



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, June 17
9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, June 18
Deacons' Meeting
5:30 p.m. Executive Meeting - Conference Room
6:00 p.m. General Meeting & Committees - Dining Room

Wednesday, June 20
12:00 p.m. Prayers and Reflections - Chapel & Dining Room
1:00 p.m. World Play Session 2 - Youth Room
6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Bowling (3rd through 6th Grade)

Thursday, June 21
6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study - MSP Law Office
10:00 a.m. Preschool Summer Fun Days
11:30 a.m. Youth Mystery Lunch Outing

Friday, June 22
12:00 p.m. Children's Lunch & Munch - Playground

Saturday, June 23
9:00 a.m. College Peru Team Arrives Home

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Richard Gray by Edith Gray.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane and Hobart Hortman by their Family.

COLLEGE PERU MISSION TEAM: Please pray for our College Peru Mission Team (Ashlyn Balch, Benji Britt, Kallan Kinsey, Avery and Bailey Smith) as they travel to Collique, Peru. They will arrive home on Saturday, June 23rd.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH THIS SUMMER: As you plan vacations and summer travel, please remember the option of setting up your church contributions as "automatic drafts" through your bank or through "Online Giving" on the church's website. If you need help learning how to do this, please feel free to contact the church office or your financial institution.

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS: Join us in the Chapel on Wednesday, June 20 at noon. Lunch will follow at 12:30 in the Dining Room. Cost for lunch is \$6 and no reservations are necessary.

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A Service of Christian Worship
June 17, 2018



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA

June 17, 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
'Let All Things Now Living'...arr. Carolyn Hamlin
(Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

Invocation... Tamara Tillman Smathers

*Hymn of Praise No. 306...MADRID
'Come, Christians, Join to Sing'

Call to Confession... Gwen Stephens, leader
Loving and caring God, You love us with a father's love, You care for us more tenderly than any mother,

You are the Great Caregiver.

Help us this week to be aware of Your love, Your gaze upon us, encouraging us, sustaining us, directing us.

Now Lord, hear our prayers confessing the things that get between us and Your love for us.

A Time for Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness... Diane Lumpkin, solo
'The Penitent'...Beardsley Van de Water

*Reading of Holy Scripture... 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
(The text may be found on page 1144 of the Bible in the pew racks.)
Kristen Pope, 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.

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 Faith No. 584... LANDÅS
'My Faith Has Found a Resting Place'
(Children through second grade may depart for Children's Worship.)

Musical Offering... Sanctuary Choir
'In His Hand (A Psalm of Assurance)'...arr. Marty Parks
Gwen Stephens, conductor

In my darkness He is light. In my weakness, He is might.
In my doubting He is sure. In His hand I am secure.

Shelter from the bitter fray, He's my refuge and my stay.
In a dry and weary land I have seen His gracious hand.

Faithful in life's deep distress. Father to the fatherless.
To those ravaged by the way, He is all of these and more.

For His goodness I will praise Him. With my song I will proclaim:
He is righteous, He is holy. He is evermore the same!

Once a stranger, now a Friend, with me till my journey's end.
He receives me as His own. Never will I walk alone.

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Sermon... Rev. DuVall
'Walking By Faith'

*Hymn of Response No. 407... OLIVET
'My Faith Looks Up to Thee'

*Prayer of Stewardship... John Uldrick

Offertory... Beverly Harris, piano
'When We Walk with the Lord'...arr. Ovid Young

Meditation Text:
Paul reminds us that human standards of judgment count for nothing in God's eyes. The scandal of the cross is that God chooses vulnerability, weakness, suffering, and death in order to bring new life. It is not that Paul is calling us to seek martyrdom. Rather, he claims that in our lives, God places the greatest value on our service to others, even when service means suffering and rejection. —Elizabeth Johnson

The Work of the Church... Rev. Uldrick

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

*Commissioning Hymn... 'Let There Be Peace on Earth'

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as Creator, family all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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*Postlude... Joan Hill
'Festival Voluntary'...Richard Williamson

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
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John H. Uldrick, Minister to Students and Missions

Kristen Pope, Minister of Faith Development

Gwen Stephens, Ministry Assistant

Beverly Harris, Pianist Joan Hill, Organist