WELCOME

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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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 13
8:30 a.m. Reception/Breakfast Honoring the Uldrick Family
9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, March 14
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
11:30 a.m. Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group - Virtual
5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite

Deacons' Meeting
6:00 p.m. Dinner - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Committee Meetings
7:00 p.m. General Meeting

Tuesday, March 15
5:30 p.m. Pastor Search Committee - Builder's Room

Wednesday, March 16
5:00 p.m. First Choice Meal - Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Churns Bible Study - Room 302
5:45 p.m. Youth Connection - Youth Room
6:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Fellowship Hall
Children's Choirs and Kid's J.A.M.
6:30 p.m. Youth Fun & Games
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups - Youth Room

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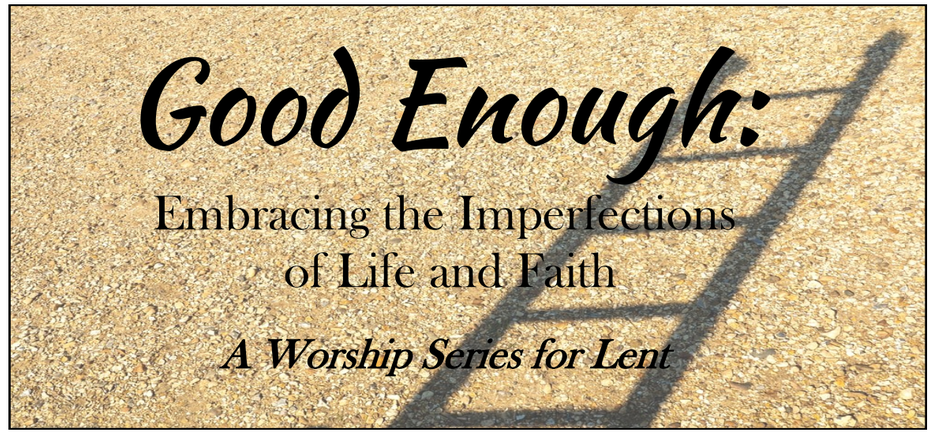
FIRST CHOICE - COME INSIDE !!
- Buffet Dinner at 5:00 p.m. & Prayer Time at 6:00 p.m. Both in Fellowship Hall.
- Volunteers needed on teams collecting money and to serve as hosts. Contact Marilyn Canova if you can be of help.

UKRAINE AID
First Baptist offers members two options to support the Ukraine Relief Fund through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.
- Mail a check to FBC Rome and mark it Ukraine Relief.
- Visit www.fbcrome.org/give *(mark your gift as disaster relief)*

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY - GETTING AHEAD
Do you want to support this valuable ministry? Consider signing up to provide transportation, bring a meal, provide child care, or pray for the next two Getting Ahead Cohorts at FBC. Use the image on the church website to sign up!

First Baptist Church, 100 East Fourth Avenue, Rome, GA 30161
Phone: 706.291.6850 Website: www.fbcrome.org



First Baptist Church of Rome, Georgia

March 13, 2022 **11:00 a.m.**

Perfection is impossible; transformation isn't. —Kate Bowler

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude. . . . . Joan Hill, organ
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"...arr. Mark C. Jones

Invocation . . . . . Tamara Tillman Smathers

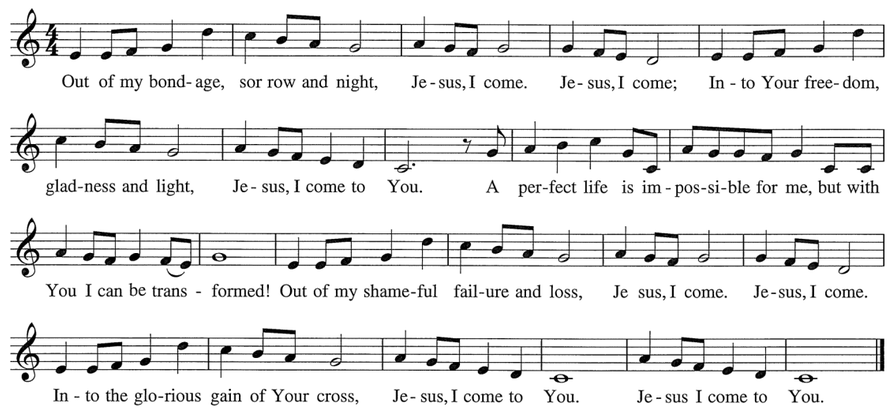
Holy One, Our Light and Salvation, we call out to You, sometimes afraid of the adversaries in life.

