



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 27
9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, May 28
Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 29
First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen

Wednesday, May 30
First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen
12:00 p.m. Prayers and Reflections - Chapel - Keith Reaves, speaker
1:30 p.m. Spain Trip Information Meeting - Dining Room

Thursday, May 31
First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen
6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study - MSP Law Office
12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School Decorating - Fellowship Hall

Friday, June 1
First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen
11:30 a.m. Rising 7th Graders Youth Transition Day - John's Office
12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School Decorating - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 2
9:00 a.m. Discovery Team Meeting - Conference Room
Youth Summer Kickoff, Lake Day
12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School Decorating - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Senior Mission Immersion Team Arrive

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edd and Bea Richards, by Sharon Baker.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in memory of Robert Payne by Mary Louise Payne, Kevin, Chad and Family.

VBS: VBS is June 4-6! You may visit the link on the church website to register a child, register as a volunteer or purchase something from our VBS registry! Help us prepare for our Rolling River Rampage on Thursday and Friday in the gym! See Kristen for details.

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

SPAIN/PORTUGAL INFORMATION MEETING: For those going on the trip in June we will have a meeting to answer any final questions in the Dining Room after Prayers and Reflections on Wednesday, May 30 at 1:30.

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.



A Service of Christian Worship
May 27, 2018

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

May 27, 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

PreludeJoan Hill
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ...arr. Diane Bish
(Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

InvocationKristen Pope

*Hymn of Praise No. 619. ASSURANCE
"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"

Call to Confession (adapted from Clement of Rome)

O God, by the gift of your Spirit establish and ground us in Your truth.

Reveal to us what we do not know.

Make perfect in us what is lacking.

Strengthen us in what we do know.

Keep us ever in your service, through Jesus Christ.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

A Time for Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness. . . Keith A. Reaves
"What Did He Die For" ... Twila Paris

*Reading of Holy Scripture Psalm 78:1-8
(The text may be found on page 579 of the Bible in the pew racks.)
Hilary Reaves, lay 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 Testimony No. 565. HYFRYDOL
"God of Past, Who by Your Spirit"
(Children ages four through second grade may depart for Children's Worship.)

Morning Prayer (with The Lord's Prayer) Tamara Tillman Smathers
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

"Find Us Faithful" ...arr. Tom Fettke

We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road
and those who've gone before us line the way
cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary—
their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses
let us run the race not only for the prize.

But as those who've gone before us let us leave to those behind us
the heritage of faithfulness passed on through Godly lives.

Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful.

May the fire of our devotion light their way.

May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe

and the lives we live inspire them to obey

Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful.

After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone
and our children sift through all we've left behind
may the clues that they discover and the memories they uncover
become the light that leads them to the road we each must find.

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Sermon.Dr. Jim Ross

"The Significance of Remembering"

*Hymn of Response No. 71. SLANE

"Be Thou My Vision"

*Prayer of Stewardship. Ashlyn Balch, Student Ministry Intern

Offertory. Beverly Harris

"More Precious than Silver" ...arr. Don Phillips

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

The Work of the Church Rev. Reaves

Benediction

God, who created you in the divine image, sends you forth:

we go, to reflect the presence of our Creator to all we meet.

Jesus, who has redeemed you, has established the reign of God in our midst:

we go, to bring healing to the broken of the world.

The Holy Spirit, who calls you to be God's people, goes with you:

we go, to tear down the walls that divide us, and to build lives of hope for all of God's children.

And now, may the peace of Christ be with you now and forever.

And also with you. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*The Doxology (Hymn 706)

*Postlude.Joan Hill, organ

"Trumpet Voluntary" ...Henry Purcell

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