

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary

This moving service takes us through the final hours of Christ’s life and prepares us for the joy of Easter. The service includes music by the Sanctuary Choir, Communion and Tenebrae.

HANDS OF CHRIST - SERVE DAY

Saturday, April 22

We have mission opportunities for everyone, no matter what age! If you are unable to participate in person you can still serve by making a financial contribution. A signup with the list of mission projects and ways to contribute will be available this week. Please contact Nick Georgian for more information.

MARY MCDONALD IN CONCERT

April 30 at 4:00 p.m. - Sanctuary

Internationally acclaimed composer and musician Mary McDonald will be in concert with the Sanctuary Choir (with a special appearance by our Children’s Choir) in the morning worship service and for a full concert that afternoon.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

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

MONDAY, APRIL 3

12:00 p.m. Community Holy Week Service and Lunch
5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

12:00 p.m. Community Holy Week Service and Lunch

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

12:00 p.m. Community Holy Week Service and Lunch
6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Suite

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

12:15 p.m. Health Committee - Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service - Sanctuary

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Good Friday - Church Office Closed
9:00 a.m. Flower Committee

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 memory of Kenneth Hill by Joan Hill and Family.

 **GOAL: \$40,000**
GIVEN: \$43,296

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TEACH US TO PRAY

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



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA

APRIL 2, 2023
11:00 A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”...arr. Jason D. Payne

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

David Brooks

THE PALM SUNDAY STORY

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ ⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵‘Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

‘Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ ¹¹The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

King Jesus comes! King Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Recall the words of the Scriptures: A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying

“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

King Jesus, enter our hearts today as you entered Jerusalem long ago, and lead us by faith in the way everlasting.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 172

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

A CALL TO CONFESSION

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise Him with our lips, but may follow Him in the way of the cross.

Hear Your children as we call to You:

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.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Christ has come to save us!

Hosanna!

We give our thanks to God, who comes to bring us grace, hope, and life.

Hosanna in the highest. Amen!

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 354

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

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

MORNING 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

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”...arr. Fred Mallory
(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 186.)

SERMON

David Brooks

“For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 361

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Tamara Tillman Smathers

ORGAN/PIANO OFFERTORY

“Were You There”...arr. Todd Billingsley/Barry Braman

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

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Smathers

RECOGNITION OF RANDY GORE

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Our Father which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him”...arr. Frederick Swann

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday-Wednesday

Noon: Community Holy Week Services at FBC

No Regular Wednesday Evening Meal or Activities

(Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.)

Thursday

7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. Breakfast/Flowering of the Cross/Family Photos

9:45 a.m. Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship

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:

