

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 Wednesdays from through February 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

IT'S BBQ TIME! - ONLY 2 WEEKS REMAINING TO ORDER

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

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 muffalattas, 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!

CHURNS BIBLE STUDY

The CHURNS women's small group meets Tuesday, January 24 at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. The group has just begun a study of Amy-Jill Levine's book, *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, and is open to any women of the church. Call Gwen Stephens for information.

SAFE (SEXUAL AWARENESS & FAMILY EMPOWERMENT) SEMINAR

A parent seminar will run for six weeks starting this Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Builders classroom. These workshops will help anyone who cares for children. We will learn how to teach children about safety as it regards to their peers and other adults in their life, as well as how to educate them about their bodies at every stage of development from a faith-based perspective.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 22

9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir - Choir Suite
5:45 p.m. Student Parent Meeting - Dining Room
Student Small Groups & Dinner - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 24

6:00 p.m. Churns Bible Study - Conference Room

Wednesday, January 25

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
SAFE (Sexual Awareness & Family Empowerment) Seminar - Builders 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 provided by the Jo Huffman Flower fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of J.L. and Doris Todd by Randy and Amy Land and Lori Land and 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 22, 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

“Salvation Now Is Come to Us”...Anonymous

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

David Brooks
Psalm 133

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 271

“Christian People, Sing Together”

(After singing all three stanzas, please repeat stanza one.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, You have called us in the body of Your Son Jesus Christ to continue His work of reconciliation and reveal You to the world:

forgive us the sins which tear us apart;

give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is

Your gift and Your will;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Isaiah 25:9)

Surely this is our God; we trusted in Him, and He saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in Him; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 12:46-50
Eston Collins, lay reader

While He was still speaking to the crowds, His mother and His brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to Him. Someone told Him, ‘Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.’ But to the one who had told Him this, Jesus replied, ‘Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?’ And pointing to His disciples, He said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.’

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 UNITY NO. 275

“Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother”
BUNNESSEN

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

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord’s Prayer)

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.

Kristen Mathis

MUSICAL OFFERING

Sanctuary Choir

“Be My Church”...Susan Bradshaw/Keith A. Reaves
(Composed for the 175th Anniversary of First Baptist Church of Rome, 2010.)

The one eternal God has sent the Holy Spirit
and those who hear His words may write them on their hearts.

He, who is our Savior, has spoken through the Spirit,
engraving the invitation on the walls of our souls.

“Come, be My church. Come be My church in your time.

Be My church by seeking My heart.

Come, be My church. Come be My church for all time.

Be My church by being My hands.

Until I return again seek My heart, be My hands, be My church!”

Let us covenant with one another and with our heavenly Father.

We believe the church is the body of Christ on earth.

Now, as we remember the first time we heard Him call our names

we know the engraving on our souls will not fade.

Christ’s invitation remains!

“Joyfully share your song, be busy doing My will.

Whenever you hear a call, whenever you hear a cry, remember it is I!”

SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“In Relationships...Family”

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mary Donahue

“Recollection of Joy”...Donna Butler

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 267

“Blest Be the Tie”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Nick Georgian

PIANO OFFERTORY

“Would You Bless Our Homes and Families”....arr. Joseph Martin

Meditation Text:

Family is about being responsible to and for each other. Family First? Depends on what kind of family you’re talking about. If our concern is *only* for our immediate family, we can’t expect much help from God. But if our concern is for the greater family of God, then God is right there in the struggle with us. -John Mark Jones

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Nick Georgian

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF COMMISSIONING NO. 272 (St. 2) “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other we will walk hand in hand.
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Riguadon”...Andre Capra

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:
