

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 17

- 8:30 a.m. Missions Committee - Conference Room
- 9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
Children Depart for PassportKids!
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, July 18

- 11:30 a.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Mount Berry Theater

Wednesday, July 20

- 6:00 p.m. Youth Diving Into the Word - Hood's Home

Thursday, July 14

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

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Roebuck and in honor of Floyd Roebuck on the occasion of their 69th wedding anniversary by Dan and Judy Roebuck.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sybil Mann Harrison by Lindsey Sybil Mann Field and Ashley Harrison Mann Pittman.

PRAYERS FOR THE BROOKS FAMILY

Continue to remember David, Laurie, Caroline and Jacob as their time in North Carolina comes to a close and they make their way to Georgia. David's first day in the office is August 22 and he will preach for the first time August 28.

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 or calling the church and asking for Nick or Karen.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Habitat has two homes that are in progress this summer. Jeff Brooks is leading the way and is in need of volunteers to help. Please let Jeff know if you would like to help serve by reaching out to jeff@brooksbuidinggroup.com. Thank you in advance for your consideration!

UPCOMING GUEST PREACHERS

- July 24: Dr. Jon Roebuck
- July 31: Dr. Jody Long, Georgia CB
- August 7: Dr. Bill Henderson
- August 14: Bluegrass Sunday



We welcome Dr. Jody Long, CBF/GA Executive Coordinator, as our guest preacher today. Jody earned undergraduate degrees from Macon State College and Mercer University with concentrations in Christianity, English literature, and history. He earned his M.Div. from McAfee School of Theology of Mercer University in 2004 and a Ph.D. in higher education from Tift College of Education of Mercer University in 2013. Jody is married to Julie Whidden Long and they have two children, Merrill and John Thomas.



First Baptist Church

Rome, Georgia

July 17, 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
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” ...arr. Don Hustad

Welcome to Worship. Tamara Tillman Smathers

*Hymn of Praise No. 7. JUDSON
“Worthy of Worship”

Call to Confession

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways.
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess the beauty of Your peace.
Lord, hear our prayers.

A Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness
We have confessed our sins.
God has forgiven us. Amen.

Contemplative Reading of Holy Scripture Luke 10:38-42
Keith A. Reaves, leader

(In the 16th century Ignatius of Loyola developed this contemplative prayer practice focusing on how to be involved in scriptural stories.)

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus’s feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to Him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.” ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

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 Guidance No. 405. BRADBURY
“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”
(There is no Children’s Worship time this week.)

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
“Footsteps of Jesus” ...arr. John Carter

Sermon. Dr. Jody Long
“Only One Thing”

*Hymn of Response No. 68 HE LEADETH ME
“He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought”

*Prayer of Stewardship (prayed in unison)
Holy God, we ask that these be dedicated to bringing Your love, justice, and compassion into being in our midst. Help us to see both the beauty of Your caring and the ugliness of our indifference. We pray this in Christ’s name. Amen.

Offertory Beverly Harris/Joan Hill
“Jesus Is All the World to Me” ...arr. James Pethel/Stam Pethel

Meditation Text:
It may be that when we no longer know what to do, we have come to our real work, and that when we no longer know which way to go, we have begun our real journey. The mind that is not baffled is not employed. The impeded stream is the one that sings. —Wendell Berry in *Poetry and Marriage*

The Work of the Church Rev. Reaves

*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

Commissioning Song
He leadeth me, He leadeth me by His own hand He leadeth me.
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

Postlude Joan Hill
“Festive March” ...Arthur Foote

Children’s Worship

Because Kristen Pope is with PassportKids! today there will be no Children’s Worship time. Nursery care is available for children four and under. Children’s Worship will resume next week.

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*