

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:  
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**Sunday, October 18**

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 19**

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Chapel  
 5:30 p.m. Women's Small Group - Zoom

**Wednesday, October 21**

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

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of James Eason by Hannah Freeman and 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.

**CANDY FOR CHILDREN'S FALL FESTIVAL**

We are collecting bags of Halloween candy to stuff the eggs for our Halloween hunt. One easy way to donate is to drop off candy bag/s when picking up your Curbside Meal or call (or text) Kristen to arrange a drop-off.

**CHILDREN'S FALL FESTIVAL - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28**

Families, please join us from 6:00 until 7:15 p.m. on the outdoor ball court for an evening of fall festivities, ending in Halloween egg hunts on the playground for all ages!

**MISSIONS MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

FBC has recently partnered with a sister congregation in Armuchee who has a shower trailer set up in First United Methodist Church's parking lot. Each Saturday, they offer showers to those experiencing homelessness in our area. FBC is now responsible for providing two volunteers to greet those taking advantage of a warm shower and a meal on the fourth Saturday of each month from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. If you would be willing to serve in this important ministry, please email John at [judrick@fbcrome.org](mailto:judrick@fbcrome.org) or call the church office.



**October 18, 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 .....Beverly Harris/Joan Hill  
 "The Gift of Love" ...arr. Joel Raney

Invocation. ....Tamara Tillman Smathers

Call to Worship. ....Choral Ensemble  
 "Enter In with Praise" ...Lamar Morin/Bill Sloan

Enter in to worship Him. Make your praises known.  
 Come and bow before Him now, and worship at His throne.  
 Give Him praise! Let your voice raise! Enter in with praise!

\*Hymn of Praise No. 2. ....ITALIAN HYMN  
 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Come, thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing, help us to praise.  
 Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
 come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.  
 Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy word success,  
 Spirit of holiness, On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.  
 Thou who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart,  
 and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three, the highest praises be, hence evermore.  
 Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,  
 and to eternity love and adore.

Call to Confession ..... Keith A. Reaves, leader  
 "In the same way that we are to pay our taxes to Caesar, we are also to pay God by loving our neighbor, by respecting each other, and by forgiving and asking for forgiveness." —Oscar A. Rozo

**Let us confess our need for God's saving love.**

*A Time for Silent Confession of Sin*

Assurance of Forgiveness. . . "Love Lifted Me"

All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling.  
 In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing.  
 Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;  
 faithful loving service, too, to Him belong.

Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, love lifted me!  
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Together, We Connect .....Earl and Mary Rolan

\*Reading of Holy Scripture..... Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap Him in His words. <sup>16</sup> They sent their disciples to Him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that You are a man of integrity and that You teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because You pay no attention to who they are. <sup>17</sup> Tell us then, what is Your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”

<sup>18</sup> But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought Him a denarius, <sup>20</sup> and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

<sup>21</sup> “Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then He said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

<sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left Him and went away.

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.

Hymn of Giving.....BEACH SPRING

“Is It Lawful to Pay Taxes?”

"Is it lawful to pay taxes when they prop up Caesar's rule?"  
 So some people asked of Jesus, wanting Him to seem a fool.  
 Saying "no" would be sedition; saying "yes" would be a sin.  
 Jesus changed the conversation, calling them to look within.

"Find a tax coin in your treasure; see the image that it bears.  
 Give to Caesar what is Caesar's. (Give to rulers what is theirs.)"  
 Yet He pressed on with his message; "Give to God what is God's own."  
 We who bear our Maker's image worship God and God alone.

Still, we also hear Your teaching: "Give to God what God is due."  
 May no ruler — overreaching — try to take the place of You.  
 May we listen to Your message, may we honor what is Yours;  
 May we, living in Your image, seek Your kingdom that endures.

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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

“Give to God What is God’s”

\*Hymn of Response..... TERRA PATRIS

“We Give to You What’s Yours”

We give to You what’s Yours, whate'er the gift may be;  
 all that we have is Yours alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
 To comfort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,  
 to tend those homeless, those alone is angels' work below.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,  
 to teach the way of life and peace -- it is a Christlike thing.  
 And we believe Your Word, though dim our faith may be;  
 whate'er for You we do, O Lord, we do it unto Thee.

Prayer of Stewardship.....John Uldrick

Offertory.....Joan Hill

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”...arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

Meditation Text:

“Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

Caesar,

did you create the stars,  
 hurl them to the reaches of the universe;  
 did you issue rules that keep the planets in place?

Can you make blood course through our veins?  
 Or craft an otter or a moonflower?

Then keep your coins.  
 They can’t buy what we need.

God,

It is your face we see  
 in our world, our very selves, our breath and love.

We owe every single thing to you.

Claim it all. Claim us.  
 Please take us  
 as your  
 own.

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

Pastoral Blessing

Commissioning Hymn No. 581 (Stanza One).....HANKEY

“I Love to Tell the Story”

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
 of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.  
 I love to tell the story because I know ‘tis true.  
 It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.  
 I love to tell the story, ‘twill be my theme in glory.  
 To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

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

“Brilliante”... Robert J. Hughes

**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

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 Minister of Education/Administration

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