

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

THANKSGIVING DINNER & SERVICE

A Deacon sponsored Thanksgiving meal will be served this evening at 5:00 p.m. No reservations required. A service will follow in the Sanctuary, and an offering will be received for the Rome/Floyd Community Kitchen.

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS

Hands of Christ Christmas Signup Genius is available on the website and runs through December 11. Please deliver gifts to the Dining Room from November 27 through December 11. All gifts need to be wrapped, (as gift allows), with a temporary tag taped on the bottom with family letter, gender and age.

WELCOMING ADVENT

Join us next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fun and fellowship. We will make Advent wreaths to use in our homes, enjoy Christmas music and delicious goodies. A Family Advent devotional book will also be distributed. Please bring fresh greenery and pruning shears from home.

CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST CONCERT

Our annual concert featuring the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra, with the Youth Choir, Children's Choir and First Baptist Ringers is December 4 at 4 p.m.

SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon is Thursday, December 8 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Attendees are encouraged to bring a nativity set to display. The program will include special music from FBC music Interns Sydney Godfrey and Matthew Becher and stories about the nativity sets. Cost of the lunch is \$10. Sign up by December 1.

PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

On November 30 David Brooks will conclude his Bible study entitled "What We Need Is Here: Practicing the Heart of Christian Spirituality," based on a book by Roger Owens. We meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Dining Room

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 20

- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir
5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner & Service - Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

Monday, November 21

- 5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 23

Church Office Closes at Noon

Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25

Church Office Closed

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 Ralph Keith by Chris and Jennie Cook.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eula and John Kirkland and David Kirkland by Mary and John Kirkland.



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 20, 2022



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

ROME, GEORGIA

NOVEMBER 20, 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 "Now Thank We All Our God"...Sigfrid Karg-Elert

WELCOME TO WORSHIP David Brooks

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 215 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

CALL TO CONFESSION Kristen Mathis

The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace.

Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers in silence.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS First Baptist Ringers
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"...arr. Ron Mallory

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:31-46
Rev. Mathis, reader

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, - you did it to me." ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink" ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in

prison you did not visit me." ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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 PRAISE NO. 306 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
(Children ages four through third grade may depart for Children's Worship)

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 and ever. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING Sanctuary Choir/Brass Ensemble
"Crown Him"...arr. Dan Forrest
(This anthem is given to the glory of God and in honor of the Sanctuary Choir, by Beverly Harris.)

SERMON Rev. Brooks
"Going to See the King"

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 158 "Jesus Shall Reign"

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP Nick Georgian

BRASS/ORGAN OFFERTORY "Te Deum (This Day)"...Marc-Antoine Charpentier
Meditation Text:
God is here, particularly in your neighbor, the one who needs you. You want to see the face of God? Look into the face of one of the least of these, the vulnerable, the weak, the children.
-John M. Buchanan

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH Nick Georgian

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION
Crown Him the Lord of Heaven; One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him given from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us has died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified!

ORGAN POSTLUDE "O God Our Help In Ages Past"...arr. W.T. Best

Expenses for the brass ensemble and music for "Te Deum" are given to the glory of God and in memory of Glenda Potts, by Randy and Kay Bratton.

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 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