

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 interested in becoming a member of First Baptist Church.  
 I am a guest of:  
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- Sunday, November 14**  
 9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)  
 9:45 a.m. Bible Study for all ages  
 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir - Choir Suite
- Monday, November 15**  
 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room  
 1:00 p.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Dining Room  
 5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite
- Tuesday, November 16**  
 6:00 p.m. Getting Ahead Graduation - Dining Room
- Wednesday, November 17**  
 12:00 p.m. Foundation Meeting - Fellowship Hall  
 4:45 p.m. First Choice Curbside meals (*Reservation Only*)  
 5:30 p.m. Churns Bible Study - Builders' Room  
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Adult Seminar - Zoom  
 FBC Kids Connect & Children's Choirs  
 Youth Hang Out & Wednesday Connection - Youth Room  
 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

*The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Bill and Dot Bryson and James and Audrey Cooper by Billy and Kathy Cooper.*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. and Mrs. Harry Chafin and Rebecca Maimone by Brad and Catherine Davis and Family.*

**PLEDGE TODAY**

Please return your pledge cards today. Cards are in the pew racks, or you can pledge securely online at <https://forms.gle/5CVZn7JuQusneG8H7> or use this code:



**ADVENT AMARYLLIS KITS**

Advent Amaryllis kits for church families are available today at the close of worship. Advent is a season of watching and waiting as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus. Throughout Advent, let the growth of the amaryllis, and its trumpet-like bloom inspire your prayerful preparations for Christmas.

**YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS**

The Youth Choir had a great turnout last week. We will meet after worship today and next Sunday in the choir room to prepare for the Christmas Concert on December 5. We will be finished by 12:30 p.m. A rehearsal with orchestra is Wednesday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m.

**DEACON-SPONSORED THANKSGIVING DINNER**

Chef Greg will prepare his traditional Thanksgiving menu for curbside pickup on Wednesday, November 17. For the staff to be prepared, please place your reservations by Tuesday noon. Those with standing reservations are already included.

**CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST**

The "Christmas at First Baptist" concert with Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir, Children's Choir and orchestra will be Sunday, December 5 at 10:45 a.m.

**WOMEN'S EPIPHANY RETREAT - BENEDICTINE RETREAT CENTER**

Once again, the sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman, Alabama welcome us January 7 - 9, 2022 for our Epiphany retreat. Please register by contacting Debbye Akins in the church office. Our theme "Molded", will encourage us to be open to being molded and formed into the people God has called us to be.



**A Service of Christian Worship  
 November 14, 2021**



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

November 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 YouTube.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude . . . . .Joan Hill

“For the Beauty of the Earth” . . . . .arr. Diane Bish  
(Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

Welcome to Worship . . . . . Dr. Ron Murray

\*Hymn of Praise No. 339 . . . . .CORONATION  
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”  
(Stanzas 1, 2 and 4.)

A Call to Confession

We are the people of God, but Scripture reminds us that we still sin.

**We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord  
Jesus intercedes for us.**

God freely forgives us, through God’s infinite goodness and mercy.

**So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence,  
and pray together.**

*A Time for Silent Prayer*

Assurance of Forgiveness No. 436 . . .LAFFERTY  
“Seek Ye First”

\*Reading of Holy Scripture . . . . .Mark 12:38-44  
(The text may be found on page 1005 of the Bible in the pew racks.)

Gwen Stephens, reader

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

\*Gloria Patri (Hymn 704)

Hymn of Stewardship . . . . . HENDON

“Jesus Sat and Watched the Crowd” . . . . .Carolyn Winfrey Gillette  
(Children ages four through third grade may depart for children’s worship.)

Jesus sat and watched the crowd At the temple treasury.  
Some that day were rich and proud, Making sure that all could see  
Their great generosity.

Then a widow came along Who had nothing she could spare.  
Yet her faith in God was strong And she gave as few would dare:  
All she had, she chose to share.

Just a penny, nothing more, Yet Christ said her gift was best.  
What a risk, for one so poor! What rich faith her gift expressed!  
Trusting, giving, she was blest.

Lord, you see the way we live; All within our hearts, you know.  
Like that widow, may we give. Trusting you, our gifts will grow  
And our joy will overflow.

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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. Amen.

Musical Offering . . . . .Sanctuary Choir

“I Am Not My Own” . . . . .arr. Craig Courtney  
Dr. Adam Hayes, trumpet

I am not my own, I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.  
I am not my own, I am not my own.

I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. I am not my own.

I am not my own, I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.  
I am not my own, I am not my own.

His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free. I am not my own.

For my salvation all things work together, in eternal life He gives me hope.  
By the power of His Holy Spirit, I will live for Him!

I am not my own, I am not my own. I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.  
I belong to Him. I belong to Him, in life, in death, my only comfort,  
I will live for Him forever and ever forever more!

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Sermon . . . . . Dr. Murray

“Your Humble, Sacrificial Gifts to God”

\*Hymn of Response No. 665 . . . . .SEMINARY

“Because I Have Been Given Much”

Prayer of Stewardship . . . . . Tamara Tillman Smathers

(Please place your offerings and pledge cards in the offering plate.)

Offertory . . . . . Dr. Adam Hayes, trumpet

“Festival Prelude on THAXTED” . . . . .arr. David Howard Pettit

**Pastor Search Prayer Requests:**

Each day this week remember these specific requests:

—Pray for Heather Shores, Search Committee Member

—Pray for the Search Committee to make wise use of its time during meetings. (Ephesians 5:15-16)

The Work of the Church . . . . .Rev. Smathers

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

\*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace . . . . .Dr. Murray

Hymn of Commissioning . . . . . BEECHER

Blessed by You with gifts and graces, may we heed Your church’s call:

Gladly in all times and places give to You, Who gives us all.

You have bought us, and no longer can we claim to be our own;

Ever free and ever stronger, We shall serve You, Lord, alone.

Postlude . . . . .Joan Hill

“Voluntary” . . . . .Henry Purcell

On November 8, the deacons approved the following related to masking in the building:

Masks are not required for people in the building. However, masks are still encouraged, especially when it is not possible to practice social distancing. If parents want their child/youth to wear a mask, parents should be sure the child/youth is wearing a mask when they enter their classrooms. Children’s teachers will wear masks through the end of the calendar year to give time for children to be immunized.

**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 third 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