

## 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 (*on sabbatical until May 11*)  
*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

**MARY McDONALD IN CONCERT** — April 30 at 4:00 p.m. - Sanctuary  
Internationally acclaimed composer and musician Mary McDonald, (fresh off an appearance at Carnegie Hall!) 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

Our fifth Getting Ahead cohort has launched! The success of Bridges depends on volunteers to provide childcare, meals and transportation on Thursday evenings. If you are interested, use the QR code to sign up. Contact Keith Phillips with questions.



**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. Our children's mission groups will also report on what they have learned this year. 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 23

- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Spiritual Investors Luncheon - Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Student Dinner & Celebration - Student Room
- 6:00 p.m. Student Messy Game Night - Ball Courtyard

### Monday, April 24

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

### Wednesday, April 26

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen
- 5:00 p.m. Final Family Night
- 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs Rehearse
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Time and Children's Spring Program - Sanctuary
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary

### Thursday, April 27

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen
- 6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Dining Room

### Friday, April 28

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen

### Saturday, April 29

- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal with Mary McDonald - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Lunch - Dining Room

For information on these and other activities see [www.fbcrome.org](http://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 loving memory of Robert Harold Smith by Helen Smith and Children.

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# EASTER PROMISES

A WORSHIP SERIES

## TODAY'S PROMISE: COMFORT IN OUR GRIEF

I believe that because Jesus sees us, not even in the darkness of death are we lost to him or lost to each other. I believe that whether we recognize him or not, or believe in him or not, or even know his name, again and again he comes and walks a little way with us along whatever road we're following.

-Frederick Buechner





# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## ROME, GEORGIA

APRIL 23, 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

“Morning Has Broken”... arr. Fred Bock

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Nick Georgian

### HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 219

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

### CALL TO PRAYER

Iley Barnes, Music Ministry intern

“Deep River”...arr. H. T. Burleigh

### A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 208 “He is Lord”

### READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

Narrator: Keith Reaves Jesus: Choir Cleopas: Men The Other Follower: Women

Narrator: That very day... the day of Jesus’ resurrection... two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself approached and began traveling with them. But their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. And Jesus said to them,

Jesus: (Choir) "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?"

Cleopas: (Men) "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?"

Jesus (Choir): "What things?"

Other Follower (Women): "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people."

Cleopas (Men): “How the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to the sentence of death and crucified him.”

Other Follower (Women): "But we were hoping that it was he who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened.”

Cleopas (Men): "Some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, and did not find his body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.”

Other Follower (Women): "Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women had said; but him they did not see."

Jesus (Choir): "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?"

Narrator: Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, he explained to them the things concerning himself in all the Scriptures. And they approached the village where they were going, and he acted as though he were going farther.

Cleopas (Men): "Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over."

Narrator: So he went in to stay with them. At the table with them, he took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, he began giving it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

Cleopas (Men): "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us on the road, while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?"

Narrator: And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them.

Other Follower (Women): "The Lord has really risen."

Cleopas (Men): “We saw him on the road... on our way to Emmaus. But we didn’t recognize him until he broke the bread and handed it to us.”

Narrator: Christ is risen! All: Christ is risen, indeed!

### 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 TESTIMONY NO. 624

“The Lily of the Valley”

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

### MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord’s 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

“Hymn of Peace”...arr. Mary McDonald

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; leave to thy God to order and provide; in every change he faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when disappointment, grief and fear are gone, Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, Be still, my soul, all blessed shall meet at last.

Be still, my soul, begin the song of praise; Acknowledge Him in all thy words and ways. So shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye. through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul, begin the song of praise.

### SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“Easter Promises: Comfort in Our Grief”

### HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 203

“Day of Arising”

### PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Tamara Tillman Smathers

### PIANO/ORGAN OFFERTORY

“Love Lifted Me”...arr. Mary McDonald

### THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Smathers

### AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

### PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

### THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 706)

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

“To God Be the Glory”...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)

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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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