



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)

___ 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:

Sunday, July 1

- 9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
9:00 a.m. Passport Kids Parent Meeting - Dining Room
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite
11:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, July 4

Church Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day

Thursday, July 5

- 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 honor of Al Briley on the occasion of his birthday by Ansley and Dean Saville and Family.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving of Beverly Harris for her love of music that blesses our lives by Bob, children and grandchildren.

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL: An exhibit in the Gallery opens today and features artwork shared by children of the church. The Gallery is located on the third floor of the Education Building at the elevator.

TLC: We need help with Sunday worship care for children birth through four years old. It is only a commitment of four times per year, and we are able to accommodate preferences for the age you would like to work with. Please email Kristen at kpope@fbcrome.org if you are able to volunteer.

OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed on Wednesday in observation of Independence Day.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - SUMMER POOL PARTY!: Families and children, join us at Northside Swim Center on Sunday, July 15 from 2:00 until 5:00 to cool off with a splash!

CHURCH DIRECTORIES: For those who had their photos made for the directory, your free directory is available for pick up. For those who did not have their photos taken or for those who want extra directories, copies may be purchased for \$10 each. Church members may also access the mobile version for free.



A Service of Christian Worship
July 1, 2018



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA

July 1, 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/Beverly Harris
“To God Be the Glory”...arr. Joel Raney
(Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

Invocation Kristen Pope

*Hymn of Praise No. 295 NETTLETON
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Reading of Holy Scripture. Mark 5:21-43
(The text may be found on page 995 of the Bible in the pew racks.)
Tamara Tillman Smathers, 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.

Call to Confession
God calls us in our lives to take a risk, to be like the woman in the gospel who reaches out to Jesus for healing for herself;
or the father who risks the scorn of others to bring Jesus to his dying daughter.
Let us ponder for a moment the places in our lives where we may resist turning to God for healing and change.

A Time for Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness . . . AURELIA
Dear God, when we are tempted to doubt Love's mighty power,
give us the faith of Jairus in every day and hour,
that, trusting in Your promise of everlasting care,
we all may lay before you our deepest needs in prayer.

Special Music. Kay Bratton
“He Touched Me”...Bill Gaither

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.

Hymn of Testimony No. 578 GREAT PHYSICIAN
“The Great Physician”
(Children through second grade may depart for Children's Worship.)

Musical Offering. Sanctuary Choir
“Those Who Wait on the Lord”...Claire Cloninger/Shayla L. Blake
Those who wait on the Lord won't grow weary.
Those who wait on His love have no fear.
Their heart will rise up on wings like eagles.
Those who wait on the Lord will find Him here.

So wait, just wait and trust in His mercy. Wait on His grace, He'll open a door.
When hearts are hungry and souls are thirsty, be still and wait on the Lord.

Those who walk in His way feel His presence.
Those who step out in faith feel Him near.
He hears every word, each prayer they whisper.
Those who wait on the Lord will find Him here.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
He will not, He will not desert to His foes.
He'll strengthen you, help you and cause you to stand.
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Sermon Rev. DuVall
“New Life on the Other Side”

*Hymn of Response No. 74 BALM IN GILEAD
“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

*Prayer of Stewardship Dr. Hugh Peacock

Offertory. Joan Hill
“This Is My Father's World”...arr. Diane Bish

Meditation Text:
My friends, this daughter is you and me. I do not know all of the specifics of what your hemorrhage looks like...what it feels like...how you endure it...what others tell you about it in obvious and not so obvious ways...or even why it has occurred. However, I have little doubt that something in you is yearning for healing... begging for relief...seeking after a blessing...and willing to believe. And, really, the desire to believe is enough. All we need do is to approach Jesus, bleeding and believing. So come to the hem of God's garment and claim your rightful place as a child of God's, because, sons and daughters, your faith has already made you well. —Sarah Jackson Shelton

The Work of the Church. Keith A. Reaves

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

*The Doxology
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Postlude. Joan Hill
“LAAST UNS ERFREUEN”... Alan Smith

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.

Children's Worship. Children ages four through second grade are invited to Children's Worship on the second floor of the Education Building. Parents may pick up their children there following worship.

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