

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, January 26

- 8:30 a.m. Bible Study Teacher Training - Dining Room
- 9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
Youth Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. High School Senior Mission Immersion Trip Meeting - Youth Room
Food on the Fourth (College Ministry)
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups - Host Homes

Monday, January 27

- 9:30 a.m. Centering Prayer
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
- 5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite
- 5:30 p.m. Women's Small Group - Community Room

Tuesday, January 28

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - Dining Room
- 3:00 p.m. Meals and More - First United Methodist Church
- 5:00 p.m. Weekday Preschool Committee Meeting - Conference Room

Wednesday, January 29

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen
- 5:00 p.m. First Choice Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs
Youth Hangout - Youth Room
Choir Ladies Small Group - Room 305
Younger Women's Bible Study - Room 300
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Wednesday's Connection - Youth Room
- 6:20 p.m. CoMission Panel Discussion - Dining Room
- 6:30 p.m. Children on Mission
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite

Thursday, January 30

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen
- 6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty - Community Room

Friday, January 31

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen
- 4:30 p.m. Prepare for Youth BBQ

Saturday, February 1

- 3:00 p.m. Youth BBQ Sale Pickup (until 5:00 p.m.)

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of J. L. and Doris Todd and on the occasion of Doris's birthday by Randy, Amy and Lori Land and their loving grandsons.

YOUTH BARBEQUE PICKUP DAY

Order pickup with ticket is Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, March 1, after worship.

Mission Opportunities Lunch and Forum. We will provide lunch, a brief program and an opportunity to connect with ALL our local partners!

CoMission

A New Way to Serve

A Worship Series

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

January 26, 2020

11:00 a.m.

To help maintain a spirit of worship, please silence phones.

We welcome other worshippers through Comcast Channel 44 and the livestream over our website.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude. Joan Hill
"I Will Sing My Maker's Praise" ...arr. Michael Burkhardt

Invocation. Tamara Tillman Smathers

*Hymn of Praise No. 339. CORONATION
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

The Covenant of Church Members. Matt DuVall, leader
Led by the Spirit of God to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and having entered into the fellowship of the Spirit through His Church,

We, the members of the Church, prayerfully make this covenant with one another and with our Heavenly Father.

We respect all faith traditions, but we shall cherish our heritage as Baptist Christians.

We shall hold dear the principles of soul competency, the priesthood of all believers, the autonomy of the local Church, and the Bible as our trusted and authoritative guide in matters of faith and practice.

As a group of gathered believers, we understand ourselves to be a part of a family of faith.

Therefore, we shall love, forgive, admonish, encourage, serve, and pray for one another - always in the spirit of being sisters and brothers in Christ.

Jesus Christ shall be our model for living.

We recognize that none of us shall ever attain His perfection; yet, we shall always strive to grow in likeness of Him. His heart shall be our guide for the way we minister, organize ourselves, conduct our business, and treat others.

We believe that the Church is the body of Christ on earth; therefore, we are the hands of Christ.

Knowing this about ourselves, we shall be satisfied with nothing less than being leaders in Christian service. We can only accomplish this goal by serving more.

Our Master is our example. We know that we serve Christ Himself when we minister to the least, the last, the lost, and the overlooked.

We believe that, on our own, we are not strong enough, wise enough, nor good enough to accomplish our mission as a Church. Therefore, we trust in God’s strength, God’s wisdom, and God’s righteousness to empower us. Only through prayer do we accomplish our mission as a Church.

The Ordinance of Believer’s Baptism

Hudson Hoyt, candidate

(The congregation will please respond with “Amen” following the baptism.)

A Call to Confession No. 3. . .SANTO, SANTO, SANTO

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

(English/Spanish/English)

A Time for Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

God has called us to bring good news and liberation to the poor, to the marginalized, and to all who are in need.

The Spirit of God is upon us.

God's joy is our strength. Through God we can do all things.

God's Spirit surrounds us with forgiveness and love. Amen.

*Reading of Holy Scripture Luke 4:14-21

(This scripture may be found on page 1018 of the Bible in the pew racks.)

Joanne Owens, 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.

CoMission Testimony Dr. Luis Campos, Operación San Andrés

Hymn of Missions TO GOD BE THE GLORY

“Sing Out! Sound the Trumpets! Proclaim Jubilee!”

Sing out! Sound the trumpets! Proclaim jubilee!

Through words from Isaiah, we came to be free;
For blest by the Spirit, Christ read from that scroll,
Proclaiming His mission: To make our lives whole.

Refrain:

Hear the word! Sing it out! It's good news to the poor!

Christ has come! Let us shout! We are captive no more!

Lost sight is restored, and God's world is set free:

Christ came to our world to proclaim jubilee.

But still, women struggle for lives free and fair,
And children are hungry, and loved ones despair.
Still, those long-oppressed or in prisons of fear
Are longing to call this their jubilee year.

Refrain

O God, through Your Christ You knelt down to the earth,

And by Your own Spirit, You give us new birth.

May we as Your church have a passion to share

Your jubilee love with the world everywhere.

Refrain

Morning Prayer *(with The Lord’s Prayer)* John Uldrick

Musical Offering. Sanctuary Choir

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” ...arr. Robert Sterling

(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 319.)

Sermon Rev. DuVall

“We Will Look for God Here”

*Hymn of Response No. 649 IN BABILONE

“Christ , You Call Us All to Service”

Prayer of Stewardship Kristen Pope

Offertory Joan Hill/Beverly Harris

“God of Grace and God of Glory” ...arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Meditation Text:

I wonder if our believing we know Jesus well leads us not to truly hear him at all -- not to deeply comprehend who he was and who he came for. I wonder if as we hear Jesus reading in the synagogue if we forget to hear his words as our call as well. Does our familiarity with Jesus stifle our imaginations? Does our long acquaintance make us less sensitive to the radical nature of what he calls us to now? Are we, in some ways, like his first listeners? —Dr. Janet Hunt

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

*Commissioning Hymn



To - ge - ther, we serve, u - ni - ted by love, The ones who are lone - ly and



those who need care. God gives us a lamp, a light for our



feet, with hands quick to serve and hearts rea - dy to dare.

*Postlude. Joan Hill

“Postlude” ...Jeff Perks

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. Nursery care is available for children four and under. Children’s Worship 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