

## WHAT IS LENT?

For centuries, Lent has been observed as a special time of self-examination and penitence. This name “Lent” comes from the Old English *lencten* (*springtime, spring*) and from West Germanic *langitinaz* (*long-days or lengthening of the day.*) The word “Alleluia” is not used in the words of the readings or hymns to mark this season of renewal as a special time. A custom during Lent is to give up things or take on others. Both can serve to mark the season as a time of preparation. The season is 40 days plus the six Sundays and concludes on Easter. Purple is the liturgical color of the season and is reflected on the cross in the baptistery and the stoles for the ministers and choir.

## CHILDREN’S WORSHIP

Children ages four through fourth 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.

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

### GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING

In March we focus on our global missions partnership through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The theme of the offering is “A Place at the Table.” First Baptist is blessed to have relationships with many CBF missionaries serving on our behalf and who are undergirded with our prayers and financial support. Please consider contributing to the offering. Our church goal is \$40,000.

### THE SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

Join us at 6 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent in the Fellowship Hall as David Brooks leads a study of the seven last words that Jesus spoke from the cross.

### 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.

### HANDS OF CHRIST - SERVE DAY

Saturday, April 22 is Hands of Christ Serve Day. We have mission opportunities for everyone, no matter what age! If you are unable to participate in person you can still serve in an impactful way by making a financial contribution. Please out the Serve Day questionnaire on the website before March 29 to let us know that you are planning to participate. The Mission Committee will send a follow up email in the first week of April with a list of specific mission projects available.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### SUNDAY, MARCH 12

- 8:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting - Conference Room
- 8:30 a.m. Youth Committee - Student Room
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Student Small Groups & Dinner - Fellowship Hall

### MONDAY, MARCH 13

- 10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study - Dining Room
- 11:30 a.m. Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group - Dining Room
- 5:00 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite
- 5:30 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting - Fellowship Hall

### TUESDAY, MARCH 14

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

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner
- 5:45 p.m. Children’s Choirs
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
- SAFE (Sexual Awareness & Family Empowerment) Seminar - Builders Room
- 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](http://www.fbcrome.org) or The Spire.



GOAL: \$40,000  
GIVEN: \$22,322

The flowers in the Narthex and Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Adrena Delauder Losh by Chelsea, Bobby and Tripp Losh-Jones. The family offers you the pleasure of taking a flower from the arrangements after the service if you would like.

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# TEACH US TO PRAY

A Worship Series for Lent based on the Lord’s Prayer



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
ROME, GEORGIA

MARCH 12, 2023  
11:00 A.M.

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### PRELUDE

“There Is A Fountain...arr. Dan R. Edwards  
First Baptist Ringers

### INVOCATION

Kristen Mathis

### HYMN OF PETITION NO. 35

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

### A CALL TO CONFESSION

Give us this day our daily bread. The day we are living is a gift from You. Our breath, our health, our food are all supplied by You.

Teach us to live in continuous gratitude as we treasure each moment and cherish the precious gift of life.

Listen as Your children call out to You...



## A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”....arr. Anna Laura Page  
First Baptist Ringers

**READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE** Exodus 16:1-5; 9-15  
Tamara Tillman Smathers, reader

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. <sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

<sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

### GLORIA PATRI (HYMN704)

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 GOD’S PROVISION NO. 167** “I Saw the Cross of Jesus”  
(Children ages four through third grade may depart for Children’s Worship.)

### MORNING 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. Amen.

### MUSICAL OFFERING

Sanctuary Choir  
“And Can It Be?”...arr. Dan Forrest  
And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me?

*Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me!*

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

### SERMON

Rev. Brooks  
“Our Daily Bread”

### HYMN OF RESPONSE

“God Will Take Care of You”

Be not dismayed what'er betide, God will take care of you;  
Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

*God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;  
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.*

Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;  
When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you. [Refrain]

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;  
Lean, weary one, upon his breast. God will take care of you. [Refrain]

### PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Nick Georgian

### OFFERTORY

“Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It”...arr. Anna Laura Page  
First Baptist Ringers/Beverly Harris, piano

(During this time, please meditate on the words of the Lord's Prayer.)

### THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Nick Georgian

### RECOGNITION OF MELINDA DUKE FOR 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

### AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

### PASTORAL BLESSING

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

### COMMISSIONING HYMN

“Teach Us to Pray”

Teach us to pray; teach us to pray.  
We are your children; help us know just what to say.  
Teach us to worship, love and adore Thee;  
with Your understanding teach us, teach us to pray.

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Thee Will I Love, My Strength”...arr. David Cherwien

## 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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