



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, September 16
8:30 a.m. Adult Faith Development Committee - Conference Room
8:30 a.m. Missions Committee - Dining room
9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
9:00 a.m. Youth Choir - Choir Suite
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship/Baptism
1:30 p.m. Hymn Festival Rehearsal - Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Hymn Festival - Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting - Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups - Youth Room

Monday, September 17
9:30 a.m. Centering Prayer - Prayer Room
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
11:30 a.m. Art Council Meeting - Conference Room
1:00 p.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Conference Room
5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite
7:30 p.m. The Edge (High School Seniors), Fitzpatrick Home

Tuesday, September 18
6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study - MSP Law Office

Wednesday, September 19
4:00 p.m. New England Trip Meeting - Dining Room
5:00 p.m. First Choice Dinner - Fellowship Hall
5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs
Youth Gathering - Youth Room
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Youth Bible Study - Youth Room
6:20 p.m. Adult Choice Seminars - Dining Room & Community Room
6:30 p.m. Children on Mission
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite

Saturday, September 22
6:00 p.m. Foster Care Respite Night

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Julia Quigg Dodd on the occasion of her birthday by Judy and Gus Bell and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William L. Morris on the occasion of our wedding anniversary by Betty Zane Morris.

HYMN FESTIVAL
The choirs and congregations of First Baptist, First United Methodist and St. Peter's Episcopal will combine for a hymn festival today at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship with our friends from across the street and around the corner!

MISSION NEED
Once again we have a need for donated 100% cotton sheets for FBC's participation in the Ghana Bandage Project. Once a month, the Wednesday Night Children's groups will roll bandages, which are made from sheets, for the Baptist Medical Centre in Ghana, West Africa. These bandages are used as dressings in surgery and on the wards. Sheets can be turned in to the office at First Baptist.

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A Service of Christian Worship

September 16, 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 First Baptist Ringers/Joan Hill, organ
'Festive Fanfare on ASH GROVE' ...arr. Janet Linker/Jane McFadden
(Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

Welcome to Worship.Kristen Pope

*Hymn of Praise No. 445 CLEANSING FOUNTAIN
'There Is a Fountain'

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

Cate DuVall, Murray Ellington, Mary Blair Fuller,
Sarah Beth Gee, Callie Hunt, Sarah Kate Hunt

(The congregation will please respond with “Amen” following each baptism.)

Special Music. Kayla Harriott, Music Ministry Intern
“Honor, Honor”...Hall Johnson

Call to Confession

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. 600. . .PATRICIA

“O How He Loves You and Me”

*Reading of Holy Scripture Mark 8:27-38
(The text may be found on page 999 of the Bible in the pew racks.)

John Uldrick, 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 Commitment No. 491. FALLS CREEK
“Wherever He Leads I’ll Go”

(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
“Then Sings My Soul”...arr. Mary McDonald
(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 323.)

Sermon Rev. DuVall
“Giving Our Own Witness”

*Hymn of Response No. 497. ASSAM
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

*Prayer of Stewardship Carroll Peterson, Deacon

Offertory. First Baptist Ringers
“All Things Bright and Beautiful”... arr. Jane McFadden

Meditation Text:

To bear one's cross does not mean to deal with what life hands you but to take up what life hands another. There is great power in what faith and love can motivate. Two correspondents were in an area where the wounded of a battle were being treated. A nurse was dressing a soldier's wound. Recoiling, the correspondent looked at his companion and said, "I wouldn't do that for a million dollars." The nurse overheard and looked up with steady eyes, and said, "Neither would I." —Dr. Wiley Stephens

The Work of the Church Rev. DuVall

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
“Te Deum Laudamus”...Aloys Claussman

SING TOGETHER!

A Hymn Festival
featuring the congregations and choir from
First Baptist Church
First United Methodist Church
St. Peter’s Episcopal Church

Today at 3:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church Sanctuary

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