

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 11

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 12

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Chapel
11:30 a.m. Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group - Zoom
5:30 p.m. Monday Night Women's Bible Study - Community Room
Deacons Meeting
6:30 p.m. Executive Committee - Zoom
7:00 p.m. General Meeting - Zoom

Wednesday, October 13

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 Jo and William Huffman, by their Family.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study has resumed on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. With cooler weather, we have moved indoors and are meeting in the Chapel with distancing, masks and temperature checks required. Please use the Community Room entrance.

RUBLE-WITHWORTH MISSION GROUP

The Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group will be meeting again on Monday, October 12 at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom. Our program will be led by Sam Harrell, Associate Coordinator of Global Missions for Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Join by using the zoom link. Contact Merrill Davies for more information.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82704753937
Meeting ID: 827 0475 3937



October 11, 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 / Beverly Harris
'Great Is Thy Faithfulness'...arr. Joel Raney

Welcome to Worship ... Matt DuVall
Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice!
Today we choose to rejoice. Today we choose to worship and give thanks.

Seek the peace of God that will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Today we choose God's peace; today we place our trust in God.
Turn your hearts away from the distractions and disappointments of life that will always flow in and flow out like the tide. Set your affections on things above and worship the Lord who loves you and cares for you.
We come to worship God who alone is excellent and worthy of praise!

\*Hymn of Praise No. 7. ...JUDSON
'Worthy of Worship'
Worthy of worship, worthy of praise, Worthy of honor and glory;
Worthy of all the glad songs we sing, Worthy of all the offerings we bring.

Refrain
You are worthy, Father, Creator. You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful; Worthy of worship and praise.

Worthy of rev'rence, worthy of fear, Worthy of love and devotion;
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees, Worthy of all this and added to these.
Refrain

Almighty Father, Master and Lord, King of all kings and Redeemer,
Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend, Savior and Source of our life without end.
Refrain

Call to Confession ... Gwen Stephens, leader
Do not worry; the Lord is near. God hears our prayers with compassion and with abundant, steadfast love.
Rejoice, for in the name of Jesus Christ, we can find forgiveness!

Assurance of Forgiveness No. 640 . . . . .SHOWALTER  
 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”  
 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
 what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain*  
*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;*  
*leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
 I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
*[Refrain]*

Together We Connect . . . . .Lee, Mary, Lee and Davis Donahue

\*Reading of Holy Scripture. . . . . Philippians 4:1-9 (NIV)

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

<sup>2</sup> I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

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). . . . . Tamara Tillman Smathers  
 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.

Musical Offering . . . . .Choral Ensemble  
 “In Deepest Night” ...arr. Mark Edwards  
 In deepest night, in darkest days,  
 when harps are hung, no songs we raise,  
 when silence must suffice as praise,  
 yet sounding in us quietly  
 there is the song of God.

When friend was lost, when love deceived,  
 dear Jesus wept, God was bereaved;  
 so with us in our grief God grieves,  
 and round about us mournfully  
 there are the tears of God.

When through the waters winds our path,  
 around us pain, around us death:  
 Deep calls to deep, a saving breath,  
 and found beside us faithfully  
 there is the love of God.

Sermon . . . . .Rev. DuVall  
 “Peace for Our Hearts and Minds”

\*Hymn of Response No. 60. . . . .WYE VALLEY  
 “Like A River Glorious”  
 Like a river glorious is God’s perfect peace, over all victorious in its bright increase:  
 perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day; perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

*Refrain:*  
*Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,*  
*finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.*

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand, never foe can follow, never traitor stand.  
 Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care; not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.  
 [Refrain]

Prayer of Stewardship. . . . .Kristen Pope

Offertory . . . . .Beverly Harris  
 “My Faith Has Found A Resting Place”...arr. Cindy Berry

Meditation Text  
 In his dire situation writing to people in their own, Paul said this: "The peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." He was not writing about a sense of peace that denied the painful realities of life, but instead a peace that existed in the midst of them. It was a sense of peace that was not based on logic, but rather on relationship...not based on the environment around you, but rather on the Friend beside you: a peace "that passes understanding--guarding your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus," who has been born to us, for us, to be with us in our times of bedlam. —Michael Brown

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

Pastoral Blessing

Commissioning Hymn  
 May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever,  
 Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.  
 Lift your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever.  
 May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.

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  
 “Joy” ...Garrett Parker

**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
- John H. Uldrick  
Minister to Students and Missions
- Kristen Pope, Minister of Faith Development
- Gwen Stephens, Ministry Assistant
- Beverly Harris, Pianist      Joan Hill, Organist