

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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.

David Brooks
Pastor

Keith A. Reaves
Senior Associate/Minister of Worship

Tamara Tillman 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*

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Help meet the needs of the homeless and hungry by contributing to the monthly hunger offering. Please put this offering in an envelope and mark it “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. Gifts support World Vision and CBF Global Missions Hunger Relief.

STUDENT SMALL GROUP SUPPER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Sundays 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.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Men’s Ministry Committee Meeting - Conference Room
New Deacon Lunch & Orientation - Dining Room
- 5:45 p.m. Student Small Groups & Dinner - Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

- 5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

- 4:00 p.m. Weekday Early Education Committee - Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Children’s Committee - Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen
- 2:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Meeting - Conference Room
- 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 - Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Get Connected - 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 31

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen

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 Karen Foss on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Harry Foss.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Kinney by Kathy Kinney.

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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP
AUGUST 27, 2023



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

AUGUST 27, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sanctuary Choir
"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ... arr. Joanne Brown LeDoux

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Tamara Tillman Smathers

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 58

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

CALL TO CONFESSION NO. 436 (Stanza One)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, Alleluia.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 436 (Stanza Two)

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, Alleluia.

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:25-34

Janice Davis, Deacon, reader

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Matthew Becher, Music Ministry Intern

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow" ...arr. Benjamin Harlan

HYMN OF TESTIMONY NO. 570

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord's Prayer)

Kristen Mathis

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 and ever. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Sanctuary Choir

"The Lord Is My Light" ...arr. Craig Courtney
(The text for this anthem is adapted from Psalm 27:1-6.)

The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Whom shall I fear? Of whom shall I be afraid?
Though evildoers assail me, when adversaries attack me, they stumble and fall.
The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Whom shall I fear? Of whom shall I be afraid?
Though an army besiege me, though war break out against me, my heart will not fear.
One thing I ask, one think I seek of the Lord:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to see Him in His temple.
For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His dwelling
and He will set me high up on a rock.
Then shall my head be exalted above my enemies round about me.
I will sacrifice with shouts of joy. I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Whom shall I fear? Of whom shall I be afraid?
The Lord is my light and my salvation, the Lord is my light!

SERMON

Dr. Joel Snider, Pastor Emeritus

"Confessions of a Pagan"

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 68

"He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought"

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Nick Georgian

PIANO OFFERTORY

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ...arr. Lavawan Riley

Meditation Text:

Trust does not eliminate the bad things that may happen, whatever sparked our fear in the first place. Trust simply finds a new outlet for anxiety and a new grounding for confidence: God. Let God worry about the worrisome details of life, most of which are out of my control anyway. —Philip Yancey in *Rumors of Another World*

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Nick Georgian

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF COMMISSIONING

"He Leadeth Me"

He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

"To God Be the Glory" ...arr. Donald Hustad

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:
