

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children ages four through fourth 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

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, JULY 16

- 8:30 a.m. Passport Kids Camp - Rock Eagle
- Missions Committee Meeting - Dining Room
- Adult Faith Formation Committee - Conference Room
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

MONDAY, JULY 17

- 11:30 a.m. Student Mystery Lunch
- 5:30 p.m. Budget Committee Meeting - Conference Room

TUESDAY, JULY 18

- 5:30p.m. Committee on Committees - Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

- Senior Adults return from Canadian Trip
- 2:30 p.m. Passport Kids Camp Return Home

THURSDAY, JULY 20

- 7:00 a.m. Student White Water Rafting Adventure
- 5:15 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 honor of Thomas Bratton on the occasion of his 3rd birthday by his grandparents, Randy and Kay Bratton.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sybil Mann Harrison by Lindsey Sybil Mann Field and Ashley Harrison Mann Pittman.

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When God Opens a Door

A Worship Series from Jonah





FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

JULY 16, 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

“How Firm a Foundation”...arr. James Boeringer

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Tamara Tillman Smathers

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 639

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

CALL TO CONFESSION (FROM PSALM 27)

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (BEECHER)

In the tomb for three days buried, Christ had gone to face the worst.
Just as God took care of Jonah, God raised Jesus as the first.
All who know the Holy Spirit shall defeat the grip of sin.
Christ has conquered death and Satan: let the jubilee begin!

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READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Jonah 1:1-3

David Brooks, reader

¹Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, ²“Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.” But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.
He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the 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

Lee Ann Head

“Be Not Afraid”...arr. Craig Courtney

HYMN OF COURAGE NO. 629

“Be Strong in the Lord”

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

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

“O God Our Help in Ages Past”...arr. Benjamin Harlan

(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 566.)

Gwen Stephens, conductor

SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“When We Are Afraid”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 55

“Give to the Winds Your Fears”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Gwen Stephens

Generous God, you have blessed us beyond measure.

We pray that you will pour out your favor, not only on the monetary gifts we’ve given, but upon our very lives offered to you in a spirit of gratitude.



Let our lives be focused on using our tangible gifts and our living witness to share and strengthen the faith of many.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ORGAN OFFERTORY

“Be Thou Vision”...arr. Fred Bock

Meditation Text:

God, give me the courage to be revolutionary, as your Son Jesus Christ was.
Give me the courage to loosen myself from this world.
Teach me to stand up free and to shun no criticism.
God, it is for your kingdom.
Make me free, make me poor in this world.
Then I will be rich in the real world, which is what life is all about.
God, thank you for the vision of the future, but make it fact and not just theory.
- Henri J.M. Nouwen

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Gwen Stephens

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN NO. 510

“Lord, Here Am I” (Stanza 1)

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me, and I’ll find Thy way.
Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my labor and where it shall be.
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,
“Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“All the Way”...arr. Charles Callahan

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:
