

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 *(on sabbatical until February 7)*
Minister of Education/Administration

Kristen Mathis
Minister of Faith Development

Gwen Stephens
Minister to Extended Family

Nick Georgian
Minister to Students and Missions

Joan Hill, *Organist*

Beverly Harris, *Pianist*

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The study on the Gospel of John will be on Wednesdays from January 18 through February 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

IT'S BBQ TME! - ONLY 3 WEEKS REMAINING TO ORDER

All orders will be ready to pick up from FBC parking lot between 3:00 & 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 11. If you need assistance ordering call the church and ask for Karen.

DISCIPLINES

The 2023 Disciplines devotional books are available near the ground floor elevator, in the office or in the Narthex. This book is an excellent tool for those wishing to begin or deepen a devotional practice. Each day includes a scripture, a short meditation, and a prayer.

MARDI GRAS LUNCHEON

The Senior Adult Luncheon February 16 at noon will have a Mardi Gras theme. Ruth Reynolds will be making homemade gumbo and muffalettas and we will have king cake and more fun! Cost is \$10 per person. Sign up with Karen in the office by Monday, February 13.

MARY MCDONALD IN CONCERT AT FBC

Internationally acclaimed composer and musician Mary McDonald will be in concert with the Sanctuary Choir (with a special appearance by our Children's Choir) on Sunday, April 30, in the morning worship service and for a full concert that afternoon. Some of you will remember Mary's visit with us a few years ago! Mark your calendars!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 15

9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting - Conference Room

Monday, January 16

5:15 p.m. Church Office and Weekday Preschool Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Wednesday, January 18

5:00 p.m. Family Night
5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs
6:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
Student Life - Student Room
6:30 p.m. Kids J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)
Student Discipleship - Student Room
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Suite

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 honor of Jimmye Grimes on the occasion of their 20th wedding anniversary by J. C. Grimes.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the dedication of Madeline Louise Jackson by the Jackson family.

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WHO ARE WE?

A WORSHIP SERIES
FOCUSING ON OUR CORE VALUES

In Heritage...
Baptist

In Relationships
...Family

In Character...
Christlikeness

In Service...
Leadership

In All Things...
Prayer

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

JANUARY 15, 2023 11:00 A.M.

We welcome a larger congregation through Comcast Channel 44, and YouTube.
As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”...arr. Donald Hustad

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Nick Georgian

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 344 “Glorious Is Thy Name”

A COVENANT OF DEDICATION FOR MADELINE LOUISE JACKSON AND HER PARENTS, CHRIS AND CATHERINE JACKSON

*Life Verse: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,
who have been called according to his purpose —Romans 8:28*

Litany of Dedication

Minister: Lord, you have blessed Chris and Catherine with the gift of a child. We welcome her in the same spirit that you welcome us, your children. We give thanks for all of our children and the joy they bring to our families. Chris and Catherine, do you present Madeline for dedication, and in doing so declare your intent to raise her in an environment of Christian faith and love?

Parents: We do.

Minister: To Madeline’s family gathered with us, will you freely give of yourselves to Madeline, nurturing her and walking alongside Chris and Catherine as they seek to teach her to walk in the way of Jesus?

Family: We will.

Minister: Will this congregation recognize Madeline as a gift from God? Will you pray for her as she grows in her journey as a follower of Christ? Will you pray for her parents, extended family and this church family as we all continue to surround Madeline with the same love and grace that surrounds her today?

People: We will.

Prayer of Dedication

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE John 8:31-38
Brian Inman, reader

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there

forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill me, because there is no place in you for my word. I declare what I have seen in the Father’s presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father.”

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 PERSEVERANCE NO. 638 “Lift Every Voice and Sing”
(Children ages four through third grade may depart for Children’s Worship.)

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
“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”...arr. Alice Jordan
(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 566.)

SERMON Rev. Brooks
“In Heritage...Baptist”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 407 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP Gwen Stephens

PIANO OFFERTORY “Wayfaring Stranger”...arr. Don Wyrzten

Meditation Text:
Government should protect every man in thinking and speaking freely, and see that one does not abuse another. The liberty that I contend for is more than toleration. The very idea of toleration is despicable; it supposes that some have a pre-eminence above the rest, to grant indulgence; whereas all should be equally free, Jews, Turks, Pagans and Christians.
—Baptist pastor John Leland, The Virginia Chronicle, 1790

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH Keith A. Reaves

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF COMMISSIONING
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last and our eternal home!

ORGAN POSTLUDE “A Trumpeting”...Dale Wood

WELCOME!

We are honored you are with us today!
Please fill out this form if you are a guest or in need of prayer support and place it in the offering plate or hand it to a minister. We promise to use it only to contact you about our church.

First visit to First Baptist Church
 Returning guest

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.
 Please have a minister contact me.
 I am interested in becoming a member of First Baptist Church.
 Add me to the newsletter email list.
 I am a guest of:

Please pray for:

