

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

ALL CHILDREN'S CHOIRS RESUME

Wednesday, August 23, at 5:45 p.m.

PRAYER TIME & CHURCH CONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 23, at 6:00 p.m.

BRIDGES LIFE COACH ORIENTATION

Saturday, August 26, from 9:00 until 10:30 a.m. - Dining Room

As a life coach you will partner with a Getting Ahead graduate as they continue their journey to build a brighter future story. Life Coaches play a vital role in supporting and caring for their graduate as they navigate daily life and challenges.

STUDENT SMALL GROUP SUPPER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Sundays, beginning August 27, at 6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Volunteers are needed to provide meals for our students and group leaders by either preparing a meal, or making a financial contribution toward purchasing one. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Nick Georgian, ngeorgian@fbcrome.org. Use the QR Code to sign up.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

- 8:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Committee - Conference Room
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship | Communion
- 6:00 p.m. Student Small Group Vision Night - Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

- 1:00 p.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Dining Room
- 4:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee - Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner Served - Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs (preschool through 5th grade)
Collide (6th through 7th grades) - The Rock
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Time | Church Conference - Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Missions
Collide (5th through 7th grades) - The Rock
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite
- 7:00 p.m. Student Discipleship - Student Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

- 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 Jim and Susan Bradshaw by the Salter Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jana Weidemann on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Bill Weidemann.

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Rome, Georgia

WHEN GOD OPENS A DOOR

A Worship Series from Jonah

August 20, 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

"Adagio" from *Symphony No. 5*...Charles-Marie Widor
Justin Karch, guest organist

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Keith A. Reaves

The word of God came to Jonah.

The word of God comes to us:

Go despite your fears,

Speak the truth of God,

Love your neighbor and your enemy,

Forgive as you have been forgiven,

Receive grace upon grace overflowing from the fullness of God.

Worship the one true God in spirit and in truth!

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 335

"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"

CALL TO CONFESSION NO. 404 (Stanza Two)

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby.

Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.

I need Thee, O I need Thee. Every hour I need Thee.

O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Through the power of the Holy Spirit within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. So, hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Amen!

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Jonah 4:4-11

David Brooks, reader

4 And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" 5 Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

6 The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

9 But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." 10 Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

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 FAITH

"Have Faith in God"

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

1. Have faith in God when your pathway is lonely,
He sees and knows all the way you have trod;
Never alone are the least of His children;
Have faith in God, have faith in God.

Refrain

Have faith in God, He's on His throne; Have faith in God, He watches o'er His own;
He cannot fail, He must prevail; Have faith in God, have faith in God.

2. Have faith in God when your prayers are unanswered,
Your earnest plea He will never forget;
Wait on the Lord, trust His Word and be patient,
Have faith in God, He'll answer yet. (Refrain)

3. Have faith in God in your pain and your sorrow,
His heart is touched with your grief and despair;
Cast all your cares and your burdens upon Him,
And leave them there, oh, leave them there. (Refrain)

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord's Prayer)

Tamara Tillman Smathers

SERMON

"When We Trust Our Own Judgment"

Rev. Brooks

ANTHEM OF PREPARATION

Sanctuary Choir

"I Thought by Now"...arr. Heather Sorenson

Ashley Garner, soloist

I thought by now that the seasons would have changed,
that the clouds would bring some rain, and that life would grow again.

I thought by now that this wound would be a scar,
we'd be further than we are, and not so prone to fall.

I thought by now Your mercy would run out.

I thought by now that the mountain would be moved,
this valley understood and worked out for my good.

I thought by now that this lesson would be learned,
that You'd speak a holy word and take away this hurt.

I thought by now Your mercy would run out on me.

But surely, surely You have borne our griefs and carried every sorrow.

Surely, surely You are near to those who can't face their tomorrow.

Surely, surely, surely You are holding me.

I thought by now that I'd be stronger in my faith,
that I'd learn to show more grace, that I'd always seek Your face.

I thought by now heaven's armies would descend,
that this war in me would end and that peace would reign again.

I thought by now Your mercy would run out.

I thought by now You'd have given up on me,
You'd be weary of my needs. But surely You are holding me.

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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. An individually wrapped gluten free wafer is on each tray. 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. 466

"Jesus, at Your Holy Table"

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Nick Georgian

PIANO OFFERTORY

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"...arr. Cindy Berry

Meditation Text:

Jesus says, "Only one thing is necessary. Take a seat at my feet and listen." Jesus invites us to take our place at the table at which we are equals. We [have] come to the supper together, as sisters and brothers. Jesus offers the bread and cup to all God's children. -Brett Younger



THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Nick Georgian

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN

Have faith in God, He's on His throne; Have faith in God, He watches o'er His own;
He cannot fail, He must prevail; Have faith in God, have faith in God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary"...John Stanley

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:
