

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 24

8:30 a.m. Missions Committee - 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. Food on the Fourth (College Ministry)

Monday, March 25

9:30 a.m. Centering Prayer - Prayer Room

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room

5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers

5:30 p.m. Women's Small Group - Conference Room

Tuesday, March 26

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

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

3:00 p.m. FBC Serves Meals and More - First United Methodist Church

Wednesday, March 27

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

5:00 p.m. First Choice Dinner - Fellowship Hall

5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs

Youth Hangout - Youth Room

Women's Small Group - 3rd Floor

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Clifton Strengths Session - 3rd Floor

6:15 p.m. Youth Bible Study - Youth Room

6:20 p.m. Adult Seminar - Dining Room

6:30 p.m. Children on Mission

6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Suite

Thursday, March 28

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

Friday, March 29

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Wydelle Clark on the occasion of her 99th birthday by Larry and Kathy Osborn and Family.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God through the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

FAITH TALKS

"The Healing Effects of Meditation Prayer" Sunday, March 31 at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Featuring Dr. Christy Berding.

TALENT SHOW AND SILENT AUCTION

Tickets are on sale for \$10 for our Children's Ministry Talent Show and Silent Auction fundraiser March 31 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets include dinner and a great show.

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!

To register as a participant: <http://tinyurl.com/Bridges-Rome>

To sign up to help host: <https://hoc19bopoverty.eventbrite.com>

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First Baptist Church
Rome, Georgia
Lent 2019

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

March 24, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Prelude..... Joan Hill, organ
"JERUSALEM" ...arr. Charles Callahan

Invocation..... Tamara Tillman Smathers

*Hymn of Praise No. 582..... .GLORY TO HIS NAME
"Down at the Cross"

A Covenant of Dedication for Charlotte Marie Pinson and her parents, Betsy and Matt Pinson

Life Verse: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit —Romans 15:13

Litany of Dedication

Pastor: Lord, you have blessed Betsy and Matt with the gift of a daughter. Today, we welcome Charlotte in the same spirit that You welcome us, Your children. We give thanks for all of our children and the joy they bring to our families.

Parents: We thank you, Lord, for the gift of Charlotte.

Pastor: I pray that you will draw upon all the resources of faith, love, and discipline to aid her on her journey through life. Life is a gift of God that is meant to be lived in an attitude of praise. Do you promise to raise her in an environment of faith and love?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Will you as family members freely give of yourselves to Charlotte, nurturing her and loving her in the special ways only you can supply?

Family: We will.

Pastor: Will this congregation recognize Charlotte as a gift from God? Will you pray for her as she grows in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and people? Will you pray for her parents, extended family and new church family as they surround Charlotte with the same love and grace that surrounds her today?

People: We will.

Congregational Prayer:

O God, we give You joyful thanks and praise for the beautiful gift of Charlotte's life. Bring her by grace to Your baptism, that Christ may dwell in her heart through faith. Give power to Charlotte and to us, that we may grasp the breadth and length, the height and depth, of Christ's love. Enable us to know this love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 No. 383 (Stanza One). . .McAFEE
"Near to the Heart of God"

*Reading of Holy Scripture.Deuteronomy 5:12-15
(The text may be found on page 177 of the Bible in the pew racks.)
Jennifer Bagby, Deacon, reader
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 Faith No. 504. NYLAND
"I Am Thine, O Lord"
(Children kindergarten through second grade may depart for Children's Worship.)

Morning Prayer (with The Lord's Prayer). John Uldrick

Musical Offering. Sanctuary Choir
"I Choose Love" ...Mark C. Miller
(Kara Truitt, Music Ministry Intern, soloist)

In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love.

In the midst of war, I choose peace.
In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,
I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.

When my world falls down, I will rise.
When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,
I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.

Sermon. Kristen Pope
"Resist Coercion"

*Hymn of Response No. 178 TOWNEND
"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

*Prayer of Stewardship Matt DuVall

Offertory. Joan Hill/Beverly Harris
"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" ...arr. Mary McDonald
(Please meditate on the text from the choral anthem.)

The Work of the Church. Rev. DuVall

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

*Commissioning Hymn No. 504 I AM THINE
"I Am Thine, O Lord" (Stanza Two)

*Postlude. Joan Hill, organ
"Postlude" ...Raymond H. Haan

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