

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:

Sunday, January 30

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

Monday, January 31

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, February 1

5:30 p.m. Pastor Search Committee

Wednesday, February 2

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
Children's Choirs & Kids J.A.M.
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups - Youth Room

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Audrey Cooper and Bill Bryson on the occasion of their birthdays, by Billy and Kathy Cooper.

WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study led by Tamara Smathers will resume tomorrow, Monday, January 31 at 10:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Women of all ages are invited.

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS

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

Highlights from Christmas 2021:

- \* 11 foster children receive gifts
\* 2 Beds
\* 19 weeks of YMCA summer camp for children
\* Space heaters for a family without heat
\* 9 months of childcare for 2 children
\* Aquarium tickets for a mother and daughter
\* Prayer for 33 families
\* Christmas Dinner for 2 families
\* Eye exam & new glasses for a student
\* Electrical repairs to a home without working lights
\* Name plaque for a father's grave
\* 3 mothers have graduated from Driver's Ed. classes

FBC YOUTH BARBECUE SALE - ORDER DEADLINE FEBRUARY 20th

Due to COVID precautions, GMC Value Mart will prepare and smoke our BBQ this year. GMC has prepared all of our meat in the past, and this year they will also smoke it.

- \* \$40 - Boston butt (feeds a family of four a few times)
\* \$25 - Rack of ribs (feeds approximately two people)

All BBQ must be ordered online through the link in the QR code below. Scan it with your phone and pay in advance. Ask a teenager or John Uldrick for help, if needed.

All orders must be PAID FOR IN ADVANCE and picked up from GMC Value Mart at 3402 Alabama Highway between 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 25.



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A Service of Christian Worship

January 30, 2022

11:00 a.m.

To help maintain a spirit of worship, please silence phones.

Masks are not required but are encouraged.

If you wish to participate in the Lord's Supper, as you enter the Sanctuary, please pick up a prepackaged bread and cup with your order of worship.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude ..... Joan Hill

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"...art. Diane Bish

Meditation Text:

We have set apart this time and dedicate this day to the Lord. Let us worship the God who formed us, calls us, and know us.

Welcome to Worship ..... John Uldrick

\*Hymn of Praise No. 281 ..... BEECHER
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

A Call to Confession

Gracious God, we come to You, seeking Your guidance and strength.

Help us understand that it is Your love that will support and sustain us.

Give us the courage to place our trust in Your abiding presence.

A Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness No. 578 (Stanza Two)

Your many sins are all forgiven, oh! Hear the voice of Jesus. Go on your way in peace to heaven and wear a crown with Jesus. Sweetest note in seraph song, sweetest name on mortal tongue. Sweetest carol ever sung, Jesus, blessed Jesus.

\*Reading of Holy Scripture. . . . . 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
(The text may be found on page 1137 in the Bibles in the pew racks.)

Dr. Ron Murray, 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 Love No. 440 . . . . . GIFT OF LOVE  
“Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire”

Morning Prayer (inspired by 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13) . . . Tamara Tillman Smathers

We give You thanks for all those who have been patient with us and have taught and cared for us; and we pray for the patience to love others as You have loved us.

**Your love is patient;**

Give us courage to be kind to others and to serve those with patience who are so often unkind, rude, difficult to love, or our enemies. They are Your children and our sisters and brothers and they were made in Your image.

**Your love is kind;**

Give us insight to speak the truth in love and for the sake of Your kingdom and not out of a need to appear clever or right and in all our relationships give us the wisdom to listen far more than we speak.

**Your love is not pompous;**

We thank You and pray for those who serve the poor and those in need, who give tirelessly of themselves and who have much to do and little time for themselves.

**Your love does not seek its own interests;**

We pray for those who are angry, for the violent and their victims; for children who fear, elders who are abused, and those trapped in relationships that injure and harm.

**Your love is not quick-tempered;**

We remember before You those with heavy burdens, many cares, much stress, and too little comfort and help. Open our eyes to those around us and their needs and give us the wisdom to offer help without any prying or sense of superiority.

**Your love bears all things;**

Even death does not trespass on the breadth and depth of Your love. We thank You for those we have loved in this life and who now dwell in the peace and joy of Your presence. May Your comfort settle on those who are bereaved or who are lonely this day.

**Your love never fails; In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Sermon. . . . . Dr. Murray  
“The Importance of Your Love”

Anthem of Preparation. . . . . Sanctuary Choir  
“Remember His Love”...arr. Tom Fette

Here is love vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood;  
When the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us His precious blood.  
Who will not His love remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He will never be forgotten throughout heaven’s eternal days.

Take this cup in remembrance of the blood that Jesus shed:  
And recall His broken body as you take and eat this bread.  
Here is love! Here is love! Here is love! Remember His love!

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide.  
Through the floodgates of God’s mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love like mighty rivers poured incessant from above.  
Heaven’s peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

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The Ordinance of the Lord’s Supper

As a part of the service today, we observe the ordinance of the Lord’s Supper. Individually packaged elements are available at all entrances. We invite all who call Jesus “Lord” and have followed Him in baptism to participate.

\*Hymn of Response No. 458. . . . . LINSTEAD  
“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Prayer of Stewardship. . . . . Kristen Pope

Offertory . . . . . Beverly Harris  
“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”...arr. Ron Boud

**Pastor Search Prayer Requests:**

- Pray for Jennifer Collins, Search Committee member
- Pray for the committee to have wisdom and discernment as to the unique characteristics and traits most needed for our church in a pastor. (James 1:5-6)

The Work of the Church . . . . . Rev. Pope

\*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

Commissioning Song No. 268 . . . . . SKILLINGS  
“The Bond of Love”

Postlude . . . . . Joan Hill  
“Immortal, Invisible”...arr. Charles Callahan

**Family Worship**

Today is the last Sunday of the month. These days are designated as “Family Worship” days and all children sit with their families. Nursery care is available for children four and younger. Children’s Worship will return next Sunday.

**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.)



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*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*