

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, May 1**
- 8:30 a.m. High School Senior Breakfast (by reservation) - Fellowship Hall
 - 9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
 - 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
 - 11:00 a.m. Worship
 - 4:00 p.m. Children's Committee Meeting - Conference Room

- Monday, May 2**
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room

- Tuesday, May 3**
- 5:30 p.m. Pastor Search Committee - Builder's Room

- Wednesday, May 4**
- 12:00 p.m. Prayers & Reflections - Fellowship Hall
 - 5:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

- Thursday, May 5**
- 6:00 p.m. Getting Ahead Class - Community Room and Dining Room

- Friday, April 29**
- 11:00 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting - Conference Room

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Nell Coffman by Karen Jordan.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Joanne Owens by her Family.

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY - GETTING AHEAD

We need volunteers each week. Please consider signing up to provide transportation, a meal, or child care. Use the image on the church website to sign up!

PRAYER & REFLECTIONS

Prayers and Reflections, our noontime gatherings, will be held each Wednesday in May. Join with us in the Fellowship Hall for a simple lunch and a brief devotion by one of our ministers.

- May 4 - Keith Reaves
- May 11 - Nick Georgian
- May 18 - Kristen Pope
- May 25 - Tamara Tillman Smathers

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - WISHLIST

We need Amazon gift cards, artificial greenery/flowers and old umbrellas. Artificial greenery will be returned, but umbrellas will not. Contact Kristen to arrange item drop-off.

YOUTH PASSPORT

Save the date! Passport 2022, June 26 through July 1. Greensboro College in Greensboro, NC. \$100 deposits to reserve spots are due now! \$425 total per participant. Call Karen Garrett to see if your student has fundraising funds to apply toward your balance.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Complimentary Prayer Breakfast tickets for the 2022 Rome Area Prayer Breakfast are available in the church office. The event is Thursday, May 5 at 7:00 a.m. at the Fairgrounds.



A Service of Christian Worship
May 1, 2022



First Baptist Church

Rome, Georgia

May 1, 2022

11:00 a.m.

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

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Joan Hill
 “Lord Christ, on Thee My Hope Is Stayed”...Johann Pachelbel

Welcome to Worship. Tamara Tillman Smathers

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

Call to Confession Katelyn Clark, leader
 Merciful God, help us to turn away from things that do not lead to life--
 from attitudes and actions that get in the way of our relationship with
 You and distract us from hearing Your voice and doing Your will.

Open our eyes and ears to Your presence and Your call.

Give us courage to take up our cross and follow where You lead,
 even if the path is uncertain or leads in unexpected directions.

**For You alone are God, and we are Your people. Take our lives,
 and use us to Your glory. Lord, hear our prayers.**

A Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness. Sanctuary Choir
 “Rise, Shine!” ...Marques L. A. Garrett and Tom Trenney
*(This anthem is given to the glory of God and in memory of Miller Milford
 and in honor of Beverly Harris, by the Television Broadcast Crew.)*

Rise, shine for the light is a-comin’; my Lord says He’s comin’ by and by.

This is the year of jubilee. My Lord has set His people free.
 Wet or dry, I intend to try to serve the Lord until I die.
 I intend to shout and never stop until I reach the mountaintop.

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.

Recognition of 2022 High School Graduates

Will Bagby	Katelyn Clark	Carter Lewis	Carrie Twente
Brewer Blalock	Kaitlyn Cowan	Briggs Poyner	Jeff Vu
Vaughn Brinson	Griffin Girard	Emma Sklar	
Ella Burgess	Wells Hernandez	Sarah Tunnell	

*Reading of Holy Scripture Matthew 16:24-26
(The text may be found on page 973 in the Bibles in the pew racks.)
 Sarah Tunnell, 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. 569.IN CHRIST ALONE
 “In Christ Alone”
(Children ages four through third grade may depart for Children’s Worship.)

Sermon.Dr. Joel Snider
 “Forget About Your Passion”

*Hymn of Response No. 60WYE VALLEY
 “Like a River Glorious”

*Prayer of StewardshipBriggs Poyner

Offertory.Joan Hill/Beverly Harris
 “God So Loved the World”...arr. Eleanor Whitsett

Pastor Search Prayer Requests:

Each day this week remember these specific requests:
 –Pray for Janice Davis, Pastor Search Committee chair
 –Pray for a continued strong sense of unity among the committee as they
 interview and discuss potential candidates. (Ephesians 4:1-3)

The Work of the Church Keith A. Reaves

*Pastoral Blessing

*Passing of the Peace

Commissioning Song No. 495STEP BY STEP
 “Step by Step”

PostludeJoan Hill, organ
 “The Rejoicing”...Charles Callahan

Children’s Worship

Children ages four through fourth 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.

Safety

Safe zones for severe weather are in preschool hallways for children and the Fellowship Hall for the congregation. If there is a need to evacuate the building, parents should pick up children at the bus parking lot on the far side of First Presbyterian Church.

Keith A. Reaves
Senior Associate/Minister of Worship
 Tamara Tillman Smathers
Minister of Education/Administration

Kristen Pope
Minister of Faith Development
 Gwen Stephens
Minister to Extended Family

Nick Georgian
Interim Minister to Students and Missions
 Joan Hill, *Organist* Beverly Harris, *Pianist*