Shelter us in days of trouble, lead us on level paths.

Open us this day to your grace and peace, transform our frustrations into simple and good enough moments that fill our days.

Accept our worship. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Threshold Moment. . . . . .Keith A. Reaves



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

*Hymn of Proclamation No. 443 . . . . . .HENDON
"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

Call to Confession. . . . . .Kristen Pope

A Time for Silent Reflection
What if we could let go of needing all things and all people to be "just so" and instead learn to dance with the unfolding of that which is not ours to control?

Assurance of Forgiveness. . .Rev. Pope

*Reading of Holy Scripture. . . . . .Luke 13: 31-35
(The text may be found on page 1033 of the Bible in the pew racks.)
Mary Jo McCormick, 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 Faith No. 72 . . . . . .BLOTT EN DAG
"Day by Day"
(Children ages four through fourth grade may depart for Children's Worship.)

Morning Prayer *(with the Lord's Prayer)*. . . . . Dr. Ron Murray
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
"Pieta"..Joseph Martin
Beth Bratton, flute
(A "pieta" is any artwork of Mary holding and mourning over the dead body of Jesus. A pieta sculpture is in the courtyard at First Baptist.)

In the shadow of a manger, by a candle's dancing flame,
Tender Mary holds her baby, and she breathes His holy name.
"Jesus rest your weary head, close your weeping eyes."
As evening falls she starts to sing a lullaby.
"Lulay, peace be yours tonight."

In the shadow of the temple, in a place so far from home,
Mary sees her child of wonder and she marvels how He's grown.
"Jesus rest your weary head and think on gentle things."
With loving arms she holds her Savior and she sings.
"Lulay, peace be yours tonight."

In the shadow of Golgotha, underneath a darkened sky,
Mary gently cradles Jesus, Through her tears she says goodbye.
"Jesus rest your weary head. Your work on earth is done."
And as the darkness falls, she whispers to her Son.
"Lulay, peace be yours tonight."

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Sermon. . . . . .John Uldrick
"So Much Is Out of Our Control"

*Hymn of Response No. 74. . . . . .BALM IN GILEAD
"There Is A Balm in Gilead"

*Prayer of Stewardship . . . . . .Carter Lewis, leader
Generous God, as we travel this Lenten journey, allow us to walk beside Jesus as He makes His journey into Jerusalem.
As we offer our gifts, may it be our way of saying we won't turn away from the problems and conflicts of this world; but like Jesus, we will walk toward them.
All we take for the journey is the compassion, mercy, and sacrifice that He carried -- moving toward what waited in Jerusalem.
We journey in Christ's steps and pray in Christ's holy name. Amen.

Offertory . . . . . .Beverly Harris, piano
"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"...arr. Virginia Halberg

A Blessing for When You Realize Everyone is Struggling... Kate Bowler
Blessed are you who see things clearly, where struggle is everyone's normal.
You walk among the fellowship of the afflicted, a club no one wants to join.
And while this life isn't shiny, it does come with superpowers.
Superpowers of ever-widening empathy and existential courage
that gets you back up after another fall
and a deepened awe at the beauty and love that can be found amid life's rubble.
Like flowers that grow from the cracks in the sidewalk.
These virtues blossom in you. And thank God for you.
Blessed are all of us who struggle, for we are in good company,
and we'll never walk alone.

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

Recognition of John Uldrick

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

*Commissioning Song
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be, For by His hand He leadeth me.

*Postlude. . . . . .Joan Hill
"Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness"...arr. Paul Manz

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

What Is Lent?
Lent is the season leading up to Easter. It is the forty days plus the six Sundays before Easter. For centuries, it has been observed as a special time of self-examination and penitence. Throughout Lent, the worship services of the church take on a simpler tone, appropriate to the season. The word "Alleluia" is not used in the words of the readings or hymns. This practice, and others, help us to mark this season of renewal as a special time in the church year. This season can be a meaningful time of reconciliation with God.

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 fourth grade are invited to Children's Worship on the second floor of the Education Building. The children return to the sanctuary following worship.

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