

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, give online through the church website or use 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

BIBLE STUDY PROMOTION DAY

Promotion Day is coming and a class is waiting to welcome you! August 13 will begin with a complimentary Big Breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Hear about class options for adults and also what’s on the horizon for preschoolers, children, and youth. Take time over the next few weeks to invite others to join your Bible Study group.

FAMILY NIGHT RESUMES

Join us Wednesday, August 16 for a kickoff tailgate party with hamburgers, hotdogs and some activities to get to know Team FBC. Wear your favorite team colors! Dinner is served from 5:00-6:00 p.m. with festivities beginning at 5:45 p.m. Top it all off by creating your own ice cream sundae. All activities this night are in the Fellowship Hall. Regular adult Bible study and children/youth activities will resume August 23.

Dinner prices: * \$8 Adults and Teenagers * \$5 Children ages 3-12 * \$25 Family Max.

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME

The Sanctuary Choir will resume at 5:30 p.m. August 9 with a potluck in the Fellowship Hall and a brief rehearsal following. The choir will rehearse at its regular time (6:45 p.m.) starting August 16. This is a perfect time to join the choir! See Keith with questions.

MONTHLY HUNGER OFFERING

Help meet the needs of the homeless and hungry by contributing to the monthly hunger offering today. Please put this offering in an envelope marked “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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, JULY 30

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study Teachers Meeting - Dining Room
9:30 a.m. Faith Talks (Adult Bible Study) - Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

10:00 a.m. Lake Day for Collide Middlers & All Youth - Weiss Lake

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 Ann Roebuck on the occasion of her birthday by Dr. Floyd Roebuck.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cecil and Eloise Sims and Richard and Shirley Muller by Rick and Beth Muller and Family.

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First Baptist Church
Rome, Georgia

WHEN GOD OPENS A DOOR

A Worship Series from Jonah

July 30, 2023

11:00 a.m.

To help maintain a spirit of worship, please silence phones.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”...arr. Hugh Livingston

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Nick Georgian

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 19

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

A COVENANT OF DEDICATION FOR HANNAH MARIE WALTERS
AND HER PARENTS, ANDREW AND NATALIE WALTERS

HANNAH’S LIFE VERSE:

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother’s womb.
I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are
wonderful, I know that full well. —Psalm 139:13-14

LITANY OF DEDICATION

Minister: God has blessed this couple with the gift of a special girl. We welcome Hannah in the same spirit that God welcomes us, God’s children. We give thanks for all of our children and the joy they bring to our families. Andrew and Natalie, do you present Hannah for dedication this morning, and in doing so declare your intent to raise her in an environment of Christian faith and love?

Parents: We do.

Minister: Family of Hannah gathered with us this morning, will you freely give of yourselves to her, nurturing her and walking alongside Andrew and Natalie as they seek to teach Hannah how to walk in the way of Jesus?

Family: We will.

Minister: Will this congregation recognize Hannah as a gift from God? Will you pray for her as she grows in her journey as a follower of Christ? Will you pray for her parents, extended family and this church family as we continue in the coming years to surround Hannah with the same love and grace that surround them today?

People: We will.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Jonah 1:4-16

Beth Smith, Deacon, reader

⁴ But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵ Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. ⁶ The captain came and said to him, "What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish."

⁷ The sailors said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸ Then they said to him, "Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" ⁹ "I am a Hebrew," he replied. "I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." ¹⁰ Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so.

¹¹ Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. ¹² He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you." ¹³ Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. ¹⁴ Then they cried out to the Lord, "Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you." ¹⁵ So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶ Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

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

Leeanna Allen, soprano

"Trust in the Lord"...Katherine K. Davis

HYMN OF PETITION NO. 395

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

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

"A Vision of You"...arr. Cindy Berry

Father, You have called me to be holy in all I do,
to be perfect as You are perfect, to keep my eyes fixed on You.
So, let me love so that all the world may see
that Jesus lives and loves through me.

Let me love as Jesus loves, with compassion and with holiness.

Let me live as Jesus lives, always ready to forgive.

May I reflect Your glory; may my heart be faithful and true.

May others see Christ in me. May they see a vision of You.

Through the darkness of night, let me shine as Your light.
Through the power of Your Spirit, let me love as Jesus loves.

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SERMON

Rev. Brooks

"When We Are Blind"

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 616

"I Have Come from the Darkness"

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Rickey Letson

Congregational Stewardship Officer, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

ORGAN OFFERTORY

"Jesus Paid It All"...arr. James Pethel

Meditation Text:

Jesus teaches us that no one can serve two masters. We cannot serve both God and wealth. Let us entrust our treasure to the Lord who has provided so abundantly for us with generosity and grace beyond measure.



THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Keith A. Reaves

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND 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

"A Mighty Fortress"...arr. John Innes

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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