



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, June 3
9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, June 4
9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 5
9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 6
9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
No Prayers and Reflections

Thursday, June 7
6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study - MSP Law Office
11:30 a.m. Youth Mystery Lunch Outing

Friday, June 8
2:00 p.m. Children's Snack Attack - Frios

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Shirley Kinney by Kathy Kinney.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Dempsey on the occasion of his birthday by Marsha, Wright, Kristin, Jason and Jennifer Dempsey.

VBS: Vacation Bible School starts tomorrow! Our only need is a few more people to help with morning registration. If you are able to help out on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday morning from 8:45-9:30 am, please email Kristen at kpope@fbcrome.org or call (502) 693-5644. We are looking forward to a great week!

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS: Because Vacation Bible School will be in session Prayers and Reflections will not meet this week. Plan to meet in the Chapel next Wednesday, June 13 at noon.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES: For those who had their photos made for the directory, your free directory may be picked up in the church office. For those who did not have their photos taken or for those who want extra directories, copies may be purchased for \$10 each.

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THE ONE WHOSE HEART IS SEARCHING

Samuel on his bed beside the lamp,
its flame describing in slow pulses
the flickering hope
of a lonely, quiet yearning;
the hollow stillness
like a silent pond where
a searching voice could be heard
like a dropping pebble.
And in the dark and in the emptiness
the One who is doing the calling,
the One whose heart is searching,
is the unheard God.

You and me on our beds,
our couches, you and me by our lamps.
You and me under spreading trees,
or peering at the sky through windows;
you and me at our office desks,
fingering the plastic of keyboards;
you and me in our living-rooms,
or sitting at our kitchen tables;
you and me, so yearning for hope,
so longing for meaning, truth, or joy -
may we become aware of the One
who is searching for us;
awake to the One
who knows and calls our names
longing for us to listen:
the God of promise and of invitation.

—Andrew King





# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

June 3, 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. . . . . Beverly Harris/Keith Reaves  
"Christians, We Have Met to Worship" ...arr. William Moore  
(Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

Invocation. . . . . Tamara Tillman Smathers

\*Hymn of Praise No. 354 . . . . . JOYFUL SONG  
"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Call to Confession. . . . . Sanctuary Choir  
"Open My Eyes, That I May See" ...arr. Phillip Landgrave  
*Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.*

A Time for Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness. . . . . Emalee Collins, lay leader  
When we walk out of the light of God, we stumble.  
**God accepts and forgives our stumbling and is always  
there to help us back into the light.**  
Yes, we are accepted, forgiven, and made new by God.  
**Amen!**

\*Reading of Holy Scripture . . . . . 1 Samuel 3:1-10  
(The text may be found on page 264 of the Bible in the pew racks.)  
Brant Amerman, Caleb Amerman, Holly Amerman, readers  
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.

Musical Offering. . . . . Sanctuary Choir  
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" ...arr. Benjamin Harlan  
Alyssa Austin, soloist  
(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 96.)

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. . . . . BONNER  
"Praise Him, All Ye Little Children"  
(Children ages four through sixth grade may come forward.)

Praise Him, praise Him all ye little children, God is love. God is love.  
Praise Him, praise Him all ye little children, God is love. God is love.

Love Him, love Him all ye little children, God is love. God is love.  
Love Him, love Him all ye little children, God is love. God is love.

Thank Him, thank Him all ye little children, God is love. God is love.  
Thank Him, thank Him all ye little children, God is love. God is love.

Moments with Children. . . . . Kristen Pope

Hymn of Preparation No. 280. . . . . SPEAK, O LORD  
"Speak, O Lord"

Sermon. . . . . Rev. DuVall  
"The Lord Is Speaking"

\*Hymn of Response No. 474. . . . . THOMPSON  
"Softly and Tenderly"

\*Prayer of Stewardship. . . . . Cate DuVall, lay leader  
Holy God, You call us by name and ask us to be faithful and obedient.  
**When we don't hear Your voice or let other voices drown  
out Your call, you still persist.**  
As we offer our gifts, may we be ready to listen to You and to follow You.  
**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Offertory. . . . . Beverly Harris  
"Children of the Heavenly Father" ...arr. Lloyd Larson  
(Please reflect on the poem on the cover of the order of worship as the music plays.)

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

The Work of the Church . . . . . Rev. Reaves

\*Pastoral Blessing

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Commissioning Hymn  
Serve Him, serve Him all ye little children, God is love. God is love.  
Serve Him, serve Him all ye little children, God is love. God is love.

\*Postlude. . . . . Beverly Harris  
"Festive Recessional" ...Franklin Ritter

**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.)

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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