

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

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.

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 25

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

MONDAY, JUNE 26

10:00 a.m. Students Depart for Passport Camp - Spartanburg, SC
6:00 p.m. Children’s Movie Night - Home of Kristen Mathis

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

7:00 p.m. Movie Night for Collide Ministry - Home of Kristen Mathis

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

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 honor of Beverly Harris for her love of music by Bob, Children and Grandchildren.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Al Briley on the occasion of his birthday by Ansley and Dean Saville and Family.

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BAPTIST FREEDOMS

A Worship Series

June 11: Bible Freedom

June 18: Soul Freedom

Today: Church Freedom

July 2: Religious Freedom

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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JUNE 25, 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

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”...arr. Don Hustad

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tamara Tillman Smathers

The church is not a place; it is a people.

The church is not only a steeple. Rather, it is a people proclaiming to the world that we are here for the work of healing and peacemaking.

The church is not walls built stone upon stone, held together by mortar

but rather person linked with person: all ages and abilities—a

community built on the foundation of faith, and love.

The church is not just a set of doors open on Sunday morning,

but the commitment day after day, and moment after moment, of our hearts creaking open the doors of welcome.

The church is not simply a building, a steeple, a pew.

The church is the gathering together of all the people, and experiences, and fear, and love, and hope in our resilient hearts;

We gather, however we can, to say to the world:

welcome, come in, lay down your heartache, and pick up hope and love.

For the church is us—each and every one of us—together,

a beacon of hope to this world that so sorely needs it.

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 246

“The Church’s One Foundation”

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

As we humbly offer ourselves to him we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Lord, hear our prayers.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 264

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Nick Georgian, reader

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mary Donahue, soprano

“Recollection of Joy”...Donna Butler

HYMN OF THE CHURCH NO. 262

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

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

“God of Grace and God of Glory”...arr. Joel Raney

(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 285.)

Gwen Stephens, conductor

SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“Baptist Freedoms: Church Freedom”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 534

“Bricks and Mortar, Hands and Labor”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Kristen Mathis

PIANO OFFERTORY

“The Church in the Wildwood”...arr. Tom Birchwood

Meditation Text:

Church freedom is the historic Baptist affirmation that local churches are free, under the Lordship of Christ, to determine their membership and leadership, to order their worship and work, to ordain whom they perceive as gifted for ministry, male or female, and to participate in the larger Body of Christ, of whose unity and mission Baptists are proudly a part. -Walter B. Shurden

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Mathis

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN NO. 268

“The Bond of Love”

We are one in the bond of love; we are one in the bond of love.

We have joined our spirits with the Spirit of God; we are one in the bond of love.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”...arr. Richard Unfried

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:
