

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 (*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

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

Be sure to check your email for your 2022 FBC Contribution Statement. If you have not received the statement via email please notify Melinda in the church office.

PICKUP YOUR PREORDERED BARBECUE

Please pick up your preordered BBQ this Saturday from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. from the church parking lot.

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.

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 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, February 5

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

Monday February 6

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

Tuesday, February 7

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

Wednesday, February 8

- 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

Thursday, February 9

- 11:30 a.m. Health Committee Meeting - Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. The Edge (HS Seniors) - Dining Room

Saturday, February 11

- 3:00 p.m. Don't forget to pickup your preordered BBQ - Church Parking Lot

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 Mr. and Mrs. James Wilbur Keene on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Buddy and Ellen Keene.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the First Baptist Ministers and Staff by Earl and Mary Rolan.

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WHO ARE WE?

A WORSHIP SERIES

FOCUSING ON THE CORE VALUES
OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

In Heritage...
Baptist

In Relationships
...Family

In Character...
Christlikeness

In Service...
Leadership

In All Things...
Prayer

FEBRUARY 5, 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 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"... arr. Charles Callahan

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Kristen Mathis

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 345

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

THE COVENANT OF CHURCH MEMBERS

Led by the Spirit of God to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and having entered into the fellowship of the Spirit through His Church,
we, the members of the Church, prayerfully make this covenant with one another and with our Heavenly Father.

We respect all faith traditions, but we shall cherish our heritage as Baptist Christians.

We shall hold dear the principles of soul competency, the priesthood of all believers, the autonomy of the local Church, and the Bible as our trusted and authoritative guide in matters of faith and practice.

As a group of gathered believers, we understand ourselves to be a part of a family of faith.

Therefore, we shall love, forgive, admonish, encourage, serve, and pray for one another—always in the spirit of being sisters and brothers in Christ.

Jesus Christ shall be our model for living.

We recognize that none of us shall ever attain his perfection; yet, we shall always strive to grow in likeness of Him. His heart shall be our guide for the way we minister, organize ourselves, conduct our business, and treat others.

We believe that the Church is the body of Christ on earth; therefore, we are the hands of Christ.

Knowing this about ourselves, we shall be satisfied with nothing less than being leaders in Christian service. We can only accomplish this goal by serving more.

Our Master is our example. We know that we serve Christ himself when we minister to the least, the last, the lost, and the overlooked.

We believe that, on our own, we are not strong enough, wise enough, nor good enough to accomplish our mission as a Church. Therefore, we trust in God’s strength, God’s wisdom, and God’s righteousness to empower us. Only through prayer do we accomplish our mission as a Church.

ORDINANCE OF BELIEVER’S BAPTISM

Sealy Salter, Rasheed White, candidates
(Please respond with “Amen” following each baptism.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kelley Ozier, euphonium
“All Hail the Power”...arr. James Curnow

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:35-45
Dr. Leigh Weldon, Deacon, reader

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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.

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.

HYMN OF SERVICE NO. 649

“Christ, You Call Us All to Service”
(Children ages four through third grade may depart for Children’s Worship.)

SERMON

Rev. Brooks
“In Service...Leadership”

ANTHEM OF PREPARATION

Sanctuary Choir
“Lest I Forget Thy Love”...arr. Craig Courtney
King of my life, I crown Thee now, Thine shall the glory be;
Lest I forget Thy thorn crowned brow, Lead me to Calvary.

*Lest I forget Gethsemane, Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me, Lead me to Calvary.*

Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid, Tenderly mourned and wept;
Angels in robes of light arrayed Guarded Thee while Thou slept.

Let me like Mary, through the gloom, Come with a gift to Thee;
Show to me now the empty tomb, Lead me to Calvary.

May I be willing, Lord, to bear Daily my cross for Thee;
Even Thy cup of grief to share, Thou hast borne all for me.

THE ORDINANCE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Today as we observe the ordinance of the Lord’s Supper the bread will be passed to the entire congregation and we will eat it together when the pastor indicates it is time. Next, the cup will be taken in the same way.

The table set before us is not the property of our church; it is the Lord’s table. We invite all who call Jesus “Lord” to join us.

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 466

“Jesus, at Your Holy Table”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Emily Richie, leader
Eternal God, you have blessed us to eat at the table of Jesus Christ.

By the power of the Holy Spirit keep us faithful to your will.

Go with us to our neighborhoods, to our homes and to our places of work and play.

May we be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PIANO OFFERTORY

“Servant Medley”...arr. Mark Hayes
Meditation Text:
You must learn to serve others in a way that seeks their success. This is just what Jesus did. This is his secret that he shares with us. This is his insider tip on a meaningful life: *Make yourself a servant of others.* -George Mason

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Keith Reaves

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN NO. 652

“Make Me A Servant”
Make me a servant, humble and meek. Lord let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”...arr. Kenneth Varner

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:
