

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:

Sunday, October 27

8:30 a.m. Bible Study Teacher/Leader Training - Dining Room

9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)

 Youth Parent Panel - Youth Room

 Youth Choir - Choir Suite

9:45 a.m. Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups - Youth Room

Monday, October 28

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

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

5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Sanctuary

5:30 p.m. Women’s Small Group - Community Room

7:30 p.m. The Edge (HS Seniors Event) - Scott and Beth Smith’s Home

Tuesday, October 29

 FBC Serves Community Kitchen

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

5:30 p.m. Children’s Ministry Committee - Conference Room

Wednesday, October 30

 FBC Serves Community Kitchen

4:00 p.m. Properties Committee Meeting - Community Room

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

5:45 p.m. Children’s Activities

 Youth Gathering - Youth Room

 Women’s Small Group - 3rd Floor

 Young Women’s Bible Study - 3rd Floor

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

6:15 p.m. Youth Connection - Youth Room

6:30 p.m. Adult Choice Seminar

 Children on Mission

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

Thursday, October 31

 FBC Serves Community Kitchen

Friday, November 1

 FBC Serves Community Kitchen

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David T. Brown by Ann Brown Ryan and Children.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of George and Natalie Reynolds on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by the Reynolds Family.

WORLD HUNGER

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.

FALL BACK

Don’t forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday.

PROJECT ADVENT - SAVE THE DATE

Project Advent is a church-wide opportunity to prepare our hearts for the Advent season together November 17 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

THANKSGIVING DINNER & SERVICE

Join us November 24 at 5:00 p.m. for a Thanksgiving dinner and a special service at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Music will be provided by our younger children’s choirs.



Reformation Sunday

The legendary account tells us on October 31, 1517 the priest Martin Luther defiantly nailed his protest notice to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. These “95 Theses” were a list of abuses and errors that he understood were a corruption of the purpose and mission of the Church. In reality, the list was not really a defiant protest as much as it was a sincere call for the Church to begin addressing some of its problems that Luther felt had obscured the Gospel message.

Luther hoped that his *Theses* would be seen and discussed as a step toward renewal of the Church, so that people might know the truth about God’s forgiveness for their lives. The powerful passage from Romans 3:19-28 had fired his soul and he was so overflowing with joy after years of guilt and a need for forgiveness that he had to share the truth with all that he could. Little did he know the enormous impact on the world that his one simple act would have. His willingness to stand up to pope and emperor in the name of the Gospel of Christ changed the face of history, and the face and direction of the entire Christian Church.

Today we do not celebrate division. Rather we celebrate the movement of the Holy Spirit in our Church and our hearts that brings us newness and renewal, both in our personal lives and in the life of the Church.

A Service of Christian Worship

October 27, 2019



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

ROME, GEORGIA

October 27, 2019

11:00 a.m.

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

Chiming of the Hour

PreludeFirst Baptist Ringers
“When Morning Gilds the Skies”...arr. D. Linda McKechnie
(Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

Invocation.Tamara Tillman Smathers

*Hymn of Praise No. 58 ST. DENIO
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
Stanza 1: All Stanza 2: Men Stanza 3: Women Stanza 4: All

A Covenant of Dedication for Harrison Sims Stone

and his parents, Ryals and Lauren Stone

Litany of Dedication

Pastor: Lord, You have blessed Ryals and Lauren with the gift of children.
Today, we welcome Harrison in the same spirit 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 Harrison.

Pastor: I pray that you will draw upon all the resources of faith, love, and discipline to aid him on his 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 Harrison in an environment of faith and love?

Parents: We do.

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

Family: We will.

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

People: We will.

Congregational Prayer:

O God, we give you joyful thanks and praise for the beautiful gift of Harrison’s life. Bring him by Your grace to baptism, that Christ may dwell in his heart through faith. Give power to Harrison 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

Let us put aside our good works and remember that we all sin and fall short of the glory of God.

A Time for Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness No. 178...TOWNEND
“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

*Reading of Holy Scripture.2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
(The text may be found on page 1172 in the Bibles in the pew racks.)
Bill Kerestes, Deacon, reader
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri (Hymn 704)

Morning Prayer (with The Lord’s Prayer) John Uldrick
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
“God Almighty Is” ...Mary McDonald
(This anthem is given by Jack Stone to honor his brother, Harrison Sims Stone, and their grandparents, Rick and Beth Muller and William Stone, and in memory of John and Sally Mabbett.)
He is the Light that shines among us; He is the one who guides our way.
Ever near us, ever with us now and always.
He’s the courage in our battle; He’s the strength when ours is gone.
He is near us, He is with us, He will lead us on!
Holy, holy God Almighty! He who was and is to come.
He is power and the glory, God Almighty is!
Our Creator, Master, Savior, God, the Father, Sprit, Son.
He’s the Alpha and Omega, the Almighty One!

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Sermon Rev. DuVall
“Grace and Peace”

*Hymn of Response No. 263.WEBB
“To Worship, Work and Witness”

*Prayer of Stewardship Kristen Pope

Offertory. . . .Beverly Harris/Joan Hill/First Baptist Ringers/Sanctuary Choir
“A Mighty Fortress”...arr. Joel Raney

The Work of the ChurchRev. Pope

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

*Commissioning Hymn.NETTLETON
Go we now to be God’s people, go we now our faith to live.
Help us learn from one another faith to keep, a faith to give.
Go we now on life’s great journey, go we now, but not alone.
With God’s people, by God’s Spirit, faith leads forward, faith leads on.

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*Postlude.Joan Hill
“Thine is the Glory”...arr. Raymond Herbek

Family Worship

The final Sunday of each month is designated as “Family Worship Day” and all children sit with their families. Children’s Worship Education will return next Sunday. Nursery care is available for children aged four and younger.

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 city 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