



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)
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\_\_\_ 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 29
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 31
5:30 p.m. Discovery Team - Dining Room

Wednesday, August 1
5:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Kickoff - Dining Room & Choir Suite

Thursday, August 2
6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study - MSP Law Office

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Regan Ransom Coker by Bess and George Bosworth, Ester and John Husser, Linda and Ed James and John and Joyce Ransom.

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.

DR. RUBY PAYNE: Is coming next Sunday, August 5. Make plans to attend her seminars addressing poverty education. All adult Bible Study classes will meet to hear her in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:15 a.m. Refer to The Spire for a complete list of other times and topics.

PROMOTION SUNDAY!: Children will move to their new classrooms on August 12 and teachers and educators will be included in a special time of prayer for the new school year in the worship service.

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.

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
July 29, 2018



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA

July 29, 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
'In Thee, Lord, Have I Put My Trust' . . . Johann Walther
(Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

Invocation. . . . . John Uldrick

\*Hymn of Praise No. 58. . . . . ST. DENIO
'Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise'

Call to Confession. . . VENI EMMANUEL
O come, Thou Wisdom from on high and order all things, far and nigh.
To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!

A Time for Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness. . . LYONS
Then let us adore and give Him His right,
All glory and power and wisdom and might.
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing and infinite love.

\*Reading of Holy Scripture . . . . . 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
(The text may be found on page 327 of the Bible in the pew racks.)
Tamara Tillman Smathers, 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. 285. . . . . CWM RHONDDA
'God of Grace and God of Glory'
(Today is a fifth Sunday. These days are designated as 'Family Worship' days and all
children sit with their families. Children's Worship Education will return next Sunday.)

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
'How Shall I Sing to God?' . . . arr. Lloyd Larson
How shall I sing to God when life is filled with gladness,
loving and birth, wonder and worth?
I'll sing from the heart, thankfully receiving, joyful in believing.
This is my song, I'll sing it, sing it with love.
How shall I sing to God when life is filled with bleakness,
empty and chill, breaking my will?
I'll sing through my pain, angrily or aching, crying or complaining.
This is my song, I'll sing it, sing it with love.
How shall I sing and tell my Savior's story:
Passover bread, life from the dead?
I'll sing with my life, witnessing and giving, risking and forgiving.

Sermon . . . . . Rev. DuVall
'Give Us Understanding'

\*Hymn of Response No. 71. . . . . SLANE
'Be Thou My Vision'

\*Prayer of Stewardship. . . . . Jennie Cook, Deacon

Offertory . . . . . Joan Hill/Beverly Harris
'God Leads Us Along' . . . arr. John Innes

Meditation Text:
And dost Thou say, Ask what Thou wilt? Lord, I would seize the golden hour;
I pray to be released from guilt, and freed from sin and Satan's power.
More of Thy presence, Lord, impart, more of Thine image let me bear;
Erect thy throne within my heart, and reign without a rival there.
Grant these requests, I ask no more but to Thy care the rest resign;
Sick or in health, or rich or poor, all shall be well if Thou art mine.
—John Newton from 'If Solomon for Wisdom Prayed'

The Work of the Church . . . . . Keith A. Reaves

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

Recognition of Joan Hill for Twenty Years of Service

\*Pastoral Blessing

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn of Commissioning . . . . . DIADEMATA
Use me, O Lord, I pray, to shed your light sublime
to rich and poor to high and low of every race and clime.
Impart Your wisdom, Lord, shed light upon the way
at home, abroad, wherever Christ has yet to be proclaimed.

\*Postlude. . . . . Joan Hill
'Grand Choeur Dialogue' . . . Lani Smith

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.

Family Worship. Today is a fifth Sunday. These days are designated as "Family Worship" days and all children sit with their families. Children's Worship Education will return next Sunday

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