

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 9

- 4:00 a.m. Senior Adults Depart on Canadian Maritimes Trip
- 8:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting - Conference Room
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 3:00 p.m. FBC Kids at the Splash Pad - Town Green

MONDAY, JULY 10

- 5:30 p.m. Budget Preparation Committee - Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

- 6:00 p.m. Collide Summer Pool Party - Cox Pool
- 6:00 p.m. Students Diving Into the Word - Sumner Pool

THURSDAY, JULY 13

- 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 are given to the glory of God, and provided through the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James M. Langley on the occasion of his birthday by Jimmie Langley and Family.



A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP
JULY 9, 2023

First Baptist Church, 100 East Fourth Avenue, Rome, GA 30161
Phone: 706.291.6850 Website: www.fbcrome.org



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

JULY 9, 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

“O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” ...arr. Paul Manz

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Kristen Mathis

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 339

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Len Willingham, leader

Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.

Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling.

Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future.

We seek renewed and renewing faith. Touch us now with your Spirit.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 600 “O How He Loves You and Me”

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Luke 5:17-26

Brian Inman, reader

¹⁷ One day while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem were sitting nearby, and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. ¹⁸ Just then some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a stretcher. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, ¹⁹ but, finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down on the stretcher through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. ²⁰ When he saw their faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven you.” ²¹ Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, “Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ²² When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and walk?’ ²⁴ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the one who was paralyzed—“I say to you, stand up and take your stretcher and go to your home.” ²⁵ Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God. ²⁶ Amazement seized all of them, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen incredible things today.”

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.

HYMN OF HEALING NO. 578

“The Great Physician”

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

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” ...arr. Benjamin Harlan

(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 570.)

Len Willingham, conductor Lee Ann Head, accompanist

SERMON

Rev. Mathis

“Spider-Man, Wonder Woman, and Jesus”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 640

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Gwen Stephens

God our helper, we rely on Your faithfulness.

When we cry, You listen and answer.

The light of Your presence carries us from sadness into joy.

Through the resurrection of Christ, You turn our mourning into dancing!

Thank You for the privilege of sharing in Your healing of our broken world through the mission of this congregation.

Use our monetary support to draw people into closer relationship with You. We pray in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.



PIANO OFFERTORY

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow” ...arr. Cindy Berry

Meditation Text:

The paralyzed man would not have been able to get to Jesus without the help of his friends. We need help also. Can I think of anyone who needs a helping hand from me?

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Gwen Stephens

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN NO. 570 (Stanza Four)

I’m so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me, will be with me to the end.
Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er.
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Victory in Jesus” ...arr. Kenneth Varner

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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