

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, March 7

- 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
- 8:00 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting - Zoom

Monday, March 8

- 10:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Chapel or Zoom
- 5:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study Lesson Prep - Zoom
Deacons' Meeting - Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. General Meeting

Wednesday, March 10

- 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 Book Study - Zoom
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 11

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

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hazel Hay Dowd and Willard C. Hay and Edward and Doris Dellinger Dowd by Lucy Hay Vick and Dub and Lyn Hay.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Adriane Bowers and in honor of the Bowers Family by Gene Bowers.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

Following Jesus Through Mark, written by Dr. Joe Baskin, is a perfect companion to our Bible study focus in the Gospel of Mark. These guides are available through the church office for \$5.

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**.

HOW DO I MAKE MY KIDS LOVE CHURCH?

On Sunday, March 14 a pre-recorded seminar entitled "How Do I Make My Kids Love Church?" will be available for families. It will be full of great tips and resources so set aside some time to watch! Contact Kristen for details.

First Baptist Church, 100 East Fourth Avenue, Rome, GA 30161
Phone: 706.291.6850 Website: www.fbcrome.org

HOLY VESSELS

A Lenten Season of Healing

First Baptist Church
Rome, Georgia

March 7, 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.

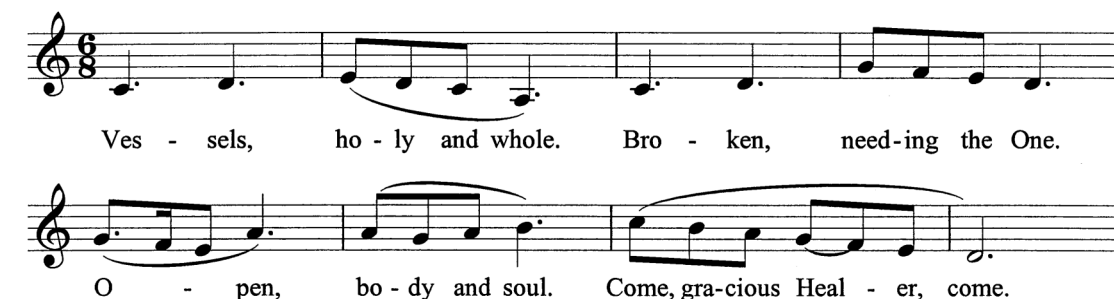
Chiming of the Hour

Prelude..... Joan Hill

“O Love that Will Not Let Me Go”...arr. Carolyn Hamlin
(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

Welcome to Worship..... John Uldrick

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. 627..... HARTFORD

“Victory in Jesus”

I heard an old, old story how a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

Refrain:

*O victory in Jesus, My Savior, forever.
He sought me and bought me With His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him And all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory, Beneath the cleansing flood.*

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing pow'r revealing,
How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, Come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. (Refrain)

The Reading of Holy ScriptureMatthew 8:1-4
Kristen Pope, reader

¹When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed Him;

²and there was a leper who came to Him and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, if You choose, You can make me clean."

³He stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

⁴Then Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

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. Leeanna Allen, Music Ministry Intern
"Embrace the Cross"...John G. Elliott

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 and ever. Amen.

Musical Offering. Sanctuary Choir
"Every Road"...arr. Dave Williamson
Lord, I give you every road. Guide my steps and take control 'til this journey leads me home. Lord, I give you every road.
Lord, I give You all my past. Find me holding nothing back. Cleanse me, make me free at last. Lord, I give You all my past.

Lord, I give you every storm. When my spirit's weak and worn.
Give me grace to trust You more. Lord, I give You every storm.

Lord, I give You all I am. All my dreams and all my plans.
Now I place them in Your hands. Lord, I give you all I am.

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Sermon. Rev. Uldrick
"Treasure Revealed"

*Hymn of Commitment No. 583. ALL TO CHRIST
"Jesus Paid It All"

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all."

Refrain:

*Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone. [Refrain]

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. [Refrain]

*Prayer of Stewardship Chris Cook, Deacon

Offertory Joan Hill, organ
"O Lamb of God, I Come"...arr. Edward Broughton

Meditation Text:

The miracles of Jesus aren't magic tricks designed to awe prospective converts, nor are they tests from the past, meant to sort true believers from doubters. They are instructions, challenges. They show us what to do and how to hope. — Rachel Held Evans

The Work of the Church. Rev. Smathers

*Pastoral Blessing Rev. Uldrick

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

*Postlude. Joan Hill
"The Rock of Our Salvation"...arr. David Shelat

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