

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

WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Help meet the needs of the homeless and 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 or give it to one of our youth with a basket at the exits following worship. Gifts support World Vision and CBF Global Missions Hunger Relief.

CHURCHWIDE PICNIC AND FALL FESTIVAL POSTPONED

Based on weather predictions earlier in the week, the picnic has been postponed.

FLU SHOTS

The Floyd County Health Department will offer flu shots in the FBC Community Room Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Please bring your insurance card.

FALL BACK SATURDAY NIGHT

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night!

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH - ANGELS & CIDER AT SUNDOWN

Sunday, November 13 from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. We will make angel figurines at Ruth Reynolds' Barnhouse. Email Kris Wilder at kwilder@fbcrome to register.

WOMEN'S EPIPHANY RETREAT

Women's Epiphany Retreat returns January 6 through 8, 2023 at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Cullman, Alabama. Reservations are now accepted. Please contact Tamara Smathers or Kris Wilder for more information.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 30

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Committee - Conference Room
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:00 p.m. FBC Student Halloween Bash

Monday, October 31

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

Wednesday, November 2

- 1:30 p.m. Flower Committee Meeting - Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner
- 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting/Bible Study/Adult Seminar
Student Life and Discipleship
- 6:30 p.m. Kids J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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

The flowers in the Narthex today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dewey Jowers and in honor of Jerrie Jowers by the Sklar Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Trixie and Dee Couch by Patsy and Jere Drummond.

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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP
OCTOBER 30, 2022



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

OCTOBER 30, 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 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"...arr. Wilbur Held

WELCOME TO WORSHIP David Brooks

As Jesus called to Zacchaeus, so He calls to us.

Jesus longs to abide with us: Here in this place, in our homes, and
wherever the body of Christ is gathered.

Jesus invites us, just as we are.

Let us worship God, who calls us by name, who came to seek and save
the lost.

Let us praise God's name together!

HYMNS OF PRAISE NO. 570 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"
TRUST IN JESUS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lord God of love and peace, open our hearts today to receive the invitation of Jesus
to come and be present in our lives.

Create an atmosphere of confession and healing love in our hearts and
our spirits. For we ask these things in Jesus' name...

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Youth Choir
"You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)"...Michael W. Smith

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Luke 19:1-10
Tamara Tillman Smathers, reader

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named
Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who
Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in
stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Him, because He was
going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to
him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So
he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble
and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood

there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor;
and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as
much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he
too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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 COMMITMENT NO. 473 "Will You Come and Follow Me"
KELVINGROVE

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord's Prayer) Rev. 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 and ever. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING Sanctuary Choir
"Then Sings My Soul"...arr. Mary McDonald
(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 323.)

SERMON Nick Georgian
"Going Out on a Limb"

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 497 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
ASSAM

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP Kristen Mathis

OFFERTORY "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"...arr. James Curnow
Kelley Ozier, euphonium

Meditation Text:

The farther we "go out on a limb" in faith and obedience to the promptings of God,
and the more we fall into the arms of our heavenly Father in total and radical
dependence on Him, the more secure we will be and the more solid the ground
beneath us becomes. For indeed, we are standing on the eternal Rock—on Jesus
Christ, our firm foundation. -Sean Breeden

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH Rev. Mathis

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

ORGAN POSTLUDE "God Our Father, We Adore Thee"...arr. Julie Morgan

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 Mathis
Minister of Faith Development

Gwen Stephens
Minister to Extended Family

Nick Georgian
Interim Minister to Students and Missions

Joan Hill, Organist

Beverly Harris, Pianist