

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, July 3

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

Monday, July 4

Church Office Closed - Independence Day

Wednesday, July 6

- 5:00 p.m. Children's Activity - Town Green
6:00 p.m. Diving Into the Word - Summer's Home

Thursday, July 7

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

Friday, July 8

- 11:00 a.m. Finance Committee - Conference Room

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Annette Smith by Karen and Peter Jordan and Family.

THANK YOU - VBS VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to everyone who helped make VBS such a success, from decorations to teaching to serving snacks and helping with clean-up. We could not do it without you!

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY - GETTING AHEAD VOLUNTEER SIGNUP

FBC hosts "Getting Ahead" classes are on Thursdays from 6 pm until 8 pm for individuals experiencing poverty to investigate their own lives and build confidence, resources and tools for a brighter future! Here are ways to serve:

Food for 20 participants (1 or 2 volunteers needed) - Provide & deliver food, drink and all the utensils to the 20 investigators.

Transportation (2 volunteers needed) - Provide transportation for participants to and from meetings. Automobiles should be able to seat four passengers.

Childcare (2 volunteers needed) - Help in the FBC nursery. You can sign up to participate for a week (or more) by scanning this QR code with your smart phone camera or calling the church and asking for Nick or Karen.



UPCOMING GUEST PREACHERS

- July 10: Frank Murphy July 24: Dr. Jon Roebuck
July 17: Dr. Jody Long, Georgia CBF July 31: Dr. Jody Long, Georgia CBF



Flourish
CULTIVATE, NURTURE & ABIDE

A Service of Christian Worship
July 3, 2022



First Baptist Church

Rome, Georgia

July 3, 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 the livestream over the church website and YouTube.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Joan Hill
"Come Thou Fount" ...arr. Diane Bish

Welcome to Worship Kristen Pope

*Hymn of Praise No. 19. FOREST GREEN
"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Call to Confession

Lord of the one true Vine, in You we live and move and have our being.

We are your branches, spindly and slight and fragile.

Please ask Your Father to prune us (though gently).

We want to bear more of Your fruit.

Lord, hear our prayers.

A Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness No. 509 (Stanza 2). . . .TRUST AND OBEY

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He does richly repay;
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Reading of Holy Scripture..... John 15:1-8
(The text may be found on page 1068 in the Bibles in the pew racks.)

Emalee Collins, lay 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 Trust No. 633. ALL THE WAY
"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"
(Children ages four through third grade may depart for Children's Worship.)

Morning Prayer (with the Lord's Prayer) Nick Georgian
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
"Walk Worthy" ...arr. Joseph Martin
Walk worthy of the Lord. Come give your heart to Christ.
Live always bearing fruit for Him. Live strengthened by His might.
Walk worthy of the Lord. All power to His name.
Give Him glory, give Him honor, walk worthy of the Lord.
Blessed is the one, the one who trusts in God,
For he is like a tree planted by a stream.

Sermon. Nick Georgian
"Flourish"

*Hymn of Response No. 640 SHOWALTER
"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

*Prayer of Stewardship. Tamara Tillman Smathers

Offertory. Joan Hill
"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" ...arr. Michael Burkhardt

Meditation Text:

Remaining in Jesus is not just one of many things we are asked to do as
Jesus-followers. It is the one thing from which everything else
proceeds. To miss this is to miss Him. And to miss Him is to miss it
all. —Bill Delveaux

The Work of the Church Rev. Smathers

*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

*Hymn of Petition No. 702 MATERNA
"America the Beautiful"

*Postlude Joan Hill
"To God Be the Glory" ...arr. Don Hustad

Preaching Next Week: Rev. Frank Murphy

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.

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*