

McPHAIL MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP
Sunday, January 13, 2019

When the song of the angels is silent,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the manger is darkened and still,
The work of Christmas begins.

—Howard Thurman

We do not know what yet awaits,
Or what the morrow brings;
But with the glad salute of faith,
We hail its opening wings!

—Author Unknown

THE PRELUDE AS WE GATHER

THE CHORAL INTROIT (congregation standing)

THE INVITATION TO WORSHIP (congregation standing)

LEADER: We have gathered to remember the goodness of God in the year that has passed.

PEOPLE: PRAISE BE TO GOD FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS!

LEADER: Christmas is over, but our worship of the One who was sent continues.

PEOPLE: WE WORSHIP THE CHRIST-CHILD WHO HAS NOT ONLY COME, BUT REMAINS AMONG US.

LEADER: We come today to seek His blessing on our lives.

PEOPLE: BE AMONG US IN YOUR POWER, LORD!

LEADER: We want to find God's way into future paths of service for this church.

ALL: GUIDE US, LORD, FOR WE PROMISE TO FOLLOW!

THE HYMN OF PRAISE "Great God, We Sing Your Mighty Hand"
Tune: Wareham

Great God, we sing your mighty hand,
By which supported still we stand;
The opening year Thy mercy shows;
That mercy crowns it, till it close.

With grateful hearts the past we own;
The future, all to us unknown,
We to Thy guardian care commit,
And peaceful, leave before Thy feet.

in scenes exalted or depressed,
Thou art our joy, and Thou our rest;
Thy goodness all our hopes shall raise,
Adored through all our changing days.

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (together, seated)

O God our Father, we express our gratitude to You for the gift of time, a gift so priceless and yet so often wasted and misused.

For the time that has now passed, for the happy hours and difficult experiences which have made us better persons and prepared us for the present, we thank You, Lord.

For the time that is yet to come, for the opportunities and possibilities of future ways, for the time to change as we correct past mistakes and become the people we want to be, we thank You, Lord.

For the time that is with us now, for the spiritual power that You give to us today to guide us in the midst of the pressures of life, to sustain us in our doubts and disappointments, to uplift us in the hours of fear and loneliness, we thank You, Lord.

For the gift of time, and for all the many ways we can use it, we give You thanks, Lord. Teach us in the hours that are given to us this year how to use our time creatively, and to use it in your service. Amen.

Sung together

He leadeth me, O blessed thought,
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me,
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

THE BENEDICTION

THE GOING FORTH

Go, now and live for the Saviour,
Go, may this joy be your joy too.
Go, may His presence ever guide you;
Go, live this life the whole day through.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP IS ENDED: OUR SERVICE IN THE WORLD BEGINS

Welcome to our service of worship today. Please join us downstairs following the service for conversation and refreshments. If you are visiting with us, please sign the guest book located at the back of the sanctuary.

A special thank you to Margot Lange for blessing us with her beautiful violin music.

The Announcements

LADIES' LUNCHEON

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR JANUARY. Monday, January 21st, 1 p.m. at Chances R. Restaurant, College Square, Woodroffe and Baseline Road. Please let Betty Eady or Joan Mott know if you plan on attending.

CHURCH ANNUAL REPORTS

In preparation for our Annual Meeting on March 3, all those who submit a report should have them to Jacquie no later than Sunday, January 27. Reports may be submitted electronically to jgfuller@rogers.com...

From the Canadian Baptist Ministries' Prayerline

EBOLA CRISIS

Please pray for the victims of the Ebola crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Since the outbreak in DRC began in August 2018, there have been 608 cases and 368 deaths in North Kivu and Ituri provinces. CBM has ongoing projects in this region, through our church partner, the Baptist Church in Central Africa (CBCA). CBCA has been equipping churches, schools and other public places with hygiene kits. They have also led awareness campaigns within local communities to prevent the virus from spreading. Due to the instability of the region and its proximity to borders, health officials say the virus has been difficult to contain.

Please pray for stability in the region and the security of the health facilities. Pray also for affected populations to trust the response efforts and work with the responders to contain the outbreak. Pray for the responders who are working tirelessly to end the crisis.

WINTER IN LEBANON

CBM partner, Lebanese Society for Educational & Social Development (LSESD), is requesting prayer for the long, harsh winter ahead. Winters are hard in the Middle East, especially for refugee families living in tents or very precarious accommodation. They are constantly exposed to the elements and are susceptible to illness. With little funds to afford medical bills, getting something like pneumonia can be fatal.

Please Pray for:

- The vulnerable families they are helping, that the items they receive will help keep parents, children and babies warm and well this winter
- Those they are supporting will feel encouraged and have renewed hope for the future, despite the challenges they face
- The work of our partners, that it will also bear fruit within the churches themselves. Pray that people will be renewed in their faith by seeing everything God is doing

THE FOODGRAINS BANK

Please pray for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank as they provide leadership and participate in next month's International Development Week (February 3-9) in Ottawa. As CBM is a member of the Foodgrains Bank, we will also be an active participant at the event. The Foodgrains Bank is a partnership of 15 churches and church agencies working together to end global hunger. Last year, they provided \$37 million of assistance for over 800,000 people in 34 countries. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for the Foodgrains Bank leadership as they plan and prepare for #IDW2019. Pray also for CBM's ongoing food programs funded through the Foodgrains Bank that help the hungry. Give thanks for the abundance of food assistance CBM has been able to provide.