



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 6

- 8:30 a.m. High School Graduate Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, May 7

- 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
5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal - Choir Suite

Tuesday, May 8

- 7:00 a.m. Children/Youth Devotion - Chick-Fil-A
5:30 p.m. Committee on Committees - Community Room
5:30 p.m. Discovery Team - Conference Room

Wednesday, May 9

- 5:00 p.m. First Choice Dinner - Fellowship Hall
5:45 p.m. Youth Gathering - Youth Room
Children's Choirs
Prayer Meeting - Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Children's Choir & Missions Year-End Program - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 10

- 6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study - MSP Law Office
6:30 p.m. Children's Committee - Conference Room

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret and Jim Jarrett by the Rolan and Jarrett Families.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God through the Jo Huffman Flower Fund at First Baptist Church.

FINAL FAMILY NIGHT: Wednesday, May 9th is the last family night until August 8th. The children's choirs and children's mission groups will present a year-end program in the Sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. Dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m. with prayer meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 5:45 p.m. Children will be dismissed to prepare for their program at 5:45 p.m.

PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS: Several weeks ago we began a process of Congregational Discovery, looking ahead and dreaming towards the future. 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.

SENIOR ADULTS: Join us inside at the fascinating ECO Center at Ridge Ferry Park on Thursday, May 17 at 12:30 p.m. for a box lunch and to learn about the ecology of our area and to enjoy the dozens of exhibits and live animals. Also, Bob Harris will tell us about riverboat travel and efforts to restore the Myra H, built in 1932. Cost is only \$5 per person, but reservations are required by Monday, May 14.

VBS: Register through the church website for Vacation Bible School June 4-6.

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A Service of Christian Worship
May 6, 2018



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

May 6, 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

“O God, Our Help In Ages Past”...arr. Edwin Childs

(Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

InvocationJohn Uldrick

Sustainer, Redeemer, Friend; Creator, we come before You to worship.

Meet us in this place. Guide our hearts and minds.

Teach us of Your love for each one, and help us to love one another.

Make the light of Christ shine brightly in our hearts and lives, for we come in the name of Christ our Lord! Amen.

*Hymn of Praise No. 7.....JUDSON

“Worthy of Worship”

Call to Confession..... Children’s Choir

“I’m Trying to Be Like Jesus”...Janice Kapp Perry

Lee Donahue, solo Betty Holland, accompanist

I’m trying to be like Jesus; I’m following in His ways.

I’m trying to love as He did, in all that I do and say.

At times I am tempted to make a wrong choice,

But I try to listen as the still small voice whispers,

“Love one another as Jesus loves you. Try to show kindness in all that you do.

Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought, For these are the things Jesus taught.”

I’m trying to love my neighbor; I’m learning to serve my friends.

I watch for the day of gladness when Jesus will come again.

I try to remember the lessons He taught.

Then the Holy Spirit enters into my thoughts, saying:

A Time for Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness. . .Children’s Choir

“Amazing Grace/Pachelbel’s Canon”...arr. Jean-Anne Shafferman

Recognition of 2018 High School Graduates

Julia Frost

Anna Kate Roberts

Abby Sklar

Karl Swiger

Hillary Tunnell

Charlie Uldrick

Anna Waguespack

Fowler Walker

Nolan Wilson

*Reading of Holy Scripture Acts 10:44-48

(The text may be found on page 1089 of the Bible in the pew racks.)

Brian Inman, Deacon, reader

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria Patri (Hymn 704)

Hymn of Testimony No. 432 LIMPSFIELD

“We Have Heard the Joyful Sound”

(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

“Take the Name of Jesus With You”...arr. Jay Rouse

Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe,

It will joy and comfort give you; Take it then, where’er you go.

Precious name, oh, how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of Heaven;

Take the Name of Jesus ever, as a shield from every snare;

If temptations round you gather, breathe that holy Name in prayer.

Oh, the precious Name of Jesus! How it thrills our souls with joy,

When His loving arms receive us and His songs our tongues employ!

At the Name of Jesus bowing, falling prostrate at His feet,

King of kings in heaven we’ll crown Him, when our journey is complete.

Sermon..... Rev. DuVall

“No Holding Back”

*Hymn of Response No. 481.....SINE NOMINE

“Go to the World”

*Prayer of Stewardship..... Karen Jordan

Offertory.....Joan Hill

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”...Michael Burkhardt

Meditation Text:

I think we need to summon the ability to see the world, the church, and our lives from God’s perspective. We need to pray for that. And then work to make it happen. But, if we’re unable to do that—and I admit that it’s a large task—then at least we need to recapture the ability to be “astounded” when God begins to do something new in our midst, and breathes life into these dry bones we’re always rattling. —Rick Morley

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

The Work of the Church Keith Reaves

Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

*Hymn of CommissioningWEBB

“We All Are One in Mission”

We all are called for service to witness in God’s name.

Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:

To touch the lives of others by God’s surprising grace

so every land and nation may feel God’s warm embrace.

*Postlude.....Joan Hill, organ

“The Rejoicing” ...George Frederick Handel

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