

WHAT IS PENTECOST?

Pentecost marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost literally means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter. Pentecost is one of the three large festivals commemorated in the Christian calendar. The first two, Christmas and Easter, are well known to both believers and non-believers. But it's possible that many Christians may not be as familiar with Pentecost. God the Father's Christmas gift of His Son, and Christ's Easter triumph over the power of sin and death are made even more meaningful to us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to reveal, comfort, intercede and empower believers. Red, the color associated with this day, recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. Red also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs. These are the believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Moments with Children. At this time, all children ages four through sixth grade are invited to come forward. Children ages four through second grade will leave for Children's Worship after Moments with Children. Older children should return to their seats. Parents should pick up their children on the second floor of the Education Building after worship.

Recording. All worship services are recorded and may be viewed on our website. If you would like a copy of today's service, please call the pastor's office.

PRAYER CONCERNS (Please place in offering plate or hand to an usher or minister.)

P. Joel Snider, Pastor

Priscilla J. Tunnell, Minister of Faith Development

Keith A. Reaves, Minister of Worship/Music

Tamara Tillman Smathers
Minister of Education/Administration

John H. Uldrick, Minister to Students

Hugh Peacock and Joe Preston
Interim Ministers of Visitation

Patsy Cooper, Director of Weekday Education

Beverly Harris, Pianist

Joan Hill, Organist

Floyd F. Roebuck, Pastor Emeritus

CHURCH CALENDAR

(For more information on these events visit www.fbcrome.org.)

Sunday, May 23

- 9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Bible Class - WLAQ 1410 AM
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
Youth at Enterfaith Service at First United Methodist Church
- 12:15 p.m. Children's Birthday Lunch

Monday, May 24

- 9:00 a.m. First Baptist hosts Community Kitchen
- 5:30 p.m. Missions Committee—Conference Room
Committee on Committees—Community Room

Tuesday, May 25

- 7:00 a.m. Youth and Children Bible Study - Chick-Fil-A
- 9:00 a.m. First Baptist hosts Community Kitchen
- 3:00 p.m. First Baptist hosts Meals and More—First Christian Church

Wednesday, May 26

- 9:00 a.m. First Baptist hosts Community Kitchen
- 12:00 p.m. Prayers and Reflections—Dining Room—Daryl Ellis, speaker
- 5:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Dinner—Fuddrucker's

Thursday, May 27

- 9:00 a.m. First Baptist hosts Community Kitchen

Friday, May 28

- 9:00 a.m. First Baptist hosts Community Kitchen

Saturday, May 29

- 8:00 a.m. Love Builds

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edd R. Richards, by Bea Richards.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Patsy Cooper, on the occasion of her retirement as Director of the Weekday Preschool at First Baptist Church.

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Pentecost

First Baptist Church
Rome, Georgia



A Service of Christian Worship
May 23, 2010 11:00 a.m.

To help maintain a spirit of worship in today's service, please silence cell phones and pagers.
Hearing assisted devices are available. Please see an usher for more information.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Joan Hill, organ
"Come, Holy Spirit"...Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau
(Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

Invocation..... Tamara Tillman Smathers
Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers and with tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

come, Holy Spirit.

With love and power from above to make our weaknesses strong,

come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise No. 355. REVIVE US AGAIN
"We Praise Thee, O God"

Call to Prayer
Hymn 389..."Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

A Time for Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness. First Baptist Ringers
"Acclamation"...Kevin McChesney

Morning Prayer Dr. Joel Snider

Hymn of Pentecost No. 225. ST. THEODULPH
"On Pentecost They Gathered"
(Children ages four through sixth grade are invited to come forward.)

Moments with Children.....Priscilla J. Tunnell

*Reading of Holy Scripture. Acts 2:1-13
(The text may be found on page 1078 of the pew Bible.)
Ernie Smith, Deacon, reader
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri (†)
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.

Musical Offering.....Sanctuary Choir
"My Wordless Prayer"...Pamela Martin/Craig Courtney

My words lie still and lifeless as dust upon the sand.
I can no longer voice one request or one demand.
My cup of tears is empty, I can no longer cry,
My lips have fallen silent, my prayer is but a sigh.
*Spirit come and rest Your ear upon my heart,
O come and hear my wordless prayer,
my silent pleas and take them far away from me.
Take them from this heart of mine to the Father's heart divine.
Speak in tones unknown to man that God may hear and understand.*

My voice is weak from calling to You both night and day.
How long will You be silent? Why do you turn away?

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Sermon.Dr. Snider
"Pentecost"

*Hymn of Response No. 228. FESTAL SONG
"A Rushing, Mighty Wind"

*Prayer of Stewardship.Christi Cates, lay leader
God of wind, word and fire, we bless your name this day for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit,

We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that you have poured out to your children.

Accept us with our gifts to be living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth.

Through Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Offertory. Beverly Harris/First Baptist Ringers
"Alleluia" from Mozart's 'Exultate Jubilate'...arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Meditation Text:

The Holy Spirit, as Christians know Him, is not merely the diffused power of God discoverable everywhere in the universe, but is first and foremost the special and distinctive influence which God exerts over our souls as we respond to His love in the human life of Christ. —William Temple in *Christian Faith and Life*

The Work of the ChurchKeith A. Reaves

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

Recognition of Patsy Cooper

*Pastoral Blessing

*Passing of the Peace

*Commissioning Hymn No. 520 (Stanza Four).AZMON
"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

*Postlude.Joan Hill
"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"...arr. Charles Callahan

**WELCOME TO
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

We are honored that you have chosen to join us in worship today. 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 as you leave. We promise to use it only to contact you about our church. Again, welcome to First Baptist Church!

This is my (our)...

- First visit to First Baptist Church
 Second visit to First Baptist Church
 Third (+) visit to First Baptist Church

Name_____

Spouse's First Name_____

Address_____

City_____

State_____ Zip Code _____

E-mail Address_____

Home Telephone_____

Is your number unlisted? Yes No

Children Living at Home (Name/Age/Grade)

- I am a newcomer 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 a guest of:
