



We are honored you have chosen to join us in worship. There is a time in our service when we will welcome guests; we will not, however, ask you to stand, raise your hand or do anything that makes you feel awkward. We would like to know you were here, however. Please fill out the information request below and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister. We promise to use it only to contact you about our church.

This is my (our)...
\_\_\_ First visit to First Baptist Church
\_\_\_ Second (+) visit

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status
\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_ Single \_\_\_ Widow(er)

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Children at Home (Name/Age/Grade)

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\_\_\_ I am new to Rome.
\_\_\_ I am interested in knowing more about First Baptist Church.
\_\_\_ I would like to talk with a minister.
\_\_\_ I would like to know how to become a Christian.
\_\_\_ I am a guest of:

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Sunday, April 29

- 8:30 a.m. Church Wide Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
Discovery Team Discussion - Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Family Worship
5:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups

Monday, April 30

- Deadline for Senior Graduate Information
9:30 a.m. Centering Prayer - Prayer Room
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite

Tuesday, May 2

- 7:00 a.m. Children/Youth Devotion - Chick-Fil-A

Wednesday, May 3

- 12:00 p.m. Foundation Meeting - Conference Room
5:00 p.m. First Choice Dinner - Fellowship Hall
5:45 p.m. Youth Gathering - Youth Room
Children's Choirs
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting/Church Conference - Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Youth Messy Game Night - Upper Courtyard
6:20 p.m. Discovery Discussion - Dining Room
6:30 p.m. Children on Mission
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Suite

Thursday, May 4

- 6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study - MSP Law Office

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Ransom by Dr. and Mrs. George Bosworth.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Bosworth and David Bosworth by Dr. and Mrs. George Bosworth.

HUNGER OFFERING: Help meet the needs of the homeless and hungry by contributing to the monthly hunger offering, to be received at the close of worship. Our gifts support Meals and More, World Vision, and The CBF Global Missions Hunger Relief. For more information, including volunteer opportunities, call the church office.

GRADUATE SUNDAY: Please get your graduate's information to the church by Monday, April 30. Graduate Sunday is May 6. Tables can be decorated on Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. or you may come early that Sunday morning before the Sr. breakfast to decorate.

YOUTH PASSPORT: Now is the time to register for Passport. \$150 deposit will reserve your spot. \$399 total cost. Sign up available on church website.

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A Service of Christian Worship
April 29, 2018



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA

April 29, 2018

11:00 a.m.

To help maintain a spirit of worship, please silence cell phones. We welcome a larger congregation through Comcast Channel 44 and through the livestream over the church website.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude ...Joan Hill
'Deo Gracias'...Charles Callahan
(Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

Invocation ... Tamara Tillman Smathers

Call to Worship ... Sanctuary Choir
'Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place'...Gordon Young
Let heavenly music fill this place and all the harmonies of heaven be heard;
Let one grand song of praise resound, one alleluia!
Let mighty organs peal and roll and choirs invisible be heard;
Let anthems grand now thrill my soul, one alleluia!
O may we join the heavenly choir that through the ages will sing on;
In praise to Father and to Son, one alleluia!

\*Hymn of Praise No. 310 ...HYMN TO JOY
'Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee'

Call to Confession No. 436 ...LAFFERTY
'Seek Ye First'

A Time for Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness
Jesus knows our every weakness, and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

\*Reading of Holy Scripture ... Acts 8:26-40
(The text may be found on page 1086 of the Bible in the pew racks.)
John Uldrick, reader
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

\*Gloria Patri (Hymn 704)
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. Amen.

Hymn of Proclamation No. 426 ... STORY OF JESUS
'Tell Me The Story of Jesus'

Morning Prayer (with The Lord's Prayer) ...Matt DuVall
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 who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Musical Offering. ... Sanctuary Choir
'My Eternal King'...Jane Marshall
My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby,
nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.
Why, O blessed Jesus Christ should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heaven, nor of escaping hell.
Not with the hope of gaining aught, nor seeking a reward,
but as Thyself hast loved me, O everlasting Lord!
E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing,
solely because Thou art my God and my eternal King!

Sermon. ... Rev. DuVall
'What Prevents Us?'

Ordinance of the Lord's Supper
We observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper as a testament to God's grace.
Worshippers should proceed to their right, row by row, to receive communion from the minister and deacon who are at the front of their section. Two stations are in the corners of the balcony. Today, communion will be offered by intinction, which is the action of dipping the bread in the cup so that one receives both together. If you are unable to come forward, please remain seated and a deacon will bring the bread and cup to your seat. The table set before us is not the property of our church; it is the Lord's table. We invite all who call Jesus 'Lord' to join us.

\*Hymn of Response No. 466 ... BEACH SPRING
'Jesus, at Your Holy Table'

\*Prayer of Stewardship. ...Kristen Pope

Offertory ...Beverly Harris/Joan Hill
'This Is My Father's World'...arr. John Innis

Meditation Text:
Indeed, the Spirit had found the Ethiopian long before Phillip arrived. Phillip was sent to meet him on the road from Jerusalem to Gaza. Notice first that God's messenger is sent to go out to meet the one who is seeking God. This in itself is a paradigm shift for many churches, who believe — implicitly or explicitly — that the seeker will find God when the seeker comes to the Christian community, when the person shows up at a worship service or meal or event. But what if God intends the community to go out to meet the seeker, to find her where she is and join her there?
—Patrick W. T. Johnson from Missional Preaching: Equipping for Witness

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

The Work of the Church ... Rev. Pope

\*Benediction and Passing of the Peace

\*Choral Commissioning
E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing,
solely because Thou art my God and my eternal King!

\*Postlude. ...Joan Hill, organ
'Go With Us God' ...Paul Manz

Family Worship. Today is a fifth Sunday. These days are designated as 'Family Worship' days and all children sit with their families. Children's Worship will return next Sunday.

Call to Confession. The invocation and hymn of praise allow us to see ourselves as God sees us. We are aware of our sin and cannot ignore it. We must presume upon God's grace for forgiveness. To fail to own up to our sin is dishonest and causes more problems in our relationship. The time of confession allows us to acknowledge the ways we have fallen short of following God's way. This silent prayer is followed by the assurance of God's forgiving love.

Joining First Baptist. We receive new members in several ways. Those who have never publicly acknowledged Christ as Lord join by public profession of faith. Baptism is scheduled for a later date. Members of other Baptist congregations may transfer their membership to our congregation. We handle the details of contacting your current church. Members of other Christian faith traditions are invited to join by 'statement of faith.' Because other traditions vary in belief and practice, those joining by statement of faith are invited to speak with a minister before joining so that they might answer questions.

Recording. All services are recorded and may be viewed on our website. If you would like a video or audio copy of today's service, please call the office.

Safety. Safe zones for severe weather are in preschool hallways for children and the Fellowship Hall for the congregation. If there is a need to evacuate the building, parents should pick up children at the city bus parking lot on the far side of First Presbyterian Church.

Prayer Concerns. (Please place in offering plate or hand to an usher or minister.)

Matt DuVall, Pastor

Keith A. Reaves, Senior Associate/Minister of Worship

Tamara Tillman Smathers
Minister of Education/Administration

John H. Uldrick, Minister to Students and Missions

Kristen Pope, Minister of Faith Development

Gwen Stephens, Ministry Assistant

Beverly Harris, Pianist Joan Hill, Organist