

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### FAMILY WORSHIP

Today is the last Sunday of the month. These days are designated as "Family Worship" days and all children sit with their families. Nursery care is available for children four and younger. Children's Worship will return next Sunday.

### 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*

## THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

### WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Help meet the needs of the homeless and hungry by contributing to the monthly hunger offering. Please put this offering in an envelope and mark it "WORLD HUNGER" and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of our youth with a basket at the exits following worship. Gifts support World Vision and CBF Global Missions Hunger Relief.

### PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The study on the Gospel of John continues on Wednesdays through February 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### BBQ ORDERS DUE TODAY

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.

### SAFE (SEXUAL AWARENESS & FAMILY EMPOWERMENT) SEMINAR

A workshop is running Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Builders classroom. Participants will learn how to teach children about safety as it regards to their peers and other adults in their lives, as well as how to educate them from a faith-based perspective about their bodies at every stage of development.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, January 29

- 8:30 a.m. Missions Committee - Conference Room
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir - Choir Suite
- Student Parent Senior Immersion Trip Information Meeting - Youth Room
- 5:45 p.m. Student Small Groups & Dinner - Fellowship Hall

### Monday January 30

- 5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite

### Tuesday, January 31

- 4:00 p.m. Weekday Early Education Committee - Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Churns Bible Study - Conference Room

### Wednesday, February 1

- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner
- 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](http://www.fbcrome.org) or The Spire.

The flowers in the Narthex today are given to the glory of God and provided through the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Audrey Cooper & Bill Bryson on the occasion of their birthdays, by Billy and Kathy Cooper.

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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 29, 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** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"... arr. John Innes

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** Nick Georgian  
Mark 1:16-20

**HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 352** "All Praise to Thee"

## CALL TO CONFESSION

God...you call us...and sometimes...we duck under the table...somehow thinking  
you won't notice us or won't know where we are.

You call us...and sometimes...we grab a stapler and a stack of papers...  
trying to look too busy to be bothered at the moment.

You call us...and sometimes we just say, "No!"

We often forget that you call us to be ourselves in the places where  
our very self is what is most needed.

So give us the grace to say "Yes" to your call as we offer our silent confessions...

## A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 208** "He Is Lord"

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Sydney Godfrey, Music Ministry Intern  
"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"...Cesáreo Gabaráin

**READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE** Philippians 2:1-11  
Ryals Stone, Deacon, reader

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God 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 COMMITMENT NO. 477** "We Are Called to Be God's People"

**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

"At the Name of Jesus"...Cindy Berry  
(The text for this anthem is adapted from Philippians 2:6-11)

Jesus, though He was God, did not cling to His rights as God,  
but laid aside His mighty power and glory,  
taking the form of a servant and becoming like men.  
He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow in heaven and in earth.  
That every knee shall bow and tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

**SERMON** Rev. Brooks  
"In Character...Christlikeness"

**HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 501** "I Am Resolved"

**PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP** Stephanie Lewis, Deacon

**PIANO/ORGAN OFFERTORY** "Be Thou My Vision"...arr. Deborah Govenor

## Meditation Text:

Every Christian is to approach life with the same attitude with which Jesus did. We are not to consider the privileges of our life as something to grasp, but we are to set them aside for the service of others. We are not to make the enriching of our own lives the ultimate aim of our living, but rather we are to be willing to give of our lives to others. -Brian L. Harbour

**THE WORK OF THE CHURCH** Keith A. Reaves

## AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

## PASTORAL BLESSING

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

**HYMN OF COMMISSIONING** "He Leadeth Me"  
He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, By His own hand He leadeth me:  
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** "Creation's Song"...arr. Michael Burkhardt

## 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)

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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:

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Please pray for:  
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