

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, May 26

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, May 27

Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28

First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen
12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - Dining Room
3:00 p.m. Meals & More - First United Methodist Church

Wednesday, May 29

First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen
12:00 p.m. Prayers & Reflections - Chapel & Dining Room

Thursday May 30

First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen

Friday May 31

First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Payne by Mary Louise Payne, Kevin, Chad and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edd and Bea Richards by Sharon Baker.

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.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH THIS SUMMER

As you plan vacations and summer travel, please remember the option of setting up your church contributions as "automatic drafts" through your bank or through "Online Giving" on the church's website. If you need help learning how to do this, please feel free to contact the church office or your financial institution.

MID-WEEK PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

This year's series is entitled "Writing Our Way", and will include reflections delivered by published authors in our congregation. Mark your calendar for Wednesdays at noon in the Chapel followed by lunch for \$6.00 per person. No reservation necessary. We will not meet June 5.

May 29 - Miriam Peterson

June 19 - Otis Raybon

June 12 - Jennifer Collins

June 26 - Mac Eubanks

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is June 3-5 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., with lunch included. Children from birth to fourth grade are invited. Please pre-register through the church website.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Join us any day May 28-June 1 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. to make moon rocks, paint planets and turn our preschool hallway into outer space! Please let Kristen Pope or Karen Foss know when you plan to help so we can be ready for you.



**A Service of Christian Worship
May 26, 2019**



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA

May 26, 2019

11:00 a.m.

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

Chiming of the Hour

PreludeJoan Hill, organ
"Come, Labor On"arr. Lani Smith

Call to Worship. Keith A. Reaves

Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of remembrance.

We remember fallen soldiers, and the sacrifice they made for the sake of others.

Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of thanksgiving.

We thank God for brave women and men who have given their lives so that we may worship without fear.

Let us begin our time of worship with gratitude.

We thank God for these gifts of life and the blessings of freedom. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise No. 62. NATIONAL HYMN
"God of Our Fathers"

Call to Confession (James 5:15-16). Matt DuVall

The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

We pray for healing and for forgiveness.

A Time for Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness No. 74. BALM IN GILEAD
"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

*Reading of Holy Scripture. John 5:1-9
(The text may be found on page 1054 in the Bibles in the pew racks.)

Tamara Tillman Smathers, 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.

Special Music. Dianne Dobson
"Rise and Be Healed" Milton Bourgeois

Hymn of Testimony No. 570 TRUST IN JESUS
"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Morning Prayer for Healing. John Uldrick

We pray . . .

- for physical healing; we dare to ask for a miracle.
• for perseverance, for continuing to live fully for the Lord, even in sickness.
• for character, for being an example and encouragement to others, leading others to trust in the Lord.
• for others who have particular needs: family members, friends, or colleagues who are living with physical or mental illness or addiction.
• for hope for today, tomorrow, and forever.

Musical Offering. Sanctuary Choir

"Living Water of Life" David Lantz

Are you thirsty for the Master, for the God of all creation?

Come through Jesus to the Father, through the life sustaining vine.

Drink deeply from the living water of life; drink deeply.

Drink deeply from the endless water of life; drink deeply.

Like the waters of the Jordan, He will nourish and sustain us.

Come through Jesus to the Father, drink the life of love divine.

Like the woman at the well, we are human and with sin.

Come through Jesus to the Father, feel His quenching deep within.

Come through Jesus to the Father. Taste the water of all life.

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Sermon Rev. DuVall
"Jesus Says, "Do You Want to Be Made Well?"

*Hymn of Response No. 578. THE GREAT PHYSICIAN
"The Great Physician"

Prayer of Stewardship. Kristen Pope

Offertory. Joan Hill
"This Joyful Eastertide" arr. Michael Burkhardt

Meditation Text:

Interesting, isn't it, that the pool in this story from the Gospel of John is right in the shadow of the temple, right in the shadow of the church. How many people do you know, I mean really hurting people you know, who have left the temple, left the church for the pool? In John's story, the temple (institutionalized religion, the church) wanted nothing to do with the undeserving poor. So they went to the pool. So did Jesus. And that's where Jesus healed. Down by the poolside. —Homer Henderson

The Work of the Church. Rev. Pope

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

*Commissioning Hymn No. 574. MY TRIBUTE, abridged
"My Tribute"

To God be the glory, to God be the glory!

To God be the glory for the things He has done.

With His blood He has saved me, with His power he has raised me.

To God be the glory for the things He has done.

*Postlude. Joan Hill
"Fanfare on NICAEA" arr. Nancy Hill Cobb

Family Worship. Today is the last Sunday of the month. These days are designated as "Family Worship" days and all children sit with their families. Children's Worship Education will return next Sunday.

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 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