

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*

Beverly Harris, *Pianist*

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HANDS OF CHRIST — Saturday April 22 at 8:30 a.m.

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 you can contribute financially is available on the church website or by scanning this QR Code. Please contact Nick Georgian if you have questions or would like to know more



MARY McDONALD — 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.

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

We launched our 5th Getting Ahead cohort this Thursday, April 13. The success of Bridges depends on volunteers. We need volunteers to provide childcare, meals and transportation Thursday evenings through the end of September. If you are interested in supporting Bridges, please use the QR code to access the SignUpGenius. If you have any questions contact Keith Phillips.



CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SPRING PROGRAM — Wednesday, April 26 at 6:00 p.m.

All of our children's choirs will participate in a year-end program. Children should go to their rehearsal rooms at 5:45 p.m. to warm up. Prayer time will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the children will sing at 6:15 p.m. The oldest choir will also sing in concert with Mary McDonald on Sunday, April 30 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 16

9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, April 17

1:00 p.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Dining Room
5:15 p.m. FBC Ringers Rehearse - Choir Suite

Wednesday, April 19

5:00 p.m. Family Night
5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs
6:00 p.m. Prayer and Church Conference - Fellowship Hall
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 - Sanctuary

Thursday, April 20

6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Dining Room

Saturday, April 22

8:30 a.m. Hands of Christ - Serve Day

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 provided by the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Clara Ann Mattingly by Mitzi Breen and Molly and Dee Yancey.

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EASTER PROMISES

A WORSHIP SERIES

TODAY'S PROMISE:
THE PEACE OF CHRIST

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

APRIL 16, 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

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”... arr. Edwin T. Childs

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

David Brooks

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 223

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Risen Jesus, help us to get rid of all that hinders our awareness of Your presence..

Fill us with the joy of knowing You are always with us, so that, like the disciples who first encountered You, we too might rush to share this great good news of Your resurrection with others.

Lord, hear our prayers.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Risen Lord comes to bring forgiveness, assurance, and grace to redeem, restore, and renew. Through Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-23

Bobby Jones, Deacon, reader

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ashley Garner

“Perfect Peace”...Laura Story

HYMN OF TESTIMONY NO. 622

“He Lives”

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

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord’s Prayer)

Rev. 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

“Like A River in My Soul”...arr. Tim Osiek

I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

I’ve got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow.

When the world closes in, feel the stillness within.

I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.

I’ve got live like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full.

When you’re lost and alone, let the waves bring you home.

I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.

I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.

When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again, you shall rise!

I’ve got joy like a fountain, peace like a river, love like an ocean in my soul.

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SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“Easter Promises: The Peace of Christ”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 625

“Standing on the Promises”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Gwen Stephens

PIANO OFFERTORY

“Reflection”...arr. Don Wyrzten

Meditation Text:

Each time we make a small choice toward justice, or buy fair trade, or seek to share instead of hoard, or extend mercy to those around us and kindness to those with whom we disagree, or say, "I forgive you," we pass peace where we are in the ways that we can. And God can take these ordinary things and, like fish and bread, bless them and multiply them. -Tish Harrison Warren

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Gwen Stephens

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF COMMISSIONING NO. 581 (Stanza One)

“I Love to Tell the Story”

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,

of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story because I know ‘tis true.

It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story, ‘twill be my theme in glory.

To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Good Christians Rejoice and Sing”...Gilbert Martin

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:
