

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, March 14

- 8:30 a.m. Covid Task Force Meeting - Zoom
9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
9:45 a.m. Virtual Sunday Bible Studies
Contact Tamara Smathers or John Uldrick for links.
11:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Youth Girls Small Groups - Offsite
Youth Boys Small Groups - Offsite

Monday, March 15

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Chapel or Zoom
1:00 p.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Zoom
5:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study Lesson Prep - Zoom

Wednesday, March 17

- 4:45 p.m. First Choice Curbside Meals (Reservation Only)
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting Time - Zoom
FBC Kids Connect
Youth Wednesday Connection - Youth Room
6:20 p.m. Adult Seminar w/ Dr. Terry Ellis - Zoom
6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 18

- 5:45 p.m. Women's Small Group - Zoom

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Adrena Delauder Losh by Chelsea, Bobby and Tripp Losh-Jones.

HOW DO I MAKE MY KIDS LOVE CHURCH?

Pre-recorded seminar entitled "How Do I Make My Kids Love Church?" Is available for families. It is full of great tips and resources so set aside some time to watch! Contact Kristen for details.

Q&A SESSION

For those who have not had a chance to participate in other Q&A sessions during Sunday Bible Study about Matt DuVall's resignation, members of the Personnel Committee will offer an in-person session on Tuesday, March 16 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Participants will sign in as they arrive and masks will be required. Contact Jason Sanker or Jennie Cook with questions.

WEDNESDAY ADULT SEMINAR

On the next three Wednesday evenings, March 17, 24 and 31st, Dr. Terry Ellis will address the following topics related to addiction, intervention and recovery:

- A Brain on Drugs: Why Is Addition So Chaotic?
Pushing the Button on the Addiction Elevator: How to Help Someone Get Help
Recovery: I once Was Lost, but Now I'm Found

EASTER EGG COLLECTION TIME!

FBC Family Ministry is receiving donations of filled eggs and Easter candy throughout March for our Easter Hunt. A collection bin will be outside the office doors. Please either bring bags of candy, or eggs that have already been filled. Thank you for your help!

STEPS TO SUBSCRIBE TO FBC ROME'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

- Open the YouTube app or go to m.youtube.com.
Sign in to YouTube. (You must create a YouTube account if you do not have one.)
Search "First Baptist Church of Rome." Tap the channel icon. Tap Subscribe.

HOLY VESSELS

A Lenten Season of Healing

First Baptist Church
Rome, Georgia

March 14, 2021

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.

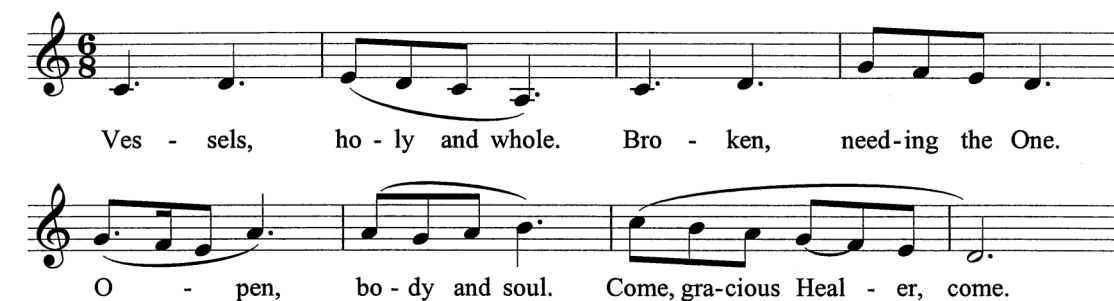
Chiming of the Hour

Prelude. .... Joan Hill

"I Been in the Storm Too Long" ...arr. William Farley Smith
(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

Welcome to Worship. .... Tamara Tillman Smathers

Crossing the Threshold into Worship



A Prayer of Confession. .... Keith A. Reaves

A Time for Silent Confession

Vessels, holy and whole....

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Hymn of Praise No. 17. .... TERRA PATRIS

"This Is My Father's World"

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: the birds their carols raise,  
 The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
 This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
 In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget  
 That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.  
 This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?  
 The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

The Reading of Holy Scripture . . . . .Matthew 8:18-27  
 Lindsey Keith, lay reader

<sup>18</sup>Now when Jesus saw great crowds around him, He gave orders to go over to the other side.

<sup>19</sup>A scribe then approached and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."

<sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

<sup>21</sup>Another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

<sup>22</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

<sup>23</sup>And when He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him.

<sup>24</sup>A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but He was asleep.

<sup>25</sup>And they went and woke Him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" <sup>26</sup>And He said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm.

<sup>27</sup>They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

\*Gloria Patri (Hymn 704)  
 (Children ages four through fourth grade may depart for Children's Worship.)  
 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.

Special Music. . . . .Kay Bratton  
 "Blessed Quietness" ....arr. Mark Edwards

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 and ever. Amen.

Musical Offering. . . . .Sanctuary Choir  
 "Look to the Rose" ...arr. Joseph Martin  
 Rose of Sharon, what a name for the Son of God who came.  
 If you seek God's love today, look to the Rose.  
 Rose of Sharon, thorns Your crown, image of God's grace come down.  
 "Where does God's great love abound? Look to the Rose.  
 From dry ground God's gentle flower came to show us love's true power.  
 Then one day upon a hill, one by one the petals fell.  
 Rose of Sharon, bloom today, may your fragrance never fade.  
 Plant Him in your heart to stay. Look to the Rose.  
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Sermon. . . . .Rev. Smathers  
 "Restoration"

\*Hymn of Commitment No. 59 . . . . .FOREST PARK  
 "My Lord Is Near Me All the Time"  
 In the lightning flash across the sky His mighty power I see.  
 And I know if He can reign on high His light can shine on me.

*Refrain*  
*I've seen it in the lightning, heard it in the thunder and felt it in the rain.*  
*My Lord is near me all the time. My Lord is near me all the time.*

When the thunder shakes the mighty hills and trembles every tree  
 Then I know a God so great and strong can surely harbor me.  
 (Refrain)

When refreshing showers cool the earth and sweep across the sea.  
 Then His rainbow shines within my heart, His nearness comforts me.  
 (Refrain)

\*Prayer of Stewardship . . . . .John Uldrick

Offertory . . . . .Gwen Stephens, piano  
 "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" ...arr. Richard Kingsmore

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

\*Pastoral Blessing . . . . .Rev. Smathers

\*Hymn of Commissioning  
 Vessels, holy and whole.  
 Broken, needing the One  
 Open, body and soul,  
 come gracious Healer, come. . .

\*Postlude. . . . .Joan Hill  
 "Amazing Grace" ...arr. Diane Bish

**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.

**What Is Lent?**

Lent is a season of preparation leading up to Easter. It is the forty days plus the six Sundays before Easter. For centuries, it has been observed as a special time of self-examination and penitence. Throughout Lent, the worship services of the church take on a simpler tone, appropriate to the season. The word "Alleluia" is not used in the words of the readings or hymns. This practice, and others, help us to mark this season of renewal as a special time in the church year. This season can be a meaningful time of reconciliation with God.

**Children's Worship**

Children ages four through fourth grade are invited to Children's Worship on the second floor of the Education Building. The children return to the sanctuary following worship.

- 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/Interim Pianist
- Joan Hill, Organist