

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 4

8:00 a.m. COVID-19 Task Force—Zoom
9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
9:45 a.m. Zoom Bible Studies
Contact Tamara Smathers or John Uldrick for class links.
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, October 5

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Monday Night Women's Bible Study — Community Room

Wednesday, October 7

4:45-6:15 p.m. Dinner Curbside Pickup - Community Room Parking Lot
6:00 p.m. FBC Kids Connect

Birth-1st Grade 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Drop off at Playground entrance to Preschool Hall
Pick up at same spot

2nd-6th Grade 6 p.m.-7:15 p.m.

Drop off at Courtyard Entrance to Fellowship Hall
Pick up at same spot

Youth Wednesday Connection

Enter through the Ball Court

Prayer Meeting /Adult Bible Study—Chapel/Zoom

Limited seating; get Zoom link from Matt Duvall

Book Discussion for Adults—Choir Room/Zoom

Dr. Coleman Fannin, teacher; contact Tamara for Zoom link

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ernest, Doris and John Rudert by the Edward Rudert Family and the Bob Rudert Family.



World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2020

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 and Facebook.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude ...Joan Hill, organ
'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name'...arr. Anthony Giamanco

Welcome to Worship ...Tamara Tillman Smathers

*Hymn of Praise No. 186. ...HAMBURG
'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen!

Call to Confession ...Gwen Stephens, leader
We are tempted to pray stones into bread, but Jesus said, 'One does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'
We confess our need for forgiveness and this spiritual bread. Amen.

A Time for Silent Confession of Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Jesus said, 'This is my body, given for you, Take, eat!' You are forgiven.
Amen.

A Time of Preparation. ...Maggie Inman, solo
'Come, Share the Lord'...Bryan Jeffery Leech

The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper
The Bread
The Cup

Together We Connect. Sam and Nancy Ratcliffe

*Reading of Holy Scripture. Philippians 3:4b-14 (NIV)

^{4b} If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in^[a] Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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.

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.

Hymn of Testimony No. 590 SOLID ROCK

“The Solid Rock”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hid His face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
 in ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

Sermon Matt DuVall
 “Losing in Order to Gain”

*Hymn of Response No. 641 HIGHER GROUND
 “Higher Ground”

I’m pressing on the upward way, New heights I’m gaining every day;
 Still praying as I’m onward bound, “Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.”

Refrain:
Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on Heaven’s tableland,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

I want to live above the world, Though Satan’s darts at me are hurled;
 For faith has caught the joyful sound, The song of saints on higher ground.

Refrain

I want to scale the utmost height And catch a gleam of glory bright;
 But still I’ll pray till heav’n I’ve found,
 “Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.”

Refrain

Prayer of Stewardship. Kristen Pope

Offertory Joan Hill

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”...arr. Stephen Burtonwood

Meditation Text:

Pressing on with Jesus is the only way to be right with God. That's the whole point. Pressing on with a God that is beyond our asking or imagining. A God who came among us gently, lived wonderfully, taught truthfully, died violently, was risen triumphantly, empowers generously and remains our companion steadfastly. No words can contain it. No effort can attain it. Shame on us if we constrain it. The best thing is to proclaim it. That's the whole point.

—The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright

The Work of the Church. Rev. Pope

Benediction

Commissioning Hymn No. 514 HOLY MANNA

“Christians, Let Us Go and Serve Him”

Christians, let us go and serve Him,
 serve the One who gives us life.
 Let us serve in love and power,
 in the name of Jesus Christ.
 Serve in love and serve in wisdom,
 reaching all we know and see.
 Christians, let us go and serve Him,
 now and through eternity!

Dismissal

(After the hymn please exit the sanctuary through the narthex one row at a time,
 beginning with the back row and working to the front.)

Postlude. Keith Reaves

“Higher Ground” . . . arr. Donna Williams

Worship Reminders

For those worshipping in the church building:

- Masks must be worn at all times.
- Please keep a social distance inside and outside the church building.
- For emergencies, restrooms are available in the narthex or by taking the stairs in the narthex to the Fellowship Hall.
- An offering will be received at the end of the service. Please bring your offering to the end of your pew and place it in the offering plate as the usher passes your pew.
- Listening devices are available for those who have hearing difficulties. See an usher for details.

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.

Prayer Concerns

(Please place in offering plate or hand to an usher or minister.)



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