

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, July 4

9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)

9:45 a.m. Sunday Bible Studies

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, July 5

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, July 6

10:00 a.m. VBS Workday

5:30 p.m. Budget Preparation Committee - Conference Room

Thursday, July 8

5:00 p.m. VBS Worknight

6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Community Room

Friday, July 9

12:00 p.m. Finance Committee - Conference Room

SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH THIS SUMMER

As you plan vacations and summer travel, please remember the option of setting up your church contributions as “automatic drafts” through your bank or through “Online Giving” on the church’s website. If you need help learning how to do this, please feel free to contact the church office or your financial institution.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER - WORK NIGHT

July 8th from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. please come help us put the finishing touches on VBS. There will be something everyone can do! Please let Kristen Pope or Karen Foss know you will attend so there will be enough pizza for dinner. We are also having drop-in workdays every Monday (excluding July 4th) and Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

There is a need for a team of three teachers for our kindergarten class beginning Sunday, August 15. This is a one year commitment and a great way to serve our family ministry!

MEALS AND MORE

July 6, 2021 marks the restart of Meals & More! Meals are provided each Tuesday at First United Methodist Church, 202 East 3rd Avenue. FBC volunteers on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m. Please contact Bill Davies for more details or to volunteer.

ORGAN UPDATE

Plans are for the organ builder to arrive back to the sanctuary the week of July 18 to begin the installation of pipes. Work should be completed by the end of the month.



A Service of Christian Worship July 4, 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 YouTube.

Chiming of the Hour

PreludeBetty Holland

“Trumpet Jubilation”...arr. Patricia Lou Harris

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

Welcome to WorshipKristen Pope

*Hymn of Praise No. 566. ST. ANNE

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Call to Confession *(read in unison)*. . . . 2 Chronicles 7:14

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

A Time for Silent Prayer and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness. . . Sanctuary Choir

“Jesus Paid It All”...arr. Benjamin Harlan

A Prayer for Independence Day. . . Dr. Ron Murray, leader

As we remember the birth of our nation and the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts. For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world,

We thank you Lord.

For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation,

We thank you Lord.

For those who dreamed of a free nation,

We thank you Lord.

For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all,

We thank you Lord.

For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, town by town,
We thank you Lord.

For the brave people who have served our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and those who paid by their sacrifice,
We thank you Lord.

For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good,
We thank you Lord.

For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows,
We thank you Lord.

For First Baptist Church and for Rome, Georgia, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far,
We thank you Lord.

Lord, we pray for the United States, that we might always be a nation that defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice.
We pray to you Lord.

That we might always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray,
We pray to you Lord.

That we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness,
We pray to you Lord.

That those who are elected to govern and lead would be guided by you and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them,
We pray to you Lord.

That we would be a people who repent from our sins, and who always return to you and to your grace,
We pray to you Lord.

Gracious God, prosper the work of our hands and increase in us your grace and compassion, and our offerings of thanks to you, our rock and our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn of Petition No. 702.MATERNA
“America the Beautiful”

*Reading of Holy Scripture Mark 6:1-13 and 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
(Today’s scripture may be found on pages 995 and 1149 of the Bible in the pew racks.)
John Uldrick, reader
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 Commitment No. 510. BECK
“Lord, Here Am I”
(Children ages four through fourth grade may depart for Children’s Worship.)

SermonDr. Murray
“Sent”

*Hymn of Commitment No. 497ASSAM
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

*Prayer of Stewardship. Tamara Tillman Smathers

OffertoryBeverly Harris
“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”...arr. Brenda Dillon

Pastor Search Prayer Requests:
Each day this week remember these specific requests:
—Pray for John Bennett, Pastor Search Committee Member
—Pray for a strong sense of unity and peace in our church and among the committee as we search for our future pastor.

The Work of the ChurchRev. Smathers

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

*Pastoral Blessing.Dr. Murray

*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.

*Postlude. Betty Holland
“Send Me, O Lord, Send Me”... arr. James Bigelow

***The church office will be closed Monday, July 5
in observance of Independence Day.***

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Nell Coffman, by Karen and Peter Jordan and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Annette Smith, by Karen and Peter Jordan and Family.

Worship Reminders
The church continues to follow CDC guidelines.
MASKS

- Face masks are not required for those who are fully vaccinated.
- Face masks should be worn by those who are not fully vaccinated.
- Children and youth who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear masks.

SEATING

- Seating is on every other pew
- Fully vaccinated individuals are no longer required to maintain social distance from each other.

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.

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.

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

Dr. Ron Murray
Interim Pastor
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
Minister to Extended Family
Joan Hill, *Organist*
Beverly Harris, *Pianist*