

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

WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Tamara Smathers teaches this group that meets in the Dining Room on Mondays from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m. Many women from the community join us, so please feel free to invite a friend to come along. Bring your own coffee or grab a cup when you arrive.

FAMILY NIGHT

Regular activities for children, youth and adults have resumed. Come enjoy dinner between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. (No reservations required!) David Brooks is leading a month-long Bible study for adults entitled "What Matters Most." See detailed schedule below.

PARENTING WITH FAITH WORKSHOPS

Beginning in October, we will host four Parenting in Faith workshops Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. while children are in their activities. These workshops will be led by Meredith Anne Miller, a pastor and parent with more than 20 years experience helping families follow Jesus together.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 18

8:30 p.m. Deacon Ordination - Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship
Youth Choir (immediately following worship)
5:45 p.m. Student Small Groups and Dinner

Monday, September 19

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
11:30 a.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Dining Room

Wednesday, September 21

5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner
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 Rehearsal

Thursday, September 22

6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Graduation - Dining Room

Saturday, September 24

9:00 a.m. Deacon Retreat - Fellowship Hall

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 Ed and Mary Morris by the Morris Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Claborn and Ann Bradfield on their 64th wedding anniversary by their Children and Grandchildren.

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The Heart of a Pastor

A Worship Series
from the Letters of 1 and 2 Timothy

The saying is sure and worthy of full
acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into
the world to save sinners. . .

—1 Timothy 1:15





A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 18, 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

“Prayer”... Gustav Merkel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sanctuary Choir

“Enter In with Praise”...Lamar Morin/Bill Sloan

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 296

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”
HOLY MANNA

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

David Brooks

THE COVENANT OF CHURCH MEMBERS (Insert)

THE ORDINANCE OF BELIEVER’S BAPTISM Addie Kate Cox, candidate
(The congregation will respond with “Amen” after the baptism.)

CALL TO CONFESSION NO. 389

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”
CHILDREN PRAYING

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Children’s Choir

“Trust in the Lord”...arr. Keith Reaves

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your pathway clear.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Children’s Choir

“Your Word Is A Lamp to My Feet”...Ruth Elaine Schram
(The text for this anthem it taken from Psalm 119:105 and 11)

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Chris Jackson, Deacon, reader

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, 6 who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. 7 For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 704)

HYMN OF PRAYER NO. 391

“Prayer Is the Soul’s Sincere Desire”
CAMPMEETING

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord’s Prayer)

Tamara Tillman Smathers

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

“Father of Light”...arr. Craig Courtney

(The text of this anthem is based on Psalm 56:3, 4,13)

Daniel Lynch, Lecanna Allen, Music Ministry Interns, soloists

All praise to the name of the Father of Light, one who listens and hears when I call.
Every step He ordains, I shall walk without fear. In His light I’ll not stumble or fall.

What can mortal man do while I’m safe in His hand? He is God, on His Word I rely.
In the midst of my fear I will trust in His name, for I know He will hear when I cry.

He knows all of my feelings, the depths of despair, All the limits my soul can endure.
I will trust in His Name. I have nothing to lose, for in Him all my hopes are secure.

God alone can deliver a soul from its death, lift a life from a wasteland of need.
God alone can replenish with blessings untold, until into His light we are freed.

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SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“How Should We Pray?”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 409

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
CONVERSE

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Nick Georgian

ORGAN/PIANO OFFERTORY

“Be Thou My Vision”...arr. Deborah Govenor

Meditation Text:

Prayer leads you to see new paths and to hear new melodies in the air. Prayer is the breath of your life. Praying is not simply some necessary compartment in the daily schedule of a Christian or a source of support in time of need, nor is it restricted to Sunday morning or as a frame to surround mealtimes. Praying is living.

-Henri Nouwen, *With Open Hands*

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Nick Georgian

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN

We're baptized! Your Spirit gives new work to do,
That we, through our serving, may glorify you.
Each person's vocation, each calling, has worth
As you send us out to bring Christ's love on earth.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Allegro Maestoso”...Felix Mendelssohn

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

Joan Hill, Organist

Betty Holland, Supply Pianist