

FAMILY WORSHIP

Today is the last Sunday of the month. These days are designated as “Family Worship” days and all children sit with their families. Nursery care is available for children four and younger. Children’s Worship will return 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.

STEWARDSHIP

There are several ways to financially support the ministries of First Baptist Church. You may place your offering in the offering plates during worship, mail in your contribution or give online through the church website or by using this QR code.



David Brooks *Pastor*

Keith Reaves *Senior Associate/Minister of Worship*

Tamara 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

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS OUR WEDNESDAY NOON GATHERINGS

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and a brief devotion.

- May 31 - Nick Georgian
- June 7 - Karen, Doris White Grant recipient

HUNGER OFFERING:

Help meet the needs of the homeless and hungry by contributing to the monthly hunger offering. Please put this offering in an envelope and mark it “WORLD HUNGER” and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of our youth with a basket at the exits following worship.

MISSIONS MARKETPLACE BAZAAR

You are invited to experience the heartbeat of North Africa as Karen (one of CBF’s Field Personnel) joins us for Prayers and Reflections on Wednesday, June 7. Prior to her arrival, a bazaar filled with treasures from her local market will invite us to experience her surroundings. The Marketplace will be open after worship Sunday June 4 and Wednesday June 7 from 11:00-2:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Those who attend will be introduced to the stories of those with whom Karen serves and ways we can pray for the relationship they share together.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is June 12-15. Register today on the church website.

WHERE IS JESUS?

This summer, whether you are here in Rome or traveling afar, remember to take your “Where Is Jesus?” star with you. As you roam, look for Jesus around you—in people you meet, in the beauty of God’s creation, in acts of loving kindness, in quiet moments of peace or rest, in unexpected ways. Then, take a picture with your star and post it on the First Baptist Rome Facebook page or send your photos to Kris Wilder (kwilder@fbcrome.org) in our church office so that she can post them and share them online.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 28

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

Monday, May 29

Church Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 31

- 12:00 p.m. Prayers and Reflections - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 1

- 4:30 p.m. Student Canvas & Clay Kickoff
- 6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Fellowship Hall & Community Room

Saturday, June 3

- 7:00 a.m. High School Seniors Depart for Bahamas Mission Trip

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 in loving memory of Wayne Dempsey on the occasion of his birthday by Marsha Dempsey and Family

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Shirley Kinney by Kathy Kinney.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

MAY 28, 2023

11:00 A.M.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

“A Hymn for the Nation” ..arr. Gilbert Martin
(Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Tamara Tillman Smathers

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 229

“Let Every Christian Pray”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sanctuary Choir /Leeanna Allen, soloist

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Come as the fire, and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame;
Let our whole soul an offering be to our Redeemer’s Name.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Spirit divine, attend our prayers; make a lost world Thy home;
Descend with all Thy gracious powers; O come, great Spirit, come!

Spirit of the loving God, fall fresh on me.

Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 238 “Spirit, Now Live in Me”

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

David Brooks, leader

LEADER: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

PEOPLE: Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

CHOIR: Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?”

LEADER: Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”

PEOPLE: All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

LEADER: But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

CHOIR: In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

LEADER: Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

ALL: Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved!

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.

HYMN OF PENTECOST NO. 225

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord’s 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

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”...Traditional

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain my God spoke. Out of God’s mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.

Oh, Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body, but not the soul.
There’s only one train on this track; it runs to heaven and right back.

SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“The Gifts of Pentecost”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 228

“A Rushing, Mighty Wind”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Kristen Mathis

PIANO OFFERTORY

“Holy Spirit Medley”...arr. Don Wyrzten

Meditation Text:

Take a breath. Now just keep breathing. This is God's moment-by-moment gift to us. We can call it air, or we can call it Holy Spirit. It counts on us to warm it up, to lend it our lives. In return, it promises to fill us with new wind, to set our heads on fire, giving us tongues to speak of things we cannot begin to understand. - Barbara Brown Taylor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Mathis

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

COMMISSIONING OF BAHAMAS MISSION TEAM

(Heidi Botwinik, Belle Brooks, Nick Georgian, Beth Hood, Braden Hood, Maggie Keith, Elizabeth Richie)

PASTOR: Jesus commanded us to go into all the world. The upcoming mission to the Bahamas is a step toward fulfilling that Great Commission. The team will invite people to seek the heart of Christ, to receive God’s love in Christ, and will radiate God’s Spirit in other parts of the world.

PEOPLE: We offer our prayers and support to Heidi, Belle, Nick, Beth, Braden, Maggie and Elizabeth as you set on this mission. May God lead you, protect you, support you and make you a blessing as you work in the Bahamas and serve as the hands of Christ for us. Amen.

PASTORAL BLESSING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF COMMISSIONING NO. 241

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”...arr. Jason D. Payne

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:
