

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

PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

This Wednesday at 6 p.m. David Brooks concludes a Bible study for adults entitled "What Matters Most." October 5-November 16 he 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 IN 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.

CHURCHWIDE PICNIC AND FALL FESTIVAL

Our Churchwide Picnic and Fall Festival will be held at Morrison Campground this year on Sunday, October 30 from 3:00 until 7:00 p.m. There will be entertainment by bluegrass band "Tried and True", also included we will have a Special Vespers Service, Potluck Dinner, a Petting Zoo, Pumpkin Painting and Cookie Decorating. Invite friends and bring a chair!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 9

9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship
No Youth Choir or Small Groups

Monday, October 10

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
11:30 a.m. Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group - Dining Room
12:00 p.m. Finance Committee - Conference Room
5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite
5:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 11

12:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee - Conference Room

Wednesday, October 12

3:00 p.m. Sr. Adult Committee - Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner
5:30 p.m. Churns Bible Study
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 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Garland Dickey and Dr. Ouida Dickey by their daughters, Angela Dickey and Jennifer Dickey.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doris Higgins on the occasion of her birthday by Marty, Len, Johanna, Chad and Hanna Willingham, Tripp and Jennifer, Will and Chandler Bagby.

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The Heart of a Pastor

A Worship Series
from the Letters of 1 and 2 Timothy

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel. . .

-2 Timothy 2:8



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 9, 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 "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"...arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Tamara Tillman Smathers

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 354 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"
JOYFUL SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children.

With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 361 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"
GORDON

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 2:8-13
Kristen Pope, reader

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

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 FAITH NO. 620 "Because He Lives"
RESURRECTION

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 and ever. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Sanctuary Choir

"In His Hand"...arr. Marty Parks
Gwen Stephens, conductor

In my darkness He is light. In my weakness, He is might.
In my doubting He is sure. In His hand I am secure.

Shelter from the bitter fray, He's my refuge and my stay.
In a dry and weary land I have seen His gracious hand.

Faithful in life's deep distress. Father to the fatherless.
To those ravaged by the way, He is all of these and more.

For His goodness I will praise Him. With my song I will proclaim:
He is righteous, He is holy. He is evermore the same!

Once a stranger, now a Friend, with me till my journey's end.
He receives me as His own. Never will I walk alone.

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SERMON

Rev. Brooks

"Owning the Gospel"

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 501

"I Am Resolved"
RESOLUTION

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Nick Georgian

God of love and compassion, the need for Your presence in this world is often overwhelming. Confrontation and division are everywhere we look: in families, in communities, in churches, and in our world. We have endured much, and others have had to endure so much more.

Paul reminds us if we endure, we will reign with Jesus. May the gifts we give help all your children endure in these challenging times.

In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray. Amen.

PIANO OFFERTORY

"Ain'-a that Good News"...arr. John Carter

Meditation Text:

Jesus is the heart-, the soul-, the gut-deep friend I have needed. To know him personally, to be able to speak with him as a living friend, to feel his gentle steel steadying me when everything else is crumbling—this is salvation. And I believe it is a salvation that is possible for everyone who will open themselves to his presence and merciful guidance. -J. Daniel Day

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Nick Georgian

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN NO. 618 (Stanza Two)

All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs,
Faithful, loving service, too, to Him belongs.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, love lifted me!
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ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"...arr. James D. Kimball

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

Beverly Harris, Pianist