

### 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.

### 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

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

### WHERE IS JESUS?

This summer, whether you are 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.

### SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH THIS SUMMER

As you plan vacations and summer travel, please remember the option of setting up your church contributions as "automatic drafts" through your bank or through "Online Giving" on the church's website. If you need help learning how to do this, please feel free to contact the church office or your financial institution.

### 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.



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

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### SUNDAY, JUNE 11

- 8:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting - Conference Room
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Student Diving Into the Word - Hood's Home

### MONDAY, JUNE 12

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 5:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting - Dining Room

### TUESDAY, JUNE 13

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

### THURSDAY, JUNE 15

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Dining Room & Community 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 in loving memory of Jane and Hobart Hortman by their Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Richard Gray by Edith Gray and Family.

# BAPTIST FREEDOMS

A Worship Series

## Today: Bible Freedom

June 18: Soul Freedom

June 25: Church Freedom

July 2: Religious Freedom

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
ROME, GEORGIA**



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

JUNE 11, 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 Things Bright and Beautiful”...arr. Albert Travis

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Nick Georgian

Holy One, dwell within us. Whisper in our ears; Glimmer in our vision;

Write upon our hearts.

We wait with open ears, open eyes, open hearts. . .

## CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 280

“Speak, O Lord”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

The Bible calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves in humility and faith, we renew our  
confidence and trust in God’s mercy.

## A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 35 (STANZA 4)

O send Thy Spirit Lord, now unto me, that He may touch my eyes, and make me see.  
Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word, and in Thy Book revealed I see Thee, Lord.

## READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Kristen Mathis, reader

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing  
from whom you learned it, 15 and how from childhood you have known the sacred  
writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ  
Jesus. 16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for  
correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that everyone who belongs to  
God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

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 HIS STORY NO. 426

“Tell Me the Story of Jesus”

## 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.

## HYMN OF THE BIBLE

“Holy Bible, Book Divine”

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



1. Ho - ly Bi - ble, Book di - vine, Pre - cious trea - sure,  
2. Mine\_ to chide me when I rove, Mine to show a  
3. Mine\_ to com - fort in\_\_ dis - tress, Suff’ - ring in this  
4. Mine\_ to tell of joys\_ to come, And\_ the re - bel



thou\_\_ art mine: Mine to tell me whence I  
Sa - vior's love; Mine thou art to guide and  
wil - der - ness; Mine to show, by li - ving  
sin - ner's doom: O thou ho - ly Book di -



came; Mine\_\_ to teach me what\_\_ I am.  
guard; Mine\_\_ to pu - nish or\_\_ re - ward.  
faith, We\_\_ can tri - umph o - ver death.  
vine, Pre - cious trea - sure, thou\_\_ art mine.

## MUSICAL OFFERING

Sanctuary Choir

“Yes, My Jesus Loves Me”...arr. Mary McDonald

Len Willingham, conductor

(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 603.)

## SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“Baptist Freedoms: Bible Freedom”

## HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 34

“Word of God Across the Ages”

## PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Tamara Tillman Smathers

## PIANO OFFERTORY

“Wonderful Words of Life”...arr. Michael Cox

Meditation Text:

The Bible has continued to reveal God's word through the ages. It can speak to you and me  
today because God's Spirit continues to communicate to your needs and mine. I read the  
Bible, but I am also read by it. I read its words, but the words enable me to sense *the* Word,  
the Eternal God. -William Powell Tuck

## THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Smathers

## AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

## PASTORAL BLESSING

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## COMMISSIONING HYMN NO. 514

“Christians, Let Us Go and Serve Him”

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Built on a Rock”...arr. 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)

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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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