

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

NEW GALLERY EXHIBIT

Lynn Denson's exhibit "Paintings and Porcelain" is featured in the gallery on the third floor through August. Lynn's art represents her attempts to interpret God's creation.

YOUTH PASSPORT CAMP

Please pray for our students journeying to Passport Youth Camp at Converse University in Spartanburg, S.C. from June 26 through July 1.

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

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

MONDAY, JUNE 19

1:00 p.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Dining Room

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

3:00 p.m. Frozen Yogurt with Ms. Kaitlyn - Sweet Frog

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

11:30 a.m. Collide & Youth Mystery Lunch
6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Fellowship Hall & Community Room

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 Sue Keith on the occasion of her birthday by Chris and Jennie Cook.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Robert Cates by Martha Cates and Family.

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BAPTIST FREEDOMS

A Worship Series

June 11: Bible Freedom

Today: Soul Freedom

June 25: Church Freedom

July 2: Religious Freedom

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA**



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

JUNE 18, 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 "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"...arr. James Boeringer

WELCOME TO WORSHIP David Brooks

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 17 "This Is My Father's World"

CALL TO CONFESSION NO. 500 (STANZAS 1 AND 5) "Just As I Am"

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (MICAHAH 7:18-19)

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives transgression? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Matthew 16:13-18

Briggs Poyner, Youth Summer Intern, reader

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

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 SOUL FREEDOM "A Servant of the Least" (DIADEMATA)

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

No prison wall can hold, No temple veil can hide

The freedom that will shock the world when Christ is glorified.

He gives to each a song composed at Calvary;

The glorious love of God the text, Free grace the melody.

Calvary tore the veil That hid God's face from all;

Now male and female, Greek and Jew May walk salvation's hall.

His temple now our soul, His Spirit now our home;

We bind His word within our hearts, Our minds, our mouths, our bones.

Shattering wall and veil, Love leads us to God's throne.

It bids us come with nothing, save, Christ's righteousness alone.

To wear a servant robe, God calls us to be priests;

To rise among the lost and poor As servant of the least.

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MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord's Prayer) Tamara Tillman Smathers

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

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"...arr. John Carter

SERMON Rev. Brooks

"Baptist Freedoms: Soul Freedom"

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 507 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP Gwen Stephens

PIANO OFFERTORY Beverly Harris/Betty Holland

"Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul"...arr. John Innes/Bill Fasig

Meditation Text:

"Who do you say that the Son of Man is?" Everybody needs to answer this question. Every parishioner. Every preacher. Because "who do you say that I am" has everything to do with who you are willing to be. Because at the end of the day, there is individual accountability. Resting on the laurels of denominational beliefs will not save any of us. When we can't answer it or when we don't have the answer, well, there is the point of concern. At issue is your ability, willingness, to answer Jesus' question for yourself. — Karoline Lewis

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH Gwen Stephens

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN (AURELIA)

O God, you seek to save us, no matter what the cost;

Our Father, your intention is no one will be lost.

Just like a loving father, you answer when we pray.

In thanks, may we your children now follow you each day.

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ORGAN POSTLUDE "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"...arr. Emma Lou Diemer

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:

June 18, 2023