical financial expertise as a member and to support a new Chair. Please contact Joe O'Brien 902-422-9859 or joe_obrien@eastlink.ca

Pastoral Care While in Hospital

If you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like a visit from one of our Ministers, please notify the church office to provide the room number. Due to changes in confidentiality rules, hospital staff cannot disclose patient information. Staff at FBCH must also adhere to the same levels of privacy; therefore, it is important that we are notified accordingly. Rev. Rusty or Rev. Jenny are more than happy to come and visit in a time of need.

Casual Employment Opportunity (Daytime availability required)

From time to time, there is a need for an individual to perform daytime duties during the business day to supplement the work done by our Office Administrator, Part-Time Custodian or

Assistant Sextons. For example, assistant sexton duties for an event (such as a funeral) or reception type duties (answering phone and overseeing access to building), or other duties in the absence of either our Office Administrator or Part-time Custodian. If this work is of interest to you or you know an individual whom you would recommend, please speak with or write to Sheila Stanley, Chair of the Personnel Committee at sheilastanley@fbchalifax.ca.

Wider Community Notes

Seven Deadly Sins, 3rd Discussion - "Gluttony: Food for Thought."

Wednesday January 24,

Central Library at 7 pm.

A panel discussion involving the Chief Public Health Officer of NS, professors from Dalhousie University (School of Health and Human Performance, and Psychology) and Atlantic School of Theology. Join Deacon Kathy Schwartzentruber afterwards for coffee and conversation.

Interfaith Harmony Week

February 1 – 7

We will observe United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week during the first week of February. This is an opportunity to visit sacred spaces in Halifax to observe, meet, and engage with diverse faith communities. The website ihhalifax.ca contains all of the details.

This Week in Our Church: Jan 22 - 28

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

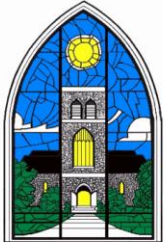
Church Office hours: Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm.

Today

10:30am Creche, Worship
11:45am, Coffee & Conversation, Parlour
Monday – 1:30pm, Auxiliary, Parlour
Tuesday – 9:45am, Parents & Tot, Creche
Tuesday – 6:30pm Diaconate Meeting
Wednesday – 11:00am, Clergy Group, Parlour
Thursday – 7:00pm, Choir Practice

Next Sunday: January 28, 2018;

10:30am Creche, Worship
4th Sunday of Epiphany
Are You Windblown?
Rev. Dr. Rusty Edwards
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.