

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, June 12

- 9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Summer Kick-Off - Bagby's Home

Monday, June 13

- 5:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, June 14

- 5:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School Work Night

Wednesday, June 15

- 5:30 p.m. Committee on Committees - Conference Room

Thursday, June 16

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

Saturday, June 18

- Pastoral Candidate Weekend
- 9:00 a.m. Meet and Greet - Dining Room
- 11:00 a.m. Question and Answer Time - Chapel

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane and Hobart Hortman by their Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Richard Gray by Edith Gray and Family.

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

An email to church members with details on the candidate will be sent at 9 a.m. on Friday morning. If you have not received the email by noon, please contact the church office. Those members without access to email will be mailed a copy of the information. Additionally, copies of the information will be available in the church office Friday afternoon.

WAYS TO HELP IN UVALDE

1. Write a check to FBC and mark it as Uvalde, Texas Relief
 2. Donate online through the FBC website.
- Donations are being funneled through the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country. The Foundation uses a local advisory board to:
- Aid families affected by the tragedy
 - Nonprofits providing essential response services
 - Medical institutions caring for victims
 - Organizations conducting long-term efforts for the Uvalde community



A Service of Christian Worship
June 12, 2022



First Baptist Church

Rome, Georgia

June 12, 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
“How Firm a Foundation ”...arr. Gilbert Martin

Welcome to Worship Kristen Pope
God of Hope, we come into Your presence this morning with confidence that You will meet us here.

Where there is sadness, bring joy;

Where there is tiredness, bring refreshment;

Where there is despair, bring a renewed sense of hope.

Let this place be a sanctuary, a safe haven for us, a home for holy words and songs and prayers as we devote ourselves to you.

We pray this in Jesus’ name Amen.

*Hymn of Praise No. 1. NICAIA
“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Call to Confession

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned.

We sprint through our days—anxious, hurried, distracted and tired.

We give up easily when the challenges we face require care and perseverance and are quick to abandon the hope that, in love, You have poured into our hearts.

Teach us, O Lord, to be patient in waiting on your Spirit, to be attentive to meeting the needs around us and to be diligent in showing mercy to others.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

A Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness. . . . Nancy Ratcliffe, soprano
“Whispering Hope”...Septimus Winner

Reading of Holy Scripture.Romans 5:1-5
(The text may be found on page 1116 in the Bibles in the pew racks.)

Dr. Coleman Famin, 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 Hope No. 617.SUNLIGHT
“Heavenly Sunlight”

(Children ages four through third grade may depart for Children’s Worship.)

Morning Prayer (with the Lord’s Prayer) Tamara Tillman Smathers

Musical Offering.Sanctuary Choir

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”...arr. Ryan Murphy

(This lyrics to this anthem may be found in Hymn 64.)

Sermon. Rev. Smathers
“Hope Given”

*Hymn of Response No. 472.LEMMEL
“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

*Prayer of Stewardship Nick Georgian

Offertory.Joan Hill
“My Song Is Love Unknown”...arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams

Pastor Search Prayer Request:

Pray this week that the church and the candidate to be our next pastor will be able to see God’s hand at work in bringing us and our future pastor together.

The Work of the ChurchNick Georgian

*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

Commissioning Song No. 550 (Stanza Four) MARCHING TO ZION

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;

We’re marching through Immanuel’s ground,

we’re marching through Immanuel’s ground

to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion.

We’re marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

PostludeJoan Hill
“Sonata”...anon., 17th Century

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