

Do you confess your own faith in Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do you acknowledge that all individuals need Christ and the grace God offers?

We do.

Do you promise to pray for your sons, for yourselves, and for others, asking God's guidance as you seek to grow in knowledge and understanding of your faith?

We do.

Do you promise to show in your own persons the joy of new life in Christ?

We do.

THE VOWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Minister: Congregation, with God's help will you pray for Harley, Anna Grace, Jack and Sara and that Harley and Fisher will be surrounded by a community of Christian love and example, so that they are nurtured in faith, and strengthened in the way that leads to life in Christ?

People: We will.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Jonah 1:17-2:10

Aubrey Georgian, reader

17 But the LORD provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

1 Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, 2 saying, "I called to the Lord out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. 3 You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me.

4 Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; how shall I look again upon your holy temple?' 5 The waters closed in over me; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped around my head 6 at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the Pit, O Lord my God. 7 As my life was ebbing away, I remembered the Lord; and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. 8 Those who worship vain idols forsake their true loyalty. 9 But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Deliverance belongs to the Lord!" 10 Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 704)

A CALL TO PRAYER NO. 400

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 412 (Stanza One)

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known! In seasons of distress and grief my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

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

"Lord of My Life"...Lanny Allen

In a desert place, in the time of grace My life was parched by the winds of sin.

In the wilderness I could but confess That my life had come to an end.

O Lord, hear my cry, O Lord, no longer I, but let only thy will be done.

O Lord, to be free and live in victory through Jesus Christ, thy Son.

Lord of my life is Christ, my King, Lord of my life, my lips shall sing;

He who saved my soul, Whose grace hath made me whole,

Lord of my life is Jesus Christ, my God.

Now I walk with light in the darkest night.

The source of my strength is his wondrous love.

For my life has worth, purpose here on earth, And a hope in heaven above.

O Lord, this my cry, O Lord, no longer I, but let only thy will be done.

For now I am free to live in victory through Jesus Christ, thy Son.

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SERMON

David Brooks

"Prayer as Our Last Resort"

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 77

"In Heavenly Love Abiding"

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Gwen Stephens

OFFERTORY

Cooper Larsen, saxophone

"The Water Is Wide"...arr. Daniel Kallman

Meditation Text:

Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire? —Corrie Ten Boom

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN

"Teach Us to Pray"

Teach us to pray; teach us to pray. We are your child - ren; help us

know just what to say. Teach us to wor - ship, love and a - dore. Thee; with

Your un - der - stand - ing teach us, teach us to pray.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"... Roy Brunner

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:

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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool Teacher's Preplanning

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

11:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool Meet the Teacher
6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Fellowship Hall & Community Room

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

8:30 a.m. Weekday Preschool CPR Training - Community Room

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

10:00 a.m. FBC Kids, Back to School Bash with Java Joy - Ballcourt

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 in loving memory of Sam and Ruth Talley by Jim and Jennifer Talley.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the dedication of Mr. Delos Harley Yancey, Jr.'s great-grandsons, Delos Harley Yancey V and Jack Fisher Yancey, Jr., by Mr. and Mrs. Delos Harley Yancey, Jr.

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Rome, Georgia

When God Opens a Door

A Worship Series from Jonah



August 6, 2023

11:00 a.m.

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

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE "God Is Love, His Mercy Brightens"...arr. Leroy Baumgartner

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Tamara Tillman Smathers

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 354 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

A COVENANT OF DEDICATION FOR
DELOS HARLEY YANCEY V
AND HIS PARENTS, HARLEY AND ANNA GRACE YANCEY
AND
JACK FISHER YANCEY, JR.
AND HIS PARENTS, JACK AND SARA YANCEY

HARLEY'S LIFE VERSE:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." —Jeremiah 29:11

FISHER'S LIFE VERSE:

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. —Proverbs 3:3

LITANY OF DEDICATION

THE PARENTS' VOWS

Minister: Harley, Anna Grace, Jack and Sara, do you present Harley and Fisher for dedication, and thus declare your desire and intention to raise them as Christians?

Parents: We do.