

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 interested in becoming a member of First Baptist Church.
- I am a guest of:

Sunday, January 16

- 9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
- 9:45 a.m. All Sunday Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, January 17

- Church Office Closed (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
- 1:00 p.m. Women of the Church Book Group

Tuesday, January 18

- 5:30 p.m. Pastor Search Committee - Builder's Room

Wednesday, January 19

- 4:45 p.m. First Choice Curbside meals (*Reservation Only*)
- 5:30 p.m. Churns Bible Study - Builder's Room
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Hangout and Homework - Youth Room
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Zoom
- Adult Seminar - Dining Room
- "Relationships & Routines Matter"*
- Kids J.A.M & Children's Choirs
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups - Youth Room

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RESUME

Activities for adults, youth and children resume this Wednesday. See the schedule above. Wednesday meals will continue to be offered curbside through January and Prayer Meeting will also be offered by Zoom until February. Watch for a Zoom link by email on Wednesday afternoon.

"RELATIONSHIPS AND ROUTINES MATTER"

A three-week Wednesday seminar for adults starts January 19 from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Janie Hortman, who is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Play Therapist has returned to Rome and opened Growing Roots and Counseling. Janie will present these sessions designed for anyone who lives with, works with or even knows a child, essentially everyone!



A Service of Christian Worship
January 16, 2022



First Baptist Church

Rome, Georgia

January 16, 2022

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 livestreams over the church website and YouTube.
Masks are not required but are encouraged.

Chiming of the Hour

PreludeJoan Hill
“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”...arr. Jack W. Jones

Welcome to WorshipDr. Ron Murray

*Hymn of Praise No. 295.NETTLETON
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Prayer of Confession.Gwen Stephens, leader
Holy and Loving Lord, You have given to us a variety of gifts—talents to be used in service to You, to this church, and to our world.

Far too often, we have used these gifts for selfish purposes—to impress, to get ahead.

Other times, we have neglected these gifts altogether. Forgive us, restore us, and remind us that the same Spirit that placed these gifts within us calls us to offer our giftedness freely for the good of all.

As we do so, may we be the people You need us to be in this world. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

A Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness No. 386. ...ST. AGNES
“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

*Reading of Holy Scripture. 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
(The text may be found on page 1136 in the Bibles in the pew racks.)
Heather Shores, Pastor Search Committee, 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 Service No. 658WYE VALLEY (abridged)
“Let Your Heart Be Broken”
(Children ages four through third grade may depart for Children’s Worship.)

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
“By Our Love”...arr. Phillip Keveren
Brothers, let us come together, walking in the Spirit, there's much to be done.
We will come reaching, out from our comforts and they will know us by our love.
Sisters, we were made for kindness. We can pierce the darkness as He shines through us.
We will come reaching, with a song of healing, and they will know us by our love!
*The time is now. Come, church, arise! Love with His hands. See with His eyes.
Bind it around you, let it never leave you. And they will know us by our love.*
Children, you are hope for justice, stand firm in the Truth now, set your hearts above.
You will be reaching, long after we're gone, and they will know us by our love!
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Sermon.Dr. Murray
“How Are You Using Your Spiritual Gifts?”

*Hymn of Response No. 494 LANGLEY
“Take My Life, Lead Me Lord”

Prayer of Stewardship. Tamara Tillman Smathers

Offertory Beverly Harris
“Simple Gifts”...arr. Dwight Elrich

Pastor Search Prayer Requests:

Each day this week remember these specific requests:
—Pray for John Bennett, Search Committee member
—Pray for our future pastor to faithfully preach the Word of God.
(2 Timothy 4:1-2)

The Work of the ChurchRev. Smathers

*Pastoral Blessing

*Passing of the Peace

Commissioning Song. NETTLETON
All are blest by gifts You give us; Some are set apart to lead.
Give us Jesus' love within us as we care for those in need.
Give us faith to make decisions; Give us joy to share Your Word.
Give us unity and vision as we serve Your church and world.
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PostludeJoan Hill, organ
“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”...arr. Anna Laura Page

Children’s Worship

Children ages four through third grade are invited to Children’s Worship on the second floor. The children return to the sanctuary following worship.

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 .

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*