

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 23

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

Monday, January 24

First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen

Tuesday, January 25

First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen
5:30 p.m. Pastor Search Committee

Wednesday, January 26

First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen
4:45 p.m. First Choice Curbside meals (Reservation Only)
5:30 p.m. Churns Bible Study - Room 302
5:45 p.m. Youth Connection - Youth Room
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Zoom
Adult Seminar - Fellowship Hall
Kids J.A.M. & Children's Choirs
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups - Youth Room

Thursday, January 27

First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen

Friday, January 28

First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and provided by the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of J. L. and Doris Todd on the occasion of Doris' birthday, by Randy and Amy Land and Lori Land and their loving grandsons.

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS

Every gift expressed as a want or need from the Hands of Christ families was donated. Thank you FBC!

Just a few of the highlights from Christmas 2021:

- 11 foster children receive gifts.
• 19 weeks of YMCA summer camp for children with full time working parents.
• Eye exam & new glasses for a 4th grader at East Central.
• Prayer for 33 families.
• Space heaters for a family without HVAC this winter.
• Aquarium tickets for a mother and daughter whom recently graduated Bridges out of Poverty.
• Electrical repairs to a home without working lights.
• Christmas Dinner for 2 families.
• Name plaque for a father's grave for whom FBC provided grief counseling through HOCC 2020.
• 2 beds
• 3 young mothers have graduated from driver's education courses.
• 9 months of professional childcare for 2 children with working parents.



A Service of Christian Worship

January 23, 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

Prelude Joan Hill
'Rejoice in the Lord'...J. S. Bach

Welcome to Worship Tamara Tillman Smathers

*Hymn of Praise No. 271 JUBILEE, alt.
'Christian People, Sing Together'

A Call to Confession No. 389. . . CHILDREN PRAYING
'Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying'

Lord, listen to Your children praying.
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to Your children praying.
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

A Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

God is the giver of MANY gifts.

God is the Creator of the ONE body.

God is slow to anger and quick to forgive.

God helps us to share and honor the gifts of all,

God helps us to heal the wounds and reunite the body.

We are forgiven, loved, and accepted.

Thanks be to God!

Amen.

*Reading of Holy Scripture. 1 Corinthians 12:12-31
(The text may be found on page 1137 in the Bibles in the pew racks.)

Kristen Pope, 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 Unity No. 265 SOMOS DEL SEÑOR
“When We Are Living”
(Children ages four through third grade may depart for Children’s Worship.)

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. Amen.

Musical Offering Sanctuary Choir
“God Has Called Us”...Robert A. Hobby/Susan Palo Cherwien

God has called us:
and how can we but raise our voices, echoing God’s praise?
God has called us: and let us answer with our lives.

God has changed us:
and how can we but live as servants of the Spirit’s gift?
God has changed us: and let us worship with our lives.

God has charged us:
and how can we but ask for wisdom for the Christly task?
God has charged us: and let us labor with our lives.

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Sermon. Dr. Ron Murray
“A Healthy Body”

*Hymn of Response No. 278. BEACH SPRING
“We Are Travelers on a Journey”

A Call to Stewardship

Our God blesses us with extravagance and abundance. Grateful for
all we have been given, let us use this time to present our tithes and
offerings to the Lord.

Lord, accept these gifts in Your name. Amen.

Offertory Joan Hill
“Praise and Adoration”...arr. Michael Burkhardt

Pastor Search Prayer Requests:

Each day this week remember these specific requests:
–Pray for Frank Clements, Search Committee member
–Pray the pastor search period will be a time the church learns to
seek God more than just a new pastor. (James 4:8)

The Work of the Church Keith Reaves

*Pastoral Blessing and 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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Postlude Joan Hill, organ
“Postscript on MIDDLEBURY”...arr. Gilbert Martin

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