

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)
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\_\_\_ 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 27
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 28
5:30 p.m. Monday Night Women's Bible Study — Community Room

Wednesday, September 30
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 worship are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Quinette Harbin, by Buford Harbin and Family.

World Hunger Offering
Help meet the needs of the homeless and hungry by contributing to the monthly hunger offering. Our gifts support Meals and More, World Vision, and The CBF Global Missions Hunger Relief.

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.

World Communion Sunday
Next Sunday, October 4, is World Communion Sunday. Please prepare your elements before worship, if you are worshipping from home.

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Phone: 706.291.6850 Website: www.fbcrome.org



September 27, 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; Keith Reaves, piano
"Lift High the Cross" ...arr. Joel Raney

Welcome to Worship . . . . . Gwen Stephens

\*Hymn of Praise No. 215 . . . . . DARWALL
"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules both earth and Heav'n,
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come,
And take His servants up To their eternal home;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Call to Confession . . . . . Matt DuVall, leader
Merciful God, give us the same attitude as Jesus, who emptied Himself and was obedient to you all the way to His death on the cross.

Make us eager to put others before ourselves, and their needs before our own.
Lord, hear our prayers and help us to daily profess You as Lord.

A Time for Silent Confession of Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness. . . . . Kay Bratton
"He is Lord" ...arr. Tom Fettke

Together We Connect. . . Steve, Nicki, Campbell, Sarah Kate and Callie Hunt

\*Reading of Holy Scripture . . . . . Philippians 2:1-13 (The Message)

1-4 If you’ve gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if His love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care— then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don’t push your way to the front; don’t sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don’t be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

5-8 Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of Himself. He had equal status with God but didn’t think so much of Himself that He had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, He set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, He stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn’t claim special privileges. Instead, He lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.

9-11 Because of that obedience, God lifted Him high and honored Him far beyond anyone or anything, ever, so that all created beings in heaven and on earth—even those long ago dead and buried—will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ, and call out in praise that He is the Master of all, to the glorious honor of God the Father.

12-13 What I’m getting at, friends, is that you should simply keep on doing what you’ve done from the beginning. When I was living among you, you lived in responsive obedience. Now that I’m separated from you, keep it up. Better yet, redouble your efforts. Be energetic in your life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God. That energy is God’s energy, an energy deep within you, God Himself willing and working at what will give Him the most pleasure.

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) . . . . .Kristen Pope

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 Unity No. 272. . . . . ST. BRENDAN’S

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Refrain:

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
And we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride. (Refrain)

Sermon . . . . .Rev. DuVall  
“Regard Others Better”

\*Hymn of Response No. 278 . . . . . “We Are Travelers on a Journey”

We are travelers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold the Christlight for you in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.  
Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we’ve seen this journey through.  
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we’ve known together of Christ’s love and agony.

Prayer of Stewardship. . . . .John Uldrick

Offertory . . . . . Joan Hill  
“More Love to Thee, O Christ”...arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Meditation Text:

There’s a lot we don’t know about Christ. But one thing we know for sure is that He brought people together. He begins His ministry by assembling twelve disciples, people who had nothing in common with one another except that Christ had called them to walk with Him. Jesus got into trouble for uniting despairing sinners and presumptuous saints. He saves us by assembling us, by putting us in a group, by teaching us to call those whom the world regard as strangers or enemies as "sister," "brother." Anybody who says, "Love one another...bless those who persecute you...pray for your enemies" has got to be somebody prejudiced toward unity, reconciliation, union, communion, and community. —Will Willimon

The Work of the Church. . . . . Rev. Uldrick

Pastoral Blessing

Commissioning Hymn . . . . . “He Is Lord”

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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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. . . . . Joan Hill/Keith Reaves  
“Lift High the Cross” . . . arr. Joel Raney

**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.)

Matt DuVall, Pastor

Keith A. Reaves  
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