

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

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

OUR FINAL - WEDNESDAY NOON GATHERING

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

- June 7 - Doris White Grant recipient

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 allow us to experience her surroundings. The Marketplace will be open after worship and Wednesday, June 7, from 11:00 a.m. - 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.

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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 4

- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Missions Marketplace Bazaar
- 5:00 p.m. Collide Summer Kickoff - Downtown

Wednesday, June 7

- 11:00 a.m. Missions Marketplace Bazaar
- 12:00 p.m. Prayers and Reflections - Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. VBS Work Night & Ice Cream Social
- 5:30 p.m. Committee on Committees - Conference Room

Thursday, June 8

- 5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting - Conference Room
- 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 John Byron Reeves by Sue Reeves and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Bosworth and Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Ransom by George and Bess Bosworth.



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA**

JUNE 4, 2023



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

JUNE 4, 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

“JERUSALEM”...arr. Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Brooks

Holy, Holy, Holy, Merciful, Eternal, and Mighty,

by Your grace You have shown us who You are,

One in Three, and Three in One.

Open our hearts to receive Your word to us today.

Come, let us worship the Triune God!

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 1

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

CALL TO CONFESSION NO. 3

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

English, Spanish, English

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God says: I forgive your sins; I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you. Let us praise the grace and faithfulness of our Triune God:

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

O, praise Him! O praise Him!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

O, praise Him! O, Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:16-20

Gwen Stephens, reader

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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.

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.

HYMN OF PROCLAMATION NO. 427

“We’ve a Story to Tell”

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

SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“Summer is Here: Let’s Go!”

ANTHEM OF PREPARATION

Sanctuary Choir

“In God’s Name”...arr. Jerome Williams/Brian Bailey

Holy Spirit with us dwelling, gift of ever present grace,

Go before us, ever guiding, leading to our Savior’s face.

Dwell within us, Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Triune God.

Compass of our souls own searching for the Word that leads to love.

Fully God yet fully human, Christ our brother, Christ divine:

Offering self for our communion with the ageless God on high.

Those who strive to seek the Father shall not find Him save through Thee.

With the Spirit, lead us onward to the One, the Trinity.

Heavenly Father, our Creator, named before the earth began.

Raise our voice with saints before us, “Praises to the great ‘I Am!’”

All creation bow before Him! Mortals join with heavenly host!

In God’s name we have communion: Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

As we observe the ordinance of the Lord’s Supper the bread will be passed to the entire congregation and we will eat it together when the pastor indicates. Next, the cup will be taken in the same way. The table set before us is not the property of our church; it is the Lord’s table. We invite all who call Jesus “Lord” to join us.

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 458

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Keith Reaves

Almighty God, You are with us in the person of the Father, the God above us.

You come to meet us as the Son, as God beside us.

You empower us to do the work of kingdom-building by the Holy Spirit, God within us, providing strength and boldness that we would never find on our own.

May these gifts be tools that make the transformation of the world a reality.

We pray in the name of one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PIANO OFFERTORY “Worthy, You Are Worthy/Holy, Holy Holy” ...arr. Susan Calloway

Meditation Text:

What do you picture yourself doing as you read the Great Commission from Matthew?

What thoughts and feelings arise as you imagine yourself responding to Jesus’ charge?

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Reaves

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 706)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“The Emperor’s Fanfare”...arr. E. Power Biggs

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:

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