

WELCOME!

We are honored you have joined us in worship. 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:

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HUNGER OFFERING

Help meet the needs of the 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. Our gifts support World Vision and The CBF Global Missions Hunger Relief.

STUDENT/PARENTS MEETING TONIGHT

Parents and students are invited to tonight's meeting at 5:45 p.m. to discuss the fall schedule and activities. Dinner provided. See Nick Georgian for details.

FAMILY NIGHT

Regular activities for children and youth resume this Wednesday. Come enjoy dinner between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. (No reservations required!) Discussion of our proposed 2022-2023 church budget will be featured in our quarterly church conference. See detailed schedule below.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 28

9:45 a.m. Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship

5:45 p.m. Youth/Parent Small Groups Vision Night

Wednesday, August 31

5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner

5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting/Church Conference

Student Life and Discipleship

6:30 p.m. Kids J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)

6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 1

6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class

For information on these and other activities
see www.fbcrome.org or The Spire.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of Karen Foss on the occasion of their wedding anniversary, by Harry Foss.

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

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JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER.

HEBREWS 13:8





A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 28, 2022 11:00 A.M.

We welcome a larger congregation through Comcast Channel 44, streaming through the church website and YouTube. As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”... arr. Edwin Childs

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Kristen Pope

Holy God, we praise You as the one who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

People: *Accept our praise and adoration, we pray, for we offer them in the name of Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 576

“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”
MY SAVIOR’S LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Most gracious and merciful God, we humbly ask for the healing and forgiveness that comes from Your presence all the days of our lives.

People: *Lord, hear our prayers.*

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

How marvelous, how wonderful and my song shall ever be.
How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior’s love for me!

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Tamara Tillman Smathers

Hebrews 13:1-8; 15-16

(The scripture may also be found on page 1194 in the Bibles in the pew racks.)

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” ⁶So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?” ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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 FAITHFULNESS NO. 57

“Be Still, My Soul”
FINLANDIA

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord’s Prayer)

David Brooks

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

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”...arr. Alice Jordan
(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 566.)

SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“The Only Constant”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 60

“Like a River Glorious”
WYE VALLEY

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Nick Georgian

God of love and grace, we bring our offerings and ask that they might be dedicated to strengthening Your church to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

People: *Open our ears to hear what pleases You and open our eyes to see the opportunities around us. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.*

OFFERTORY DUET

“It Is Well with My Soul”...arr. Don Phillips

Meditation Text:

He comes to us as one unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside, he came to those men who knew him not. He speaks to us the same words: ‘Follow thou me!’ and sets us to the tasks which he has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey him, whether they be wise or simple, he will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in his fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who he is.

-Albert Schweitzer

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Nick Georgian

PASTORAL BLESSING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last
and our eternal home.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“March Triumphant”...Jacques Lemmens

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. Nursery care is available for children four and younger. 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 others. If there is a need to evacuate, parents should pick up children at the bus parking lot on the far side of First Presbyterian Church.

David Brooks
Pastor

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

Betty Holland, Supply Pianist