



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, July 15
9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite
11:00 a.m. Worship
2:00 p.m. Church Pool Party - Northside Swim Center

Monday, July 16
9:00 a.m. Youth Six Flags Trip
1:00 p.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Conference Room

Wednesday, July 18
1:00 p.m. World Play Session IV - Youth Room
6:00 p.m. Children's Pizza at the Playground - Ridge Ferry Park

Thursday, July 19
6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study - MSP Law Office
10:00 a.m. Preschool Summer Fun Days

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James M. Langley by Jimmie Langley and Family.

SUMMER POOL PARTY: Families and children, join us at Northside Swim Center today from 2:00 until 5:00 to cool off with a splash!

TLC: We need help with Sunday worship care for children birth through four years old. It is only a commitment of four times per year, and we are able to accommodate preferences for the age you would like to work with. Please email Kristen at kpope@fbcrome.org if you are able to volunteer.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES: For those who had their photos made for the directory, your free directory is available for pick up. For those who did not have their photos taken or for those who want extra directories, copies may be purchased for \$10 each. Church members may also access the mobile version for free.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH THROUGH SUMMERTIME: 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.

DR. RUBY K. PAYNE: On Sunday, August 5 beginning at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall Dr. Payne will speak to all adults. Her topic will be, "What Every Church Member Should Know about Poverty."

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A Service of Christian Worship

July 15, 2018 11:00 a.m.

To help maintain a spirit of worship in today's service, please silence cell phones and pagers. Hearing assisted devices are available. Please see an usher for more information.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude. Joan Hill, organ
"Stand Up and Bless the Lord" ...arr. Raymond Haan
(Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

Welcome to Worship. Kristen Pope

*Hymn of Praise No. 601 O HOW I LOVE JESUS
"O How I Love Jesus"

The Covenant of Church Members. Matt DuVall

Led by the Spirit of God to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and having entered into the fellowship of the Spirit through His Church,
We, the members of the Church, prayerfully make this covenant with one another and with our Heavenly Father.

We respect all faith traditions, but we shall cherish our heritage as Baptist Christians.

We shall hold dear the principles of soul competency, the priesthood of all believers, the autonomy of the local Church, and the Bible as our trusted and authoritative guide in matters of faith and practice.

As a group of gathered believers, we understand ourselves to be a part of a family of faith.

Therefore, we shall love, forgive, admonish, encourage, serve, and pray for one another - always in the spirit of being sisters and brothers in Christ.

Jesus Christ shall be our model for living.

We recognize that none of us shall ever attain His perfection; yet, we shall always strive to grow in likeness of Him. His heart shall be our guide for the way we minister, organize ourselves, conduct our business, and treat others.

We believe that the Church is the body of Christ on earth; therefore, we are the hands of Christ.

Knowing this about ourselves, we shall be satisfied with nothing less than being leaders in Christian service. We can only accomplish this goal by serving more.

Our Master is our example. We know that we serve Christ Himself when we minister to the least, the last, the lost, and the overlooked.

We believe that, on our own, we are not strong enough, wise enough, nor good enough to accomplish our mission as a Church. Therefore, we trust in God’s strength, God’s wisdom, and God’s righteousness to empower us. Only through prayer do we accomplish our mission as a Church.

The Ordinance of Believer’s Baptism

Emalee Collins and Eston Collins, candidates
(The congregation will please respond with “Amen” following each baptism.)

Call to Confession. . . .Gwen Stephens, leader

We have been buried with Him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we, too, might walk in newness of life.

Lord, hear our prayers of confession, knowing that Your forgiveness only brings us closer to You.

A Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness No. 167. . .WHITFIELD

“I Saw the Cross of Jesus” (Stanza Two)

I love the cross of Jesus, it tells me who I am—

A vile and guilty creature, saved only through the Lamb;

No righteousness nor merit, no beauty can I plead;

Yet in the cross I glory, my title there I read.

*Reading of Holy Scripture Mark 6:14-29

(The text may be found on page 996 of the Bible in the pew racks.)

Bill Davies, 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 Petition No. 285CWM RHONDDA

“God of Grace and God of Glory ”

(Children ages four through second grade may depart for Children’s Worship.)

Morning Prayer (with the Lord’s Prayer)John Uldrick

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

“Walk Worthy”...Joseph Martin

Gwen Stephens, conductor

Walk worthy of the Lord. Come give your heart to Christ.

Live always bearing fruit for him. Live strengthened by his might.

Walk worthy of the Lord. All power to his name.

Give him glory, give him honor, walk worthy of the Lord.

Blessed is the one, the one who trusts in God,

For he is like a tree planted by a stream.

Sermon Rev. DuVall

“When Truth Makes Us Uncomfortable”

*Hymn of Response No. 497.ASSAM

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

*Prayer of StewardshipAshlyn Balch, Student Ministry Intern, leader

Gracious God, You offer a redemptive inheritance sometimes beyond our imagination.

You graciously bestow each of us with Your wisdom, grace, forgiveness, and love.

Joyously, we share these tithes and offerings. As You call us to give, You remind us to place our hopes and dreams in Your love and grace.

Thank you, God, for giving us Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray in His name. Amen.

Offertory.Joan Hill

“Here Yet Awhile”...Johann Sebastian Bach

Meditation Text:

The story of John's beheading is shocking, and it's meant to be--to shock us out of complacency in a faith that comes at little or no cost. Relatively few Christians, thanks be to God, are called to be martyrs. But all of us who would follow Christ are called to confront, as well as we can, the wrong we see around us, and confrontation is never comfortable. To pay that price is to stand with many who followed the path that John prepared for the One who came after him.

—Dr. Catherine Taylor

The Work of the Church.Gwen Stephens

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

*Pastoral Blessing

*Passing of the Peace

*Commissioning Hymn. ST. DENIO

“We're baptized! Your Spirit gives new work to do, that we, through our serving, may glorify you.

Each person's vocation, each calling, has worth

as you send us out to bring Christ's love on earth.

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*Postlude.Joan Hill

“EIN FESTE BURG”...arr. James Pethel

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