

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

THE SPIRE - PLEASE TAKE ONE

Due to technical difficulties the latest edition of The Spire was not mailed. Copies are available throughout the church. An electronic version was emailed or can be viewed on our website.

WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Tamara Smathers teaches this group that meets in the Dining Room on Mondays from 10-11 a.m. Feel free to invite a friend to come along. Bring your own coffee or grab a cup when you arrive.

PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

This Wednesday at 6 p.m. David Brooks leads a new study, "What We Need Is Here: Practicing the Heart of Christian Spirituality," based on a book by Roger Owens. Copies are available in the church office for \$10. Purchase of the book is not required to attend the class.

PARENTING WITH FAITH WORKSHOPS

Four workshops for parents will be Wednesdays in October from 6-7 p.m. The workshops will be led by Meredith Anne Miller, a pastor and parent with more than 20 years experience helping families follow Jesus together.

STUDENT FALL RETREAT - NOVEMBER 11 - NOVEMBER 13

Students mark your calendars for our Fall Retreat hosted by the CBF of Georgia. We will be in Dahlonega, GA at Camp Glisson. Cost is \$140 per student. Please contact Nick Georgian for more information!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 2

8:30 a.m. Extended Family Ministry Team - Dining Room
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship
Youth Choir (immediately following worship)
2:00 p.m. Student River Trip

Monday, October 3

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
12:00 p.m. Properties Committee - Conference Room
5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite

Wednesday, October 5

FBC Serves Community Kitchen
5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner
5:30 p.m. Churns Bible Study - Builder's Room
5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
Student Life and Discipleship
6:30 p.m. Kids J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

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 loving memory of Milton Tippin, Jr., Jennette Todd Tippin and Todd Tippin by Jenny and Joe Walter.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ernest, Doris and John Rudert by the Edward Rudert Family and the Bob Rudert Family.

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The Heart of a Pastor

A Worship Series
from the Letters of 1 and 2 Timothy

World Communion Sunday





A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 2, 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

PRELUDE "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"...arr. Kevin McChesney
First Baptist Ringers

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Nick Georgian

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 340 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
DIADEM

CALL TO CONFESSION Emma Sprayberry, Music Ministry Intern
"Give Me Jesus"...arr. Moses Hogan

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (2 Chronicles 30:9)

The Lord God is kind and merciful, and if you turn back to God, God will no longer turn His back on you.
Through God's grace we are forgiven! Amen.

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 1:1-7
David Brooks, reader

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 704)

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord's Prayer) Kristen Pope
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.

HYMN OF FAITH NO. 565 "God of Past, Who by Your Spirit"
HYFRYDOL
(Children ages four through third grade may depart for Children's Worship.)

SERMON "What Makes a Family of Faith?"
Rev. Brooks

ANTHEM OF PREPARATION Sanctuary Choir
"The One"...arr. Craig Courtney

On the swiftest wings of morning, from the highest King of Heaven,
comes a holy invitation to a feast.

Interceding for His children, at the right hand of the Father,
He invites us all, the most unto the least.

The One who knows your name has bid you, "Come."

*The One who bore your shame, God's only Son,
has prepared a celebration as a gift from God above;
a sacrament of peace, a feast of love.*

Gather now around God's table, feel the splendor of the Savior,
as He serves the fragrant bread and pours the wine.

Then in grateful adoration of His blood and body given,
praise the One who offers us the feast divine.

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THE ORDINANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. The bread will be passed to the entire congregation and we will eat it together when the pastor indicates it is time. Next, the cup will be taken in the same way. The table set before us is not the property of our church; it is the Lord's table. We invite all who call Jesus "Lord" to join us.

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 466 "Jesus, at Your Holy Table"
BEACH SPRING

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP Tamara Tillman Smathers

OFFERTORY "Song of Joy"...arr. Arnold Sherman
First Baptist Ringers

Meditation Text:

Faith is something we do together, something that presses us up against people with whom we normally might have no contact at all, only to discover that with regard to what really matters, we are brothers and sisters in God's quirky family. I am saved to be saved with you, us together. We desperately need to connect with others at a deep, faith level. -James C. Howell, *The Life We Claim*

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH Rev. Smathers

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN
May the Lord, mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever,
Grant you peace, perfect peace, Courage in every endeavor.
Lift your eyes and see His face, And His grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever.

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Grand Chour"...Theodore Dubois

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
Children ages four through third grade are invited to Children's Worship on the second floor of the Education Building. 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 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

Beverly Harris, Pianist

Joan Hill, Organist