



WELCOME

CHURCH CALENDAR

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, May 12
9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship
Monday, May 14
9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer - Prayer Room
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
10:30 a.m. Ruble-Whitworth Group - Community Room
6:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School Meeting - Conference Room
Tuesday, May 15
7:00 a.m. Last Children/Youth Devotion - Chick-Fil-A
Wednesday, May 16
12:00 p.m. Prayers and Reflections - Dining Room
1:15 p.m. Holy Land Preview - Fellowship Hall
Thursday, May 17
6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study - MSP Law Office
12:30 p.m. Sr. Adult Lunch & Learn - ECO Center
6:30 p.m. Children's Committee - Conference Room
Friday, May 18
12:00 p.m. Finance Committee - Conference Room

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Stevens, Sr. by the Dewey Stevens, Jr. Family.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William and Alice Davies and John and Etsie Johnson by the Davies Family.

PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS: This year during Prayers & Reflections, each minister will reflect on significant times of spiritual transformation throughout the history of the church. Join us in the Chapel beginning Wednesday, May 16 at noon. Lunch will follow at 12:30 in the Dining Room. Cost for lunch is \$6 and no reservations are necessary.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: (INFORMATION MEETING) Wednesday, May 16 at 1:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall following Prayers & Reflections. Dr. Maxwell Miller and Julene Miller, owners of Academy Travel, and Tamara Smathers will present details and answer questions. Registration is open now for church members. Registration will open to others on Sunday, May 20.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: (WEAR RED) On May 20 churches around the world will celebrate Pentecost. Red is the color traditionally used to symbolize the Holy Spirit, please wear red to honor the Holy Spirit and to recognize this important day in the church year.

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS: John will be on sabbatical for much of the summer, and he needs your help! In order for youth activities to be successful, there must be adult chaperones over the age of 25 who can drive and help supervise the teenagers. We have a form that shows the many ways in which any church member may volunteer. Please visit the church's website and complete the form.

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A Service of Christian Worship
May 13, 2018



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA

May 13, 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
'May the Spirit Fill Our Praise'...arr. Albert Travis
(Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

Call to Worship ... Kristen Pope

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new world has broken into ours—

a world in which justice comes for the poor, freedom comes for the prisoners, and healing for the sick.

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new community has been formed—

a community that loves and cares for all members, a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected, a place where all find a place of belonging.

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new creation has begun—

all that was distorted is being restored, all that is corrupted is being renewed, all that was broken is being made whole.

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, we worship Him now in spirit and in truth! Amen.

*Hymn of Praise No. 223 ... DIADEMATA
'Crown Him with Many Crowns'

Call to Confession (John 3:16-17). ... Aiden Amerman, leader

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

Let us confess our need for God's saving love.

A Time for Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness. . . First Baptist Ringers
'A Mighty Fortress Is Our God'...arr. Sondra K. Tucker

*Reading of Holy Scripture. . . Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
(The text may be found on page 1077 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)

Hymn of Faith No. 633 ... ALL THE WAY
'All the Way My Savior Leads Me'
(Children ages four through second grade may depart for Children's Worship.)

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
'No Hands But Yours'...J. Jerome Williams
(The text to this anthem is based on a prayer by Teresa of Avila.)

Christ has no body now on earth but yours:
No hands but yours; No feet but yours:
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which to look out Christ's compassion to the world.
Yours are the feet on which He is to go about doing good.
And yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now.

Sermon. . . Rev. DuVall
'Even Judas Had A Share'

*Hymn of Response No. 478. . . W ZLOBIE LEZY
'God Is Calling Through the Whisper'

*Prayer of Stewardship. . . Tamara Tillman Smathers

Offertory . . . First Baptist Ringers
'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow'...arr. Ron Mallory

Meditation Text:

While we do not always know, at the moment, whether God is in what we are doing, the really important thing is whether or not we are in what God is doing. When the purpose of God is evident, when God's Word gives us a clear command, and when God's Spirit has led the way, are we involved in what God is doing? The Book of Acts has much more to say about men getting in step with God's plan than about God getting in step with ours. That is because He is God, and we are men; He is sovereign, and we are finite and dependent. —Robert Deffinbaugh

The Work of the Church . . . Rev. Smathers

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

*Hymn of Commissioning No. 625 (Stanza Four). . . PROMISES
'Standing on the Promises'

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Savior.
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

*Postlude. . . Joan Hill, organ
'Creation's Song' ...Michael Burkhardt

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