

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, April 4

- 9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
8:30 a.m. First Easter Service - Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Virtual Sunday Bible Studies
Contact Tamara Smathers or John Uldrick for links.
11:00 a.m. Second Easter Service - Sanctuary

Monday, April 5

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Chapel or Zoom

Wednesday, April 7

- 4:45 p.m. First Choice Curbside Meals (Reservation Only)
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting / Virtual Q & A with Dr. Ron Murray - Zoom
Children and Youth Activities Canceled
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday, April 8

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

Friday, April 9

- 12:00 p.m. Finance Committee

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ken Hill by Joan Hill and Family.

The flowers in the Baptistry are given to the glory of God and in honor of Clara Mattingly on the occasion of her birthday by Dee, Molly, Harley, Jack and Mary Morgan Yancey.

MEET OUR CANDIDATE FOR INTERIM PASTOR

Dr. Ron Murray has more than four decades of experience as a pastor and has served Baptist churches in Kentucky, North Carolina, Louisiana and Tennessee. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Baylor University and also earned a Ph.D. in Christian Ethics. After retiring from the full-time pastorate in 2015, Dr. Murray has focused on supporting churches in an interim capacity. A native of Kentucky, Ron and his wife Freddie currently live in Griffin, Georgia. The Personnel Committee is recommending that Dr. Murray be called to serve as Interim Pastor. Note these opportunities to get to know him:

Wednesday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. Virtual Q&A via Zoom

We will hear from Dr. Murray and you will have an opportunity to ask him questions to learn more about him.

Sunday, April 11: Dr. Murray preaches in worship.

Wednesday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m. Virtual church conference via Zoom to vote to call

Dr. Murray as Interim Pastor

Watch for an email or letter with more details.

WEDNESDAY CANCELLATIONS:

Because of Spring Break, all children and youth activities for Wednesday, April 7 are canceled.

ANNUAL TALENT SHOW AND FUNDRAISER

Our Annual Children's Talent Show is April 25 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The auction room will open for bidding that day and stay open until the close of worship May 2. If you have a child who would like to participate or if you have an item, service or experience that you would like to donate to the auction, please contact Kristen by phone or email.

TORNADO RELIEF

FBC will partner with our sister church, Central Baptist in Newnan, to support those in the area who have been affected by the recent tornadoes. If you would like to help make a donation to Disaster Relief. Central Baptist will make good use of those funds as the area recovers in the days and weeks ahead.

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April 4, 2021

8:30 a.m./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 YouTube.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Joan Hill

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" ...arr. Gilbert Martin

(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

Welcome to Worship. Tamara Tillman Smathers

*Hymn of EasterEASTER HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Cora Fannin (8:30)/Caroline Knight (11:00), Christ Candle Bearers

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Earth and heaven join to say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

***The Easter Story** John 20:1-9

Gwen Stephens, reader

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put Him!"

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.

⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there,

⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.

⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Reader: Christ is risen! **People: He is risen, indeed!**

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is not and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Hymn of Easter No. 197 ST. DENIO

"We Welcome Glad Easter"

We welcome glad Easter when Jesus arose,
and won a great victory over His foes.
Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing,
bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.

We tell how the women came early that day,
and there at the tomb found the stone rolled away.
Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing,
bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.

We sing of the angel who said: "Do not fear!
Your Savior is risen, and He is not here."
Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing,
bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.

We think of the promise which Jesus did give:
"That he who believes in Me also shall live!"
Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing,
bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.

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

"This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"...arr. Mark Hayes

*(This anthem is given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Barbara Cooper.)*

Sermon Dr. Terry Ellis

"The Power of Belief"

***Hymn of Response No. 207** CHRIST AROSE

"Low in the Grave He Lay"

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

*Up from the grave He arose; with a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
and He lives forever, with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior,
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! *[Refrain]*

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! *[Refrain]*

***Prayer of Stewardship** Kristen Pope

Offertory Joan Hill/Beverly Harris

"Jesus Shall Reign"...arr. Carolyn Hamlin

The Work of the Church Rev. Pope

***Benediction** (*see insert*) Sanctuary Choir/Congregation

"Hallelujah!" *from Messiah*...G. F. Handel
(The text for this anthem is from Revelation 19:6; 11:15 and 19:16.)

***Postlude** Joan Hill, organ

"Toccata" *from Organ Symphony No. 5*...Charles Marie-Widor

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.

Family Worship. Today all children will sit with their families. Nursery care is available for children aged four and under. Children's Worship will return next Sunday.

Prayer Concerns

(Please place in offering plate or hand to a minister.)

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

Joan Hill, Organist
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