

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, May 29

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

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 31

- 5:30 p.m. Pastor Search Committee - Builder's Room

Wednesday, June 1

- 12:00 p.m. Children's Ministry - Lunch at Chick-fil-A
3:00 p.m. Rising 7th Grade Immersion and Orientation - Youth Room
4:00 p.m. Youth "Let's Flourish" - Visit Bluem, Dinner at Harvest Moon

Thursday, June 2

- 6:00 p.m. Getting Ahead Class - Community Room and Dining Room

Friday, June 3

- 10:45 a.m. Senior Adult Trip - Depart for the Colorado Rockies

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Dempsey on the occasion of his birthday by Marsha, Wright, Kristin, Jason and Jennifer Dempsey.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Shirley Kinney, by Kathy Kinney.

CALL WEEKEND - JUNE 18-19

The Pastor Search Committee has issued an invitation! Come meet the candidate who comes "in view of a call" to become our next Pastor.

Saturday, June 18

- 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Meet and Greet, Dining Room
11 a.m. Question and Answer Time, Chapel

Sunday, June 19

- 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet, Dining Room
11 a.m. Candidate Preaches in Worship; Vote at the Close of Worship

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUMMER CALENDARS AVAILABLE

If you haven't received your copy please contact Kristen or Nick or see the website.

HUNGER OFFERING

Help meet the needs of the homeless and hungry by contributing to the monthly hunger offering. Please put this offering in an envelope and mark it "WORLD HUNGER" and place it in the offering plate during the offertory time of the service. Our gifts support World Vision and The CBF Global Missions Hunger Relief.

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A Service of Christian Worship

May 29, 2022

11:00 a.m.

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

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude ... Joan Hill, organ
"This Is My Father's World" ...arr. Gilbert Martin

Welcome to Worship. ... Keith A. Reaves

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 2) ... Kristen Pope
Come let us go to the mountain of the Lord, that we may walk the path of the Most High.

That we may beat our swords into ploughshares, and our spears into pruning hooks.

Nation shall not lift up weapons against nation. Neither shall they learn war any more.

And none shall be afraid for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts has spoken.

We gather today in remembrance.

We mourn the loss of our brothers and sisters of all races and ages killed by senseless violence.

We are a nation at war with ourselves, a people who have forgotten who we are.

We gather today to remember that we are each a child of God.

We gather to claim our belonging to each other and our commitment to living the way of God's peace.

Neighbors shall not lift up weapons against neighbor. Neither shall they learn violence any more.

And none shall be afraid for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts has spoken.

\*Hymn of Proclamation No. 418 . . . . .EIN’FEST BURG  
 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Lectio Divina (*Holy Reading*). . .Psalm 46:10  
 “Be still and know that I am God.” (pause)  
 “Be still and know that I am.” (pause)  
 “Be still and know.” (pause)  
 “Be still.” (pause)  
 “Be.” (pause)

Morning Prayer. . . . . Nick Georgian, leader  
 On this Memorial Day weekend, let us remember those who made the supreme sacrifice all over the world so that we might remain free. Also, help us to remember all of those at home who have been harmed by violence. We acknowledge the strength of those who survived and of those still struggling to heal. For their sake and for ours, Lord, help us commit ourselves to building each other up and to healing – together.

**Lord, remember the families and loved ones of those who have died from gun violence. We acknowledge their pain and their deep grief. They too, are part of our community. Help us share Your love and help them towards healing.**

Lord, remember the perpetrators, and the families of those who commit violence. Their families, too, are devastated and their hopes dashed. For their sake and for ours, we remember that pain goes in many directions from each act of violence.

**We express our unity, our connection to each other and to You; Give us hope for healing and for transformation. Let Your Spirit move through us and our land.**

Response No. 389. . . CHILDREN PRAYING  
 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering Compassion to our Neighbors

Musical Offering.. . . . .Sanctuary Choir  
 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”...arr. Benjamin Harlan  
 (The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 407.)

Sermon. . . . .Rev. Pope  
 John 11:35

\*Hymn of Response . . . . .BEACH SPRING  
 “God of Mercy, You Have Shown Us”...Carolyn Winfrey Gillette  
 God of mercy, You have shown us ways of living that are good:  
 “Work for justice, treasure kindness, humbly journey with the Lord.”  
 Yet Your people here are grieving, hurt by weapons that destroy.  
 Help us turn to You, believing in Your way that brings us joy.  
 God, we pray for those who suffer when this world seems so unfair;  
 May our church be quick to offer loving comfort, gentle care.  
 And we pray: Amid the violence, may we speak Your truth, O Lord!  
 Give us strength to break the silence, saying, “This can be no more!”

God, renew our faith and vision; make us those who boldly lead!  
 May we work for just decisions that bring true security.  
 Help us change this violent culture based on idols, built on fear.  
 Help us build a peaceful future with Your world of people here.

\*Prayer of Stewardship . . . . .Gary Barton, Deacon

Offertory. . . . .Beverly Harris  
 “Children of the Heavenly Father”...arr. Lloyd Larson  
*After the offering plate has passed your row please come forward and place your notes of encouragement and prayers for the people of Uvalde, Texas on the communion table.*

The Work of the Church. . . . .Nick Georgian

\*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

\*Commissioning Song  
 Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
 Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
 With God as Creator, family all are we.  
 Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
 Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.  
 With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:  
 To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!  
 Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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Postlude . . . . .Joan Hill  
 “Maestoso”... Felix Mendelssohn

**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. 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.

**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*