

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, August 19

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

8:30 a.m. Missions Committee Meeting - Dining Room

9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)

9:45 a.m. Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Check-Up Lunch - Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 20

10:30 a.m. Women’s Field Trip - LivingProof Recovery

1:00 p.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Conference Room

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

Deacons’ Meeting

5:30 p.m. Executive Committee

6:00 p.m. General Meeting

Wednesday, August 22

5:15 p.m. Adult Small Group Leadership Meeting - Dining Room

6:20 p.m. Adult Seminars Begin - Dining Room & Conference Room

Thursday, August 23

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 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ruland by Hal and Debbie Ruland, Judy and Dan Roebuck and Families.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Dempsey on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Marsha Dempsey.

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish a happy 100th birthday to Pauline Sullins! Her family invites you to a come-and-go birthday party for her this afternoon from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at PruittHealth, 2 Three Mile Road.

YOUTH MINISTRY CONVERSATION

All parents and youth join us at noon for a discussion led by Jamie Mackey of FBC Huntsville. Meet us in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is provided.

WOMEN’S FIELD TRIP

Tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. All women are invited on a field trip at LivingProof Recovery, one of our mission partners. Meet at LivingProof at 408 Shorter Avenue, and learn about supporting those in recovery. Let’s shower their new horticulture program with bags of potting soil. Contact Tamara Smathers for more information.

ADULT SEMINARS

Wednesday at 6:20 p.m. two new seminar series will begin:

- Matt DuVall will lead “Character(s) of Faith.” What can we learn about how to live our faith today through examining the lives of some of the great characters of scripture?
- Tamara Smathers will lead “Living Your Strengths: Discover Your God-given Talents”. Using the CliftonStrengths Assessment, you will identify and affirm your innate gifts. Registration is limited to 12 people. Please contact Tamara to register so she can prepare materials.



A Service of Christian Worship

August 19, 2018



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA

August 19, 201811:00 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
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”...arr. Paul Manz
(Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

Invocation.Matt DuVall

*Hymn of Praise No. 307 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Call to Confession. . . Molly Finnegan, solo
“More Than Anything”...Samuel Mizell/Becca Mizell

A Time for Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness. . . Sanctuary Choir
“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”...Joanne Brown-LeDoux
(The text to this anthem may be found in Stanza one of Hymn 19.)

*Reading of Holy Scripture. Psalm 111
Kristen Pope, leader

Leader: Praise the Lord! With all my heart I will thank the Lord when His people meet.

Congregation: The Lord has done many wonderful things.
Choir: His works are remembered by all who are pleased with them.

Leader: Everything the Lord does is glorious and majestic.
Congregation: His power to bring justice will never end.
Choir: The Lord is famous for His wonderful deeds.

Leader: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Congregation: He provides food for those who worship Him.
Choir: He always keeps His promises.

Leader: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them what had belonged to other nations.

Congregation: God is always honest and fair.
Choir: All of his laws can be trusted.

Leader: His laws are true and right and will stand forever.

Congregation: God rescued His people.
Choir: He will never break His agreement with them.

Leader: Holy and awesome is his name.
Congregation: Respect and obey the Lord! This is the first step to wisdom and good sense.

Choir: His praise lasts forever!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: 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 Praise No. 313.Linstead
“All You Works of God, Bless the Lord”
(Children kindergarten through second grade may depart for Children’s Worship.)

Morning Prayer (with The Lord’s Prayer) Tamara Tillman Smathers
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
“Fanfare with Alleluias”...Phillip M. Young
Alleluia! Give ear and raise your trumpets high,
Lift up your drooping hearts to praise;
For God still lives and ne’er shall die,
New strength He gives to face these days. Alleluia!

Lift up your voices without fear,
Strive for the peace that lives within;
For God’s true love is always near,
In spite of sorrow, shame and sin.

Alleluia! Lift high the cross before the world,
Make straight the path for wandering feet;
And wave the banners yet unfurled,
For men of God know not defeat. Alleluia!

Sermon Rev. DuVall
“Practicing Our Relationship”

*Hymn of Response No. 501. RESOLUTION
“I Am Resolved”

*Prayer of StewardshipJohn Uldrick

Offertory. Joan Hill
“Andante con moto”...Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Work of the Church.Rev. Uldrick

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

*Pastoral Blessing

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn of Commissioning REGENT SQUARE
Seeking to be faithful servants, doing mission in Christ’s way,
We turn to God’s living presence, one in Spirit as we pray.
One in Christ and one with neighbor in God’s world for this our day.

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*Postlude.Joan Hill
“Allegro Maestoso” from Organ Sonata 2... Felix Mendelssohn

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 loving forgiveness.

Children’s Worship

Children in kindergarten 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