

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, November 1

8:00 a.m. COVID Task Force Meeting - 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
4:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Together We, Connect - Dining Room/Zoom

Monday, November 2

5:30 p.m. Women's Small Group - Zoom

Wednesday, November 4

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

Churns Bible Study - Zoom

7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Trixie and Dee Couch by Patsy and Jere Drummond.

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS

The ways in which we have served the greater Rome community at Christmas have changed through the years. What began as the Angel Tree Gift ministry became an annual Hands of Christ Christmas breakfast event, and we now look forward to serving our community in a new way. Goal Two of our "Together, We Serve" emphasis reads, "Build mutually transformative relationships and partnerships with those who live in our local community," and that is what we wish to do through our Hands of Christ Christmas emphasis in 2020. Many of you have authentic relationships with families who have needs that are unmet. Our goal is to learn about those families and their needs, including adults and children, and then leverage and combine our individual resources to support them at Christmas and throughout the year. This may include clothing, toys, transportation, education, housing, recovery, healthcare, counseling and many other things. We are following a God-sized dream, and we hope you will make plans to join us. More details will be coming soon! Anyone with questions or an interest in being a part of the planning team may contact Kate Barron, Jennifer Uldrick, Amy Cox or John Uldrick.

IT'S OK NOT TO BE OK

November 15 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, we will have an opportunity for parents called "It's Ok Not To Be Ok: A Conversation on Mental Health." This will be co- led by Carley Price, LPC and Kathryn Palmer, LPC. Sign up to participate in-person by emailing Karen Garrett at kgarrett@fbcrome.org. Virtual participation is also an option. Contact Matt DuVall with questions and encourage others to participate.



ALL SAINTS DAY

November 1, 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
"Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"...arr. Richard Elliott

Invocation. ....Gwen Stephens

\*Hymns of Heaven

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing His mercy and His grace.
In the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place.

When we all get to heaven What a day of rejoicing that will be
When we all see Jesus We'll sing and shout the victory!

Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day.
Just one glimpse of Him in glory will the toils of life repay. (Refrain)

There's a land that is fairer than day, and by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way to prepare us a dwelling place there.
In the sweet by and by, We shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet by and by, We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

When the roll is called up yonder, When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder, When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;
Then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. (Refrain)

\*A Litany for All Saints Day. ....Matt DuVall, leader

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Lydia:

Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

We remember the ministers and teachers who have taught us Your way:

**Teachers of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

**Family of our faith, we remember you.**

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon:

**Those close in our heart, we remember you.**

We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with You forever. As we read these names, we will pause after every name to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life.

**In Memoriam**

Catherine Aaron	Ouida Dickey	Marion Richards
Madeline Austin	Joel Fletcher	Doris Schmick
John Burch	Margaret Flowers	Patricia Seymour
Jean Camp	Joyce Hollingsworth	Dewey Stevens, Jr.
Beverly Chandler	Burnese Harper	Ann Tison
Mae Dell Clark	Jo Anne Locklear	Mike Twente
Wydelle Clark	Martin McElyea	Orene Wells
Carolyn Cordle	Beverly Pearson	Clint Yates

**Tolling of the Church Bell**

*The church bell, first cast and used in 1855, will be rung in memory of each member. One final toll will memorialize family and friends who were not church members, but who are still missed and loved.*

Special Music. . . . . Keith Reaves  
 "What Do I Know"...Sara Groves

Together, We Connect. . . . . Nina Lovel

\*Reading of Holy Scripture. . . . . Psalm 107:1-7; 33-37 (NIV)

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.  
<sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story— those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,  
<sup>3</sup> those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.  
<sup>4</sup> Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle.  
<sup>5</sup> They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.  
<sup>6</sup> Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.  
<sup>7</sup> He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle.  
<sup>33</sup> He turned rivers into a desert, flowing springs into thirsty ground,  
<sup>34</sup> and fruitful land into a salt waste, because of the wickedness of those who lived there.  
<sup>35</sup> He turned the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into flowing springs;  
<sup>36</sup> there he brought the hungry to live, and they founded a city where they could settle.  
<sup>37</sup> They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest;

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.

Sermon . . . . . Rev. DuVall  
 "Finding the Way"

\*Hymn of Response No. 494. . . . . LANGLEY  
 "Take My Life, Lead Me Lord"

Take my life, lead me, Lord, Take my life, lead me, Lord,  
 Make my life useful to Thee. (Repeat)

Take my life, teach me, Lord, Take my life, teach me, Lord,  
 Make my life useful to Thee. (Repeat)

Here am I, send me, Lord, Here am I, send me, Lord,  
 Make my life useful to Thee.

Prayer of Stewardship . . . . . Bryon Schirner, Youth Ministry Intern

Offertory. . . . . Joan Hill/Beverly Harris  
 "How Firm a Foundation"...arr. Marilyn Ham/Kenneth Varner

Meditation Text:  
 To be a saint is to be sanctified;  
 set apart for a sacred purpose.  
 That would be you.  
 Every breath of your life is for a sacred purpose:  
 to shed light, to radiate God's love.  
 You don't have to be influential, or pious, virtuous or pure.  
 You have to be yourself.  
 The You of you is what God has made holy.  
 You are God's Beloved.  
 All you have to do is act like it.  
 Everything you do today is an opportunity to embody God's love,  
 not by your effort or skill,  
 but by the love you embody.  
 The light of God is in you.  
 Be transparent to it.

—Steve Garnaas-Holmes in *Unfolding Light*

The Work of the Church. . . . . Rev. Reaves

Pastoral Blessing

Commissioning Hymn. . . . . "I'll Fly Away"

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away  
 to a land where joys shall never end. I'll fly away.  
 I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.  
 When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away!

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  
 "Day of Peace"... arr. Charles Callahan

**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  
 Senior Associate/Minister of Worship

Tamara Tillman Smathers  
 Minister of Education/Administration

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 Minister to Students and Missions

Kristen Pope, Minister of Faith Development

Gwen Stephens, Ministry Assistant

Beverly Harris, Pianist      Joan Hill, Organist