

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 31

- 9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
Faith Talks - Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Children's Talent Show and Silent Auction

Monday, April 1

- 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, April 2

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

Wednesday, April 3

- 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, Education Building
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Fellowship Hall
Clifton Strengths Session - 3rd Floor, Education Building.
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, April 5

- Peru Mission Assignment
12:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting - Conference Room

Saturday, April 6

- 8:00 a.m. Bridges Out of Poverty - Fellowship Hall (*Childcare by Reservation*)

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ken Hill, by Joan Hill.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, James Henry Williams and Nell Gilreath Williams, on the occasion of their birthdays, by Kay Williams New and Pamela Williams Leonard.

WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Help meet the needs of the homeless and hungry by contributing to the monthly hunger offering, to be received at the close of worship. Our gifts support Meals and More, World Vision, and The CBF Global Missions Hunger Relief.

TALENT SHOW AND SILENT AUCTION

The Children's Ministry Talent Show and Silent Auction fundraiser is this evening from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$10 each including dinner and a great show, family maximum \$30. You can bid on auction items following worship today.

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.

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

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

THE GALLERY

In preparation for Easter, we are inviting art representing, "New Life." What does this theme mean to you? If you are willing to share your art (framed and ready to hang), please bring it to the church office by Friday, April 12.

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First Baptist Church
Rome, Georgia
Lent 2019

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

March 31, 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
"Be Still My Soul" ...arr. Eleanor Whitsett
(Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

Invocation..... Kristen Pope

*Hymn of Praise No. 595..... HUDSON
"At the Cross"

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. 600. . .PATRICIA
"O How He Loves You and Me"

*Reading of Holy Scripture. Isaiah 56:3-8
(The texts may be found on page 733 of the Bible in the pew racks.)
Scott Smith, 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 Petition ASSURANCE
"Welcoming God"
(Children kindergarten through second grade are invited to Children's Worship.)

Children are welcome, Christ said one day,
When the disciples just urged them away.
Children are welcome at Jesus' knee: God's own examples for ministry.
Welcoming God, You open the Way; Even the smallest worship and pray,
Singing with faith and serving you well, Your life to know and good news to tell.

Women are welcome, as are the men;
Through God's own Spirit, we're partners again.
Partners as prophets, ministers, too: No more divided — made one in You.
Welcoming God, You open the way; Those once divided join now to pray,
Serving at Table, preaching your Word, So that Your love for all will be heard.

So may we welcome into our pew All who in Jesus are being made new —
All those who seek Him, wanting to know, Wanting to love Him, wanting to grow.
Welcoming God, You stand at our door, As someone different, outcast or poor.
With longing eyes, Lord Jesus, You search.
May we all welcome You in your church.

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Morning Prayer (with The Lord's Prayer). Matt DuVall
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
"Nothing But the Blood of Jesus" ...arr. Craig Courtney
Samantha Lester, violin
(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 626.)

Sermon. Rev. DuVall
"Resist Exclusivism"

*Hymn of Response No. 440 GIFT OF LOVE
"Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire"

*Prayer of Stewardship Tamara Tillman Smathers

Offertory Beverly Harris/Samantha Lester
"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley/Were You There" ...arr. James M. Stephens
Meditation Text:
Inclusion works to the advantage of everyone. We all have things to learn and we all
have something to teach. - Helen Henderson

The Work of the Church. Rev. Smathers

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

*Commissioning Hymn. ASSURANCE
So may we welcome into our pew All who in Jesus are being made new —
All those who seek Him, wanting to know, Wanting to love Him, wanting to grow.
Welcoming God, You stand at our door, As someone different, outcast or poor.
With longing eyes, Lord Jesus, You search.
May we all welcome You in your church.

*Postlude. Joan Hill, organ
"Go With Us, Lord" ...arr. Paul Manz

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