

WELCOME

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:

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 21

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Faith Development Committee - Zoom
- Missions Committee - Zoom / Community Room
- 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
- 2:00 p.m. Extended Family Committee - Zoom
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Girls & Boys Small Groups - Offsite
- 8:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Parent Passport Meeting - Zoom

Monday, March 22

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Chapel or Zoom
- 5:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study Lesson Prep - Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Called Deacons' Meeting - Zoom

Wednesday, March 24

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen
- 4:45 p.m. First Choice Curbside Meals (*Reservation Only*)
- 6:00 p.m. Called Church Conference
- 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 25

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

Friday, March 26

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Wydelle Clark on the occasion of her birthday, by Kathy and Larry Osborn and Family.

WEDNESDAY ADULT SEMINAR

On the next two Wednesdays at 6:20 p.m., Dr. Terry Ellis will address the following topics:

- ◆ 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**.

EASTER LILY ORDER

This year there will be two Easter Services with Dr. Terry Ellis serving as our guest preacher. Easter Sunday is always such a beautiful and meaning time. Would you help make the Sanctuary look extra beautiful with an abundance of Easter lilies? Please plan to contribute by giving a lily in honor or in memory of a special loved one. A form can be printed from the our website with all the details. Each plant cost \$15. You may take your lily home after the 11:00 a.m. service.

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March 21, 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

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” ...arr. Kenneth D. Varner
(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

Welcome to Worship. Kristen Pope

Crossing the Threshold into Worship

Ves - sels, ho - ly and whole. Bro - ken, need-ing the One.

O - pen, bo - dy and soul. Come, gra-cious Heal - er, come.

A Prayer of Confession. Keith A. Reaves

A Time for Silent Confession

Vessels, holy and whole....

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hymn of Praise No. 445. CLEANSING FOUNTAIN

“There Is a Fountain”

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains;
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
 And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away:
 Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;
 And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away:

For since by faith I saw the stream Your flowing wounds supply,
 Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die:
 And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
 Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die!

The Reading of Holy ScriptureMatthew 9:18-26
 Dr. Leigh Weldon, lay reader

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live."

¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with His disciples.

²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak,

²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch His cloak, I will be made well."

²²Jesus turned, and seeing her He said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well.

²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion,

²⁴He said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at Him.

²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.

²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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.Mary Donahue
 "Let Your Faith Be Stronger than Your Fear"arr. Tom Trenney

Morning Prayer (with the Lord's Prayer).John Uldrick
 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
 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"...arr. Albert L. Travis
 Samantha Lester, violin
 Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
 The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
 A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
 From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.
 Upon that cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see
 The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me;
 And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
 The wonders of His glorious love and my unworthiness.
 I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
 I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
 Content to let the world go by to know no gain nor loss,
 My sinful self my only shame, my glory, all the cross.

Sermon.Rev. Pope
 "Different Pictures"

*Hymn of Commitment No. 570 TRUST IN JESUS
 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
 just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
 Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend.
 And I know that He is with me, will be with me to the end. (*Refrain*)

*Prayer of StewardshipTamara Tillman Smathers

OffertoryBeverly Harris, piano; Samantha Lester, violin
 "What Wondrous Love Is This"...arr. Richard Kingsmore

The Work of the Church.Rev. Smathers

*Pastoral BlessingRev. Pope

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

*Postlude.Joan Hill
 "Jesus, King Most Wonderful"...arr. Dale Wood

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
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- John H. Uldrick
Minister to Students and Missions
- Kristen Pope, Minister of Faith Development
- Gwen Stephens
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