

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:

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

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 sign up with the list of mission projects and ways to contribute is available on the church website or you can scan the QR code found on the FYI signs placed around the church. Please contact Nick Georgian with questions.

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.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE INFO MEETING

Join us Sunday, May 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to hear from Claudia Borchart. Claudia lives in Migdal, Israel (Galilee region) and guides groups on pilgrimage in the Holy Land. We will offer details of FBC Rome's pilgrimage planned for April 25-May 10, 2024.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast/Flowering of the Cross & Family Photos
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 10

9:30 a.m. Flower Committee Work Day
11:30 a.m. Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group - Dining Room
12:00 p.m. Finance Committee - Conference Room
5:00 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite
5:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting - Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

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
6:30 p.m. Kids J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)
Student Discipleship - Student Room
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Suite

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

4:00 p.m. Students depart for Mission Madness

For information on these and other activities see www.fbcrome.org or The Spire.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Adrian S. Bowers by the Gene Bowers Family.

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ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

Resurrection Sunday

April 9, 2023

To help maintain a spirit of worship, please silence phones..

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Risen Today!”... arr. Dan Forrest

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

David Brooks

HYMN OF THE RESURRECTION

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Mary Jack Smith, *Christ Candle Bearer*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where’s thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

THE EASTER STORY

Matthew 28:1-10

Tamara Tillman Smathers, reader

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. **2** And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. **3** His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. **4** For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. **5** But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. **6** He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he^a lay. **7** Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead,^b and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” **8** So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. **9** Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. **10** Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Reader: He is risen! People: He is risen, indeed!

GLORIA PATRI

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

“Risen, Hallelujah”...arr. Douglas Wagner

First Baptist Ringers

HYMN OF THE RESURRECTION NO. 222

“Thine Is the Glory”

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord’s Prayer)

Kristen Mathis

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

“Amen, Amen”...arr. Lloyd Larson

Emma Sprayberry, Music Ministry Intern, solo

Sanctuary Choir

See the little Baby lying in a manger on Christmas morning.
See Him at the temple talking to the elders; how they marveled at His wisdom.
See Him at the seaside a-preachin’ and a-healin’ the blind and the feeble.
See Him in the garden praying to His Father in deepest sorrow.
Then they crucified Him, Jesus our Savior,
but He rose on Easter morn!
Jesus lives again! Hallelujah! Amen!
Glory, hallelujah! Jesus lives forever! Amen!

SERMON

“Thine Is the Glory”

Rev. Brooks

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 207

“Low in the Grave He Lay”

David Brooks

Pastor

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Nick Georgian

OFFERTORY

“Toccata” from *Organ Symphony No. 5*...Charles Marie-Widor

Joan Hill, organ

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Nick Georgian

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Those who want to sing the benediction with the choir should come forward during this time.)

BENEDICTION

“Hallelujah!” from *Messiah*...G. F. Handel

(The text for this anthem is from Revelation 19:6; 11:15 and 19:16.)

*Worshippers are welcome to take home an Easter lily
at the close of the service.*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FAMILY WORSHIP

Today has been designated a Family Worship Day. On these days children sit with their families. Nursery care is provided for children four and younger. Children’s Worship returns next Sunday.

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

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Kristen Mathis

Minister of Faith Development

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Minister to Extended Family

Nick Georgian

Minister to Students and Missions

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