

Assurance of Forgiveness. . . . . Choral Ensemble  
 Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;  
 Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.  
 God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way.  
 He will take care of you! God will take care of you!

Together We Connect. . . . . Robert, Nancy, West and Wills Hortman

\*Reading of Holy Scripture. . . . . Exodus 16:2-15 (NRSV)

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

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.

Special Music . . . . . Keith A. Reaves  
 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" ...arr. Keith A. Reaves

Sermon . . . . . Rev. DuVall  
 "The Lord Will Provide"

\*Hymn of Response No. 33 . . . . . "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"  
 Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
 I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
 hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
 feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing stream doth flow.  
 Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
 lead me all my journey through.  
 Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield,  
 be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
 Bear me through the swelling current,  
 land me safe on Canaan's side.  
 Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever sing to Thee,  
 I will ever sing to Thee.

Prayer of Stewardship. . . . . Kristen Pope

Offertory . . . . . Joan Hill  
 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" ...arr. Charles Callahan

Meditation Text:  
 As the Israelites move into their wilderness journey God has found new ways to provide for them. The manna supplied to the Israelites may offer hope to people today that God can and does provide in new and fitting ways in changed and uncharted conditions. —Elna K. Solvang

The Work of the Church. . . . . Rev. Pope

Pastoral Blessing

Commissioning Hymn No. 556 . . . . . "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"  
 On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye  
 To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.  
 I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land.  
 O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.

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.)

**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.

**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.)



- 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

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, September 20

- 8:30 a.m. Missions Committee—Dining Room/Zoom
Adult Faith Development Committee —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, September 21

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

Wednesday, September 23

- 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

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Claborn and Ann Bradfield on the occasion of their wedding anniversary, by their Children and Grandchildren.

NEW WEDNESDAY STUDY FOR ADULTS

A discussion group begins Wednesday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m. Join Dr. Coleman Fannin in a discussion from You Are What You Love, written by James K. A. Smith. Contact Tamara Smathers to register. Books are available for \$10. This group will offer an "in person" and "virtual" options.

Community Kitchen Volunteers Needed

September 28 - October 2 is FBC Rome's week for serving at the Community Kitchen. Volunteer teams continue to prepare food on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and are serving meals to go. Because many of our regular volunteers are unavailable, we need your help! To serve, please email, text, or call John at juldrick@fbcrome.org or 706-766-0430.

Habitat Build Volunteers Needed

The FBC build is moving along well, but many hands make light work! Work has turned inside and will keep more folks busy each Saturday and Wednesday. Our next work day is September 26. If you have interest or questions about how you can support this IMPORTANT mission connection, contact Bob Hortman at (rphdmd@aol.com) to be put on the work crew. Please do not just show up.



September 20, 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 Things Bright and Beautiful"...arr. Al Travis

Welcome to Worship ... Matt DuVall

Bless the Lord at all times.
May God's praise be continually in my mouth.
Magnify the Lord with me.
Let us exalt the name of the Lord together.
Seek the Lord and be filled.
For those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
Happy are those who take refuge in God.
We will rejoice and be glad!

\*Hymn of Praise No. 296 ... "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him;
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior, tell them that He will be found;
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too;
Let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things new.
Then He'll call us home to Heaven, at His table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

Call to Confession ... Tamara Tillman Smathers

In the midst of the desert heat, God heard the cries of the people.
Help us, Lord.

Manna was given and water gushed forth from a rock.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

In the midst of the deserts of fear and frustration, God will provide for our needs.

Lord, come to us and heal us. Hear our prayers.