

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 9

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

Monday, January 10

- 11:30 a.m. Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group - Virtual
5:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting - Fellowship Hall/Zoom

Tuesday, January 11

- 5:30 p.m. Pastor Search Committee - Builders Room

Wednesday, January 12

- 4:45 p.m. First Choice curbside meals
(Make reservation by noon Tuesday)
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Church Conference - Zoom

Friday, January 14

- 5:30 p.m. Youth depart for Winter Retreat - Huntsville

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Beverly Harris, on the occasion of their wedding anniversary, by Bob Harris.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Wednesday, January 12 6:00 p.m. by Zoom. A link will be emailed to the congregation Wednesday afternoon.

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

The youth will depart on Friday at 5:30 p.m. for Huntsville, AL. They will return on Sunday, January 16 at 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT SEMINAR

'Relationships and Routines Matter'
January 19, 26, and February 2 from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Janie Hortman, a Licensed Professional Counselor and Play Therapist, has opened Growing Roots Counseling in Rome. Janie will present three sessions designed for anyone who lives with, works with, or even knows a child, essentially, ALL of us!



A Service of Christian Worship
January 9, 2022



# First Baptist Church

## Rome, Georgia

January 9, 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  
"God of Grace"...arr. Paul Manz

Welcome to Worship ..... Kristen Pope

\*Hymn of Praise No. 350. ....BLESSED NAME  
"Blessed Be the Name"

Call to Prayer. .... Keith A. Reaves and Congregation

**Solo:** As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way and who shall wear a robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way.

**Congregation and Choir:**

O bro-thers, let's go down,-- Let's go-- down-- come on down. O bro-thers, sis- ters, sin- ers, sis- ters, sin- ers,

let's go down,-- down to the riv-er to pray-- oh-- down to the riv-er to pray.

A Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

My sisters and brothers, forgiveness is for real! You are a baptized people. In Christ Jesus you were washed clean, and are being washed clean, and will forever be washed clean. Those who are washed by Christ need no other cleansing.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*Reading of Holy Scripture .....Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
(The text may be found on page 1016 in the Bibles 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 Baptism No. 449 .....BUNESSAN  
"Baptized in Water"  
(Children ages four through third grade may depart for Children's Worship.)

Morning Prayer (with the Lord's Prayer). .... Tamara Tillman Smathers  
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  
"Shall We Gather at the River"...arr. John Carter  
(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 561.)

Sermon. .... Rev. Uldrick  
"Turn Around"

\*Hymn of Response No. 507 .....I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN  
"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Prayer of Stewardship. .... Rev. Reaves  
A generous God calls us to live generous lives. Let us present our tithes and offerings to further Christ's mission and ministry.

**Bless and multiply these gifts, God, that they may be a blessing to others. May whoever benefits from these offerings know of Your love for them and our desire to serve. In Christ's name, Amen.**

Offertory ..... Beverly Harris  
"I Surrender All"...arr. Cindy Berry

**Pastor Search Prayer Requests:**

Each day this week remember these specific requests:

—Pray for Janice Davis, Search Committee Chair

—Pray for the Search Committee to seek God's wisdom. (James 1:5)

The Work of the Church .....Rev. Reaves

\*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

Commissioning Song. .... ST. DENIO

We're baptized! Your Spirit gives new work to do,  
That we, through our serving, may glorify You.  
Each person's vocation, each calling, has worth  
As You send us out to bring Christ's love on earth.

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Postlude .....Joan Hill, organ  
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"...arr. Diane Bish

### 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 give to a minister.)

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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*