

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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
Minister to Students and Missions

Joan Hill, *Organist*

Beverly Harris, *Pianist*

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Join us Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. No other activities for children or youth are planned so that families may worship and start the Lenten journey together. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal will follow the service.

TAIZÉ - A YOUTH-LED WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, February 26 at 5:00 p.m. - Chapel
This unique service offers a rare opportunity to give us time and space to center on the Lord. Come as you are, call to God and listen.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR MISSIONS / SPIRITUAL INVESTOR

Please prayerfully consider becoming a Spiritual Investor for a high school senior. Four seniors will serve on a mission assignment to the Bahamas in June. **There will be an information meeting Sunday, February 26, at noon in the Dining Room for anyone who is interested in becoming a Spiritual Investor.** Please contact Nick Georgian with questions.

SPAGHETTI DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Sunday, March 26 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
This annual event for the Children's Ministry includes a talent show featuring ANYONE (child or adult) who has a talent they would love to share. If you have a service, experience, or gift that you could offer for the auction or if you would like to participate in the talent show, please contact Kristen Mathis.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 19

- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir - Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Student Small Groups & Dinner - Fellowship Hall

Monday February 20

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
- 5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite

Wednesday, February 22

- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary
- 7:00 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 are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of Diane Lumpkin on the occasion of her birthday by her family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nell Ansley Briley on the occasion of her birthday by Ansley and Dean Saville and Family.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

FEBRUARY 19, 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

PIANO PRELUDE "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"... arr. John Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP Gwen Stephens

Come to the mountain, people of God!

We gather to be changed in God's presence.

Hear God's word, those who would listen!

We open our eyes to God's light.

Sing God's praises, all creation!

We proclaim God's salvation and grace.

Come to the mountain and behold!

Great and glorious is the Lord! Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 158 "Jesus Shall Reign"

CALL TO CONFESSION Sanctuary Choir

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"...arr. Phillip Landgrave

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Transfiguring Spirit, accept our prayers of confession today.

In your mercy, transform us again. For you are a forgiving God
and we worship you. Amen.

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Matthew 17:1-9

Tamara Tillman Smathers, reader

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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 THE TRANSFIGURATION NO. 161 "See Our Lord in All His Glory"

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 Sanctuary Choir

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"...arr. Jeff Wächter

(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 407.)

SERMON Rev. Smathers

"Listen to Him"

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 395 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP Keith Reaves

Holy Lord, ever changing, ever the same, transform us by your power,

gather us by your love,

redeem us in your mercy,

and open our eyes to your presence.

We pray in the light of your glory and grace. Amen.

ORGAN OFFERTORY "Morning Prayers"... Sandra W. Jarrell

Betty Holland, organist

Meditation Text:

Suddenly they saw him the way he was,
the way he really was all the time,
although they had never seen it before,
the glory which blinds the everyday eye
and so becomes invisible.

...
This is the way he was—is—from the beginning,
and we cannot bear it. So he manned himself,
came manifest to us; and there on the mountain
they saw him, really saw him, saw his light.
—Madeleine L'Engle, from "The Ordering of Love"

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH Rev. Reaves

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF COMMISSIONING NO. 281 (Final Stanza)

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:

let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;

changed from glory into glory, 'til in heav'n we take our place,

'til we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Postlude in F Major"...Duane Plash

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:
