

WELCOME

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:

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 10

- 9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 12:00 p.m. Children's Getting Ready Lunch & Learn - Room 210
 5:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups

Monday, March 11

- 9:30 a.m. Centering Prayer - Prayer Room
 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
 11:00 a.m. Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group - Community Room
 5:30 p.m. Women's Small Group - Conference Room
Deacons' Meeting
 5:30 p.m. Executive Meeting - Conference Room
 6:00 p.m. Dinner - Fellowship Hall
 6:30 p.m. General Meeting - Dining Room

Tuesday, March 12

- 12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - Dining Room

Wednesday, March 13

- 5:00 p.m. First Choice Dinner - Fellowship Hall
 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs
 Youth Gathering - Youth Room
 Women's Small Group - 3rd Floor Education Bldg.
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Fellowship Hall
 6:15 p.m. Youth Bible Study - Youth Room
 6:20 p.m. Adult Choice Seminar - Dining Room
 6:30 p.m. Children on Mission
 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Suite

Friday, March 15

- 4:30 p.m. Youth Depart for March Mission Madness - Alpharetta, GA

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hazel Hay Dowd and Willard C. Hay and Edward and Doris Dellinger Dowd by Lucy Hay Vick and Dub and Lyn Hay.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lovie Borchardt by Millie and Jay Matthews, Donna and Charles Cox and their Children.

"LENT AS RESISTANCE: SAYING NO TO THE CULTURE OF NOW"

Beginning Wednesday, March 13 at 6:20 p.m. in the Dining Room, led by Matt DuVall. In a culture that says we can have everything we want whenever we want, should Christians practice a different rhythm? What would a rhythm look like that not only gives us space for God in our lives, but also helps us to live in better and more balanced relationships with our self, with our loved ones and with the things in our lives? Let's discover that together.

- March 13 - Resistance to Distraction
 March 20 - Resistance to Want
 March 27 - Resistance to Coercion

- April 3 - Resistance to Exclusivism
 April 10 - Resistance to Multitasking
 April 17 - Resistance to Anxiety

TALENT SHOW AND SILENT AUCTION

Tickets are on sale for our Children's Ministry Talent Show & Silent Auction fundraiser on March 31 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each including dinner and a great show. They will be sold every Wednesday night and Sunday morning in March. Be sure to get your tickets and come out to support FBC kids!

HANDS OF CHRIST DAY - 2019 - BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We are encouraging members to register as a participant or help host, and spread the word! Feel free to register for BOTH if you would like to. To register as a participant, visit - <http://tinyurl.com/Bridges-Rome>
 To sign up to help host, visit - <https://hoc19bopoverty.eventbrite.com>

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First Baptist Church
Rome, Georgia
Lent 2019

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

March 10, 2019

11:00 a.m.

We welcome a larger congregation through Comcast Channel 44
and through the livestream over the church website.
To help maintain a spirit of worship, please silence cell phones.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude..... Joan Hill, organ
“Draw Us to You”...arr. Michael Burkhardt
(Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

Invocation John Uldrick

*Hymn of Praise No. 589..... CALVARY
“At Calvary”

Call to Confession “Yield Not to Temptation”

Yield not to temp - ta - tion, for yield - ing is sin;— Each vic - tory will help you
some oth - er to win;— He who is our Sav - ior, our strength will re - new;— Look ev - er to
Je - sus, He'll car - ry you through. Ask the Sav - ior to help you, com - fort, strenth - en, and
keep you; He is will - ing to aid you. He will car - ry you through...

A Time for Silent Confession of Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness. . .Nancy Ratcliffe, soprano
“When You Prayed Beneath the Trees”...arr. Lloyd Larson
Betty Holland, accompanist

*Reading of Holy Scripture. Exodus 20:1-3; Mark 12:30-31
(The texts may be found on pages 73 & 1005 of the Bible in the pew racks.)
Joe and Cheryl Burch, lay readers
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

*A Lenten Doxology
Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

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Hymn of Commitment No. 184ST. CHRISTOPHER
“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”
(Children kindergarten through second grade may depart for Children’s Worship.)

Morning Prayer (with The Lord’s Prayer).Kristen Pope
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. Amen.

Musical Offering. Sanctuary Choir
“Trust in the Lord”...Letha Cole Crouch
Gwen Stephens, conductor
(The text to this anthem is based on Proverbs 3:5-6.)
Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not upon your own understanding;
Trust Him with all your heart.
In every way, acknowledge God.
Fear the Lord and turn from evil. Honor the Lord with all you have.
Be not wise in your eyes, do not reject the discipline of God, for He loves you.

Sermon.Matt DuVall
“Resist Distraction”
*Hymn of Response No. 71SLANE
“Be Thou My Vision”

*Prayer of StewardshipGwen Stephens, leader
Holy God, we bring our tithes and offerings to your altar in gratitude and in full knowledge that we are not deserving of the many blessings you have poured into our lives.
May our act of giving be the proclamation of our hearts to all the world that we are so desperately in need of a savior; and in love, you provided Jesus. By your love alone, we boldly pray in Christ’s holy name. Amen.

Offertory. Beverly Harris
“The Old Rugged Cross”...arr. Mark Hayes
Meditation Text:
Jesus knew precisely what he was asking when He summarized what God expects of us. He knows our obligations, our limitations, our conflicts. Loving God and neighbor does not dismiss any of these realities. It puts them in perspective. Large or small, we must bring love to the tasks of today. As Mother Teresa reminds us: “It is not how much we do that is pleasing to God, but how much love we put into the doing.” — Rev. David Sellery

The Work of the Church.Rev. Uldrick

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

*Pastoral Blessing

*Passing of the Peace

*Commissioning Hymn No. 501 (Stanza Two). RESOLUTION
I am resolved to go to the Savior, leaving my sin and strife;
He is the true one, He is the just one, He has the words of life.
I will hasten to Him, hasten so glad and free.
Jesus, greatest, highest, I will come to Thee.

*Postlude.Joan Hill, organ
“Am I a Solider of the Cross”...arr. Robert J. Powell

What Is Lent?

Lent is a season of preparation leading up to Easter. It is the forty days plus the six Sundays before Easter. For centuries, it has been observed as a special time of self-examination and penitence. Throughout Lent, the worship services of the church take on a simpler tone, appropriate to the season. The word “Alleluia” is not used in the words of the readings or hymns. This practice, and others, help us to mark this season of renewal as a special time in the church year. This season can be a meaningful time of reconciliation with God.

Children’s Worship.

Children ages 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 bus parking lot on the far side of First Presbyterian Church.

Prayer Concerns

(Please place in offering plate or hand to a 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