

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

SEARCHING FOR 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY FAITH TALKS RETURN

Next Sunday, July 30, all Adult Bible Study classes are invited to a combined session in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:45 a.m. Come early for coffee and conversation with those you may not regularly see. Our guest will be Rev. Rickey Letson, Congregational Stewardship Officer with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Rickey will present "How Our Faith InForms Decisions About Money."

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.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, JULY 23

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

MONDAY, JULY 24

9:00 a.m. Student Local Mission Work
10:00 a.m. Collide Middlers Six Flags Trip
5:30 p.m. Budget Preparation Committee - Conference Room

TUESDAY, JULY 25

9:00 a.m. Student Local Mission Work

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

FBC Serves Community Kitchen
2:00 p.m. FBC Kids Popsicle Pals

THURSDAY, JULY 27

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

FRIDAY, JULY 28

FBC Serves Community Kitchen
6:00 p.m. Diving Into the Word - Hood Home

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 Dr. Larry Atwell by Joanna Atwell and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Earl Rolan on the occasion of his birthday by Mary Rolan and Family.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

JULY 23, 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

“May the Spirit Fill Our Praise”...arr. Albert Travis

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

David Brooks

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

Know that the Lord is God! It is He who made us, and we are His;

we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

and His faithfulness to all generations.

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 48

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on Psalm 145:8, 18-19)

Our God is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger and filled with unfailing love. He is close to all who call on Him in truth, listening to their cries for help, and offering them salvation.

Let us bring our confession to God, knowing that He will hear our prayers and forgive.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Harry Wise, soloist

“No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus”...C. F. Weigle

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Jonah 1:1-3

Kristen Mathis, 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.” ³But 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.

HYMNS OF COMMITMENT NOS. 495 AND 496

“Step by Step” and “Footsteps of Jesus (stanzas 1 and 2)”

(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

“Every Road”...arr. Dave Williamson

Lord, I give You every road. Guide my steps and take control
‘til this journey leads me home. Lord, I give You every road.

Lord, I give You all my past. Find me holding nothing back.
Cleanse me, make me free at last. Lord, I give You all my past.

Lord, I give you every storm. When my spirit’s weak and worn.
Give me grace to trust You more. Lord, I give You every storm.

Lord, I give You all I am. All my dreams and all my plans.
Now I place them in Your hands. Lord, I give you all I am.

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SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“When We Have Other Options”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 501

“I Am Resolved”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Tamara Tillman Smathers

ORGAN OFFERTORY

“Jesus the Very Thought of Thee”...arr. Wilbur Held

Meditation Text:

When God interrupts your life, He is calling you to follow Him in a new way. By breaking into your settled pattern, He is moving you to a new place where you can make fresh discoveries of His grace. Embracing God’s call is never easy, but this is where the pursuit of a God-centered life begins, and where the shame of a self-centered life is exposed.” — Colin S. Smith



THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Smathers

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

“Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus”...arr. James Mansfield

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:

July 23, 2023