



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 22
8:30 a.m. Adult Faith Development Committee - Conference Room
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

Tuesday, July 24
First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen
3:00 p.m. Meals & More - First United Methodist Church
5:30 p.m. Discovery Team - Community Room

Wednesday, July 25
First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen
1:00 p.m. Youth World Play Session V - Youth Room

Thursday, July 26
First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen
6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study - MSP Law Office
10:30 a.m. PassportKids! Depart - Lookout Mountain, GA
6:00 p.m. Women of the Church Salad Supper - Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 27
FBC Serves Community Kitchen
9:30 a.m. Youth End of Summer Adventure - Atlanta

Saturday, July 28
10:00 a.m. Youth Return from Atlanta

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sybil Mann Harrison by Lindsey Sybil Mann Field and Ashley Harrison Mann Pittman.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH - SALAD SUPPER: "It's Too Hot To Cook" Salad Supper. Thursday, July 26 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a Salad to share and prepare for a fun time together! Please let us know that you are coming by contacting Debbye in the church office. Join us for this fun night promising laughter and new friends.

YOUTH - END OF SUMMER CITY ADVENTURE: Friday, July 27 and 28. We depart for Atlanta at 9:30 a.m. We will spend the night in downtown Atlanta and visit the Georgia Aquarium, World of Coke, CNN Center, Center for Civil and Human Rights and College Football Hall of Fame. The cost is \$150 per person. Come join in the FUN!

SANCTUARY CHOIR KICKOFF: If you have been interested in joining the choir, please join us for a potluck supper on Wednesday, August 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the dining room. Chicken and tea will be provided. Family members are invited for dinner, then we will have a brief rehearsal to look at some new music for the fall. Let Karen Foss know if you need childcare.

RUBY PAYNE: Is coming Sunday, August 5. Make plans to attend her seminars addressing poverty education. Refer to The Spire for a complete list of times and topics.

PROMOTION SUNDAY!: Children will move to their new classrooms on August 12.

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.



A Service of Christian Worship
July 22, 2018



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA

July 22, 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
'Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise'...arr. Michael Burkhardt
(Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

Invocation... Tamara Tillman Smathers

*Hymn of Praise No. 303... HOLY MANNA
'All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly'

Call to Confession

Most merciful God, we humbly admit that we need Your help.

We confess that we have wandered from Your way.

We have done wrong, and we have failed to do what is right.

You alone can save us.

Have mercy on us: Wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.

Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ.

We ask these things in the name of Jesus as You now hear our silent prayers and petitions. Amen.

A Time for Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness No. 343...MIEIR
'His Name Is Wonderful'

Reading of Holy Scripture... 1 Kings 19:3-8
(The text may be found on page 351 of the Bible in the pew racks.)
Kristen Pope, 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.

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 Perseverance No. 629...STRENGTH
'Be Strong in the Lord'
(Children through second grade may depart for Children's Worship.)

Musical Offering... Sanctuary Choir

'God Is Our Refuge'...arr. Allen Pote
(The text to this anthem is from Psalm 46.)

God is our refuge and strength; A present help in times of trouble.
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
Though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.

He is in the midst of His people, in all the earth.

He is the Word, we are His hands, He will lead us;

He is the air, we are His song.

We will celebrate His presence all the day long.

Sermon... Rev. DuVall
'Get Up and Eat'

*Hymn of Response No. 493...ADELAIDE
'Have Thine Own Way, Lord'

*Prayer of Stewardship... John Uldrick

Offertory... Joan Hill
'The Lord Is My Shepherd'...arr. Gilbert Martin

Meditation Text:

Our journey with God sometimes calls us to do things and be things that we may not want to do, or didn't ever see ourselves doing. There might be times when things get scary. But what we can learn, through Elijah, that when things happen, and when the road gets hard... that it's ok to be afraid, or worried, or frustrated; its even ok to feel like giving up. But know that when you can't take one more step, God can... you're not left alone. Know that God has sent angels to minister to you... (they could even be sitting right next to you this morning). And that angel challenges you even now... "Get up, and eat... you'll need strength for the journey that is ahead of you..." It's ok to feel uncertain, but take the nourishment that God offers... because no matter how it feels, or what you've lost, or what you're dreading, or what you've done, God has a plan for you... You're not done yet Elijah... Get up... Eat. -Linda Fabian Pope

The Work of the Church... Rev. Uldrick

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

Recognition of Mike Holloway for Ten Years of Service

*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

*Hymn of Commissioning No. 68... HE LEADETH ME
He leadeth me! O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

*Postlude...Joan Hill
'O For A Thousand Tongues'... arr. Paul Manz

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