

A Thanksgiving Service

**First Baptist Church
Rome, Georgia**

**November 18, 2018
6:15 P.M.**

Prelude

(Use this time to list things on the attached sheet for which you are thankful.)

Invocation. Jason Sanker, Deacon Chair-Elect

Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 372 ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Special Music. Music Makers
Kay Bratton, Jennifer Kearns, Dianne Dobson, directors

Scripture Reading. 1 Timothy 4:4-5
Cole Landrum, reader

Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 379. ASH GROVE
"Let All Things Now Living"
(The thanksgiving forms will be collected during this hymn.)

Special Music. Reid Finnegan
"Give Thanks" . . . Henry Smith

Offertory Prayer Caroline Knight

Offertory

(The offering is designated for meals for our Hands of Christ families.)

Meditation Text:

In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich. It is very easy to overestimate the importance of our own achievements in comparison with what we owe others. –Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Expressions of Thanksgiving

Tamara Smathers, Kristen Pope, John Uldrick

*Hymn of Thanksgiving. “Count Your Blessings”

When upon life’s billows you are tempest-tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

Refrain:

Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God has done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your many blessings, see what God has done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will keep singing as the days go by.

So, amid the conflict whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey’s end.

Postlude

UPCOMING EVENTS

(See the church website and the Spire for additional details and deadlines.)

- Saturday, December 1** Cool Yule - 10 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 2** Christmas at First Baptist - 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 5** Younger Choirs Program - 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 12** Family Advent Event
- Thursday, December 13** Sr. Adult Christmas Luncheon - Noon
- Sunday, December 23** Silent Lord’s Supper - 5:00 until 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 24** Christmas Eve Service – 5:00 p.m.