



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, August 12

- 8:30 a.m. Youth Committee Meeting - Conference Room
9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, August 13

- 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Lunch - Middle Eastern Café
5:30 p.m. Women's Small Group - Community Room

Wednesday, August 15

- Children & Youth Activities Begin
5:00 p.m. First Choice Dinner - Fellowship Hall
5:15 p.m. Adult Small Group Leadership Meeting - Dining Room
6:00 p.m. Church Conference
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite

Saturday, August 18

- 8:00 a.m. Gary Tillman Memorial Clock Tower 5K
12:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Checkup Session - Youth Room

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Stanley Self and Bill Self by Patricia Self and Family.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in memory of Frances Davis, by her Family.

WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY LUNCHEON: We will resume in September. In the meantime, and just for the fun of it, we will meet for lunch Monday, August 13 at 11:30 a.m. at the Middle Eastern Café on Broad Street. Anyone is welcome to join us that day. Feel free to park at the church and walk to the restaurant.

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: Youth, Children's Choirs and Missions will resume on Wednesday, August 15.

CHURCH CONFERENCE/BUDGET PRESENTATION: Wednesday, August 15 at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

FBC STUDENT CHECK-UP & LUNCHEON: All youth and parents please plan to join us for lunch after worship on August 19 as we dream about the future of Youth Ministry at FBC Rome. Even if you have a child who will be a Youth in the next year or so, we welcome your participation.

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A Service of Christian Worship

August 12, 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

Call to Worship ..... Sanctuary Choir

"Come to the Table"...arr. Joseph Martin
Come to the table, all who hunger, those who seek the Bread of Life.
Come to the table, all who are thirsty, those who are seeking living wine.
At the table, leave your burdens; lean upon the Savior's breast.
Come to the table, all who are weary, come and find your promised rest.

Come to the table, bring your troubles; lay them at the feet of Christ.
Come to the table, all who are needy; God Himself has paid the price.
To the table bring your sorrow; wipe each teardrop from your eye.
Come to the table, God is calling, All who come are satisfied.

Come to the table, all are welcome; Christ invites the world to dine.
Come to the table, Christian pilgrims, come and taste the bread and wine.
At the table there is plenty; every need will be supplied.
Come to the table, Christ is waiting, come and celebrate new life.

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Invocation..... Gwen Stephens

\*Hymn of Praise No. 595 ..... HUDSON
"At the Cross"

Call to Confession. . . .
When we feel hungry for more of something—even when we're not sure what that something is, we can remember that Jesus said,

"I am the Bread of Life. Come to me and never be hungry."

When we feel distracted by other means of fulfillment in the world, help us to remember that Jesus said,

"I am the Bread of Life. Come to me and never be hungry."

When we find ourselves feeling inadequate or incomplete in our daily lives, remind us that we fill ourselves up on Jesus' sustaining words,

"I am the Bread of Life. Come to me and never be hungry."

When we look around at friends and strangers, assessing how we measure up to others, help us to remember that we are enough and are satisfied by God's grace when we hear Jesus say,

**“I am the Bread of Life. Come to me and never be hungry.”**

When we worry that the satisfaction we have now may one day run out, let us rest in the truth and fullness of Jesus’ promise,

**“I am the Bread of Life. Come to me and never be hungry.”  
Amen.**

A Time for Silent Prayer and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness No. 33 (Stanza One)...CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.

\*Reading of Holy Scripture . . . . . John 6:35,41-51  
(The text may be found on page 1056 of the Bible in the pew racks.)  
Scott Smith, Deacon, reader  
Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

\*Gloria Patri (Hymn 704)

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.

Bible Presentation to New First Graders  
Addie Kate Cox, Arly DuVall, Julia Lumpkin, Titus Parsegian, Ben Sanker

Hymn of God’s Word No. 603 . . . . . CHINA  
“Jesus Loves Me”  
(Today has been designated as Family Worship Day. All children sit with their families. Nursery care is provided during worship for children aged four and younger. Children’s Worship Education will return next Sunday.)

Sermon . . . . . Rev. DuVall  
“The Bread of Life”

Preparation for Communion. . . . . Sanctuary Choir  
“Behold the Lamb”...arr. David Clydesdale  
Behold the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world.  
For sinners crucified, O holy sacrifice, behold the Lamb of God.  
Crown Him, worthy is the Lamb.  
Praise Him, Heaven and earth resound.  
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The Ordinance of the Lord’s Supper  
The Bread  
The Cup

\*Hymn of Response No. 466 . . . . . BEACH SPRING  
“Jesus, at Your Holy Table”

\*Prayer of Stewardship . . . . . Tamara Tillman Smathers

Offertory . . . . . Beverly Harris, piano  
“His Holy Name”...arr. Don Wyrzyn

Meditation Text:  
Jesus makes it clear that there is a real relationship between the hunger of the body and the hunger of the soul. The spiritual and the physical are each part of the divine concern and the divine plan. Jesus fed the hungry on the mountainside, but while he did not ignore or make light of their physical hunger, he did not stop when that had been satisfied; he went on to meet the hunger of their souls.  
—from *Sermons: Biblical Wisdom for Daily Living* by Peter J. Gomes

The Work of the Church. . . . . Rev. Smathers

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

Recognizing Students, Teachers, Administrators and Staff. . . . .John Uldrick  
Kristen Pope

Prayer of Blessing for the New School Year. . . . . Rev. DuVall, leader  
God, for our students who are beginning a new school year, we ask for Your guidance and for their safety in their daily walks through hallways, to the bus stops, and in the carpool lines.

**Bless these students as they sit in classrooms and learn, as they study for tests and projects, and as they fill their brains with new knowledge.**

For the teachers who will guide them, we pray their teaching will be effective and their classrooms be filled with an excitement to learn.

**Bless these teachers as they prepare lesson plans and grade papers and as they invest in the lives of dozens of children this school year.**

For the staff who will provide support to both teachers and students, we pray that they will find joy in their work, which is vital to the success of our schools but often goes unacknowledged.

**Bless the bus drivers, cafeteria workers, custodians, guidance counselors, nurses, therapists, administrators and the countless others who make quality education possible in our schools.**

For the families who will send their child off to school, whether to preschool or off to college, we pray that they can balance the demands of school and the needs of their families well. Help them to remember that education is important, but so is having fun.

**May our students, teachers, administrators and staffs know that they are a part of this family of faith, and that they are cared for, prayed for, and loved.**

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus, the greatest teacher who walked this earth. The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*The Doxology (Hymn 706)

\*Postlude. . . . . Joan Hill  
“Fanfare on an Original Theme”...Gilbert Martin

**Family Worship.** Today has been designated as Family Worship Day. All children sit with their families. Nursery care is provided during worship for children aged four and younger. Children’s Worship Education will return next Sunday

**Lord’s Supper.** As a part of the service today, we observe the ordinance of the Lord’s Supper. Today, the bread will be passed to the entire congregation and we will eat it together when the pastor indicates it is time. Next, the cup will be taken in the same way. The table set before us is not the property of our church; it is the Lord’s table. We invite all who call Jesus “Lord” to join us.

**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.)

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Matt DuVall, Pastor

Keith A. Reaves, Senior Associate/Minister of Worship

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Beverly Harris, Pianist Joan Hill, Organist