

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

BACK PARKING LOT CLOSED

The back parking lot will be closed from 12:30 p.m. today until Wednesday at 3 p.m. so that the lot can be resealed. Please do not use this lot during this time.

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.

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS

Hands of Christ Christmas is a mission that supports FBC members as they engage in making long-term impact to individuals in need of hope and healing. If you are interested in being a part of the Hands of Christ Committee or have any questions about HOC Christmas, please contact Amy Cox, Kate Barron or Nick Georgian.

SAVE THE DATE

- Thanksgiving Service and Deacon-Sponsored Dinner at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 20.
- Advent Wreath Making at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 27.
- 24th Annual Christmas at First Baptist Concert at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 4
- Sr. Adult Christmas Luncheon at Noon on December 8. Sign up by calling the church office.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 6

- 8:30 a.m. Missions Committee Meeting - Conference Room
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 2:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Committee - Conference Room
- 5:45 p.m. Student Small Groups & Dinner

Monday, November 7

- Women's Bible Study - Canceled
- 5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite

Wednesday, November 8

- 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

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 Mark and Frances Johnson by Marsha Welch and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Palmer and Chapman Marion by Jason and Margaret Marion, Blythe and Archer.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

NOVEMBER 6, 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 "All Creatures of Our God and King"... arr. Charles Callahan

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Kristen Mathis

On our pilgrimage of faith, in a changing and uncertain world –

we do not walk alone: the Lord is with us.

We remember all those who taught us faith –

that cloud of witnesses whose example burns bright in our memory.

God of grace, by whose love the world exists –

show us Your face once again and reveal to us Your glory. Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 567

"For All the Saints"
SINE NOMINE

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Esther, to Paul and Lydia and from Roger Williams and John Leland to Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong:

Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

We remember ministers and teachers who have taught us Your way:

Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

Family of our faith, we remember you.

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon:

Those close in our heart, we remember you.

We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with You forever.

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(Please stand as each name is read aloud. We will pause to remember, pray, and give thanks.)

IN MEMORIAM

Larry Atwell	Bill Kerestes	Pat Popham
Susan Bradshaw	Melissa King	Ann Roebuck
Sandra Burk	Jimmy Lawson	Harold Storey
Vernon Grizzard	Barbara McElyea	Bill Thompson
Cindy Jenkins	Miller Milford	Louise Walraven
Nevin Jones	Ken Nance	Charles White

TOLLING OF THE CHURCH BELL

The church bell, first cast and used in 1855, will be rung in memory of each member. One final toll will memorialize family and friends who were not church members, but who are still missed and loved.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Matthew Becher, Music Ministry Intern
"Hymn of Heaven"... Phil Wickham

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Psalm 103:1-5; 11-12

Gwen Stephens, reader

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits— who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love towards those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us.

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 GRATITUDE NO. 378

"We Gather Here in Grateful Praise"
TRURO

(Children ages four through third grade may depart for Children's Worship.)

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord's Prayer)

Nick Georgian

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

"All Things New"...arr. Elaine Hagenburg

Sanctuary Choir

Light after darkness, gain after loss,
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears,
Home after wandering, praise after tears.

*Alpha and omega, beginning and the end,
He is making all things new.
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear.
He is making all things new.*

Sight after mystery, sun after rain.
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain.
Near after distant, gleam after gloom.
Love after loneliness, life after tomb.

SERMON

"More than We Can Measure"

David Brooks

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 672

"All Things Are Yours"
GERMANY

(Those desiring to join the church, to make a public profession of faith, or to share other decisions may come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY AND PRAYER

Diane Wilson

OFFERTORY

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"...arr. Mark Hayes/Marvin Gaspard

Meditation Text:

If you must look back, do so forgivingly. If you must look forward, do so prayerfully. However, the wisest thing you can do is be present in the present...gratefully.

-Maya Angelou

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Keith Reaves

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION

Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

"Fly Away Home"...arr. Mary McDonald
(The congregation will please sing along when prompted.)

Some glad morning when this life is o'er I'll fly away
to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away!
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away!
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

In the sweet by and by,
we shall meet on that beautiful shore.
In the sweet by and by,
we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Postlude in C Major"...Arthur Foote

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children ages four through fourth 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*