

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.

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

As we observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper the bread (all of the bread is gluten-free) will be passed to the entire congregation and we will eat it together when the pastor indicates. 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.

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.

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

COLLEGE MINISTRY LUNCH TODAY

Are you a college student looking for community to grow in your faith and find support and encouragement? If so, you are invited to our College Ministry Luncheon after worship. Meet on the ground floor by the church offices. Lunch will be provided by the College Ministry.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH | FELLOWSHIP WALK

Women of all ages, join us on the Berry Trailhead behind the U.S. Post Office today at 2 p.m. Light snacks will be provided, but bring a full water bottle!

CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, October 15 at 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Morrison Campground

Come anytime after 3:00 p.m. "Georgia Grass," the oldest bluegrass band in Georgia will begin playing at 4:00 p.m.; potluck supper served at 5:15 p.m. and a bluegrass vespers service will end our time together. Lots of fun for all ages is planned. Bring friends!

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. Please contact Nick Georgian, ngeorgian@fbcrome.org. Use the QR Code to sign up.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 1

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Committee - Conference Room
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. College Ministry Lunch
Youth Choir - Choir Suite
- 2:00 p.m. Women of the Church Fellowship Walk - Mount Berry Trailhead
- 5:45 p.m. Student Small Groups Gather - Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 2

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room

Wednesday, October 4

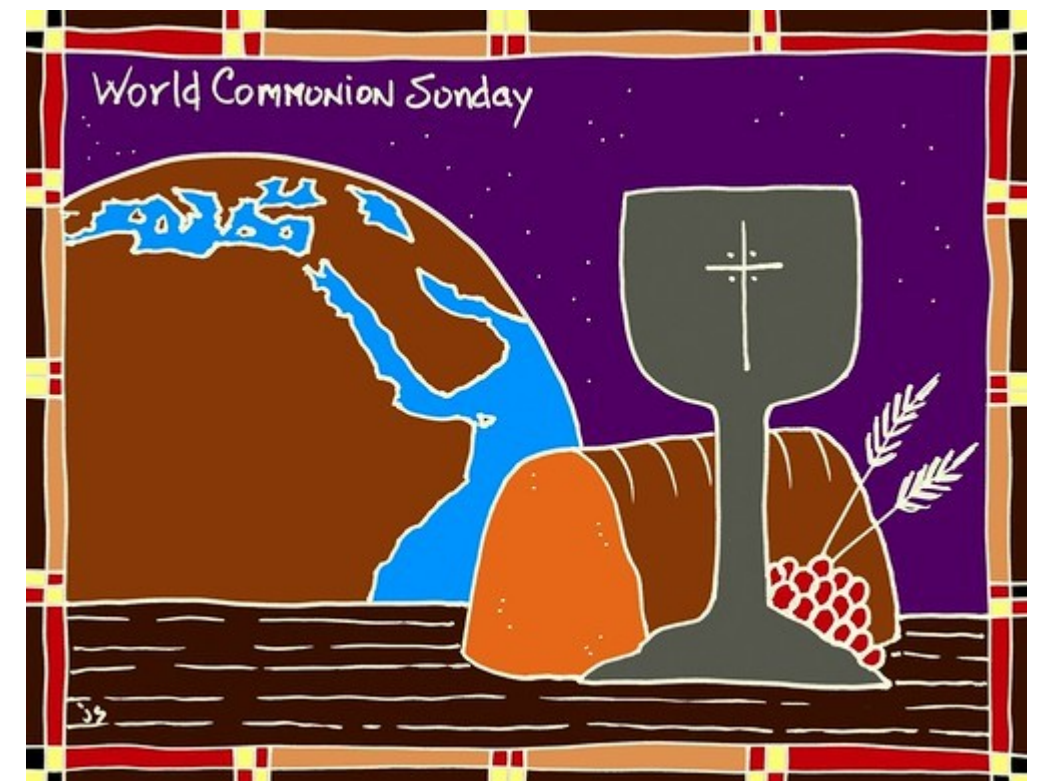
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner Served until 6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs (preschool through 5th grade)
Collide (6th through 7th grades) - The Rock
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Adult Seminars
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Missions & Collide (5th through 7th grades)
Students | Field of Faith Event - Barron Stadium
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite

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 Milton Tippin, Jr., Jennette Todd Tippin and Todd Tippin by Jenny and Joe Walter.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ernest, Doris and John Rudert by the Edward Rudert Family and the Bob Rudert Family.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA OCTOBER 1, 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

"Come to the Table"...arr. Joseph Martin

Come to the table, all who hunger, those who seek the Bread of Life.
Come to the table, all who are thirsty, those who are seeking living wine.
At the table, leave your burdens; lean upon the Savior's breast.
Come to the table, all who are weary, come and find your promised rest.

Come to the table, bring your troubles; lay them at the feet of Christ.
Come to the table, all who are needy; God Himself has paid the price.
To the table bring your sorrow; wipe each teardrop from your eye.
Come to the table, God is calling, All who come are satisfied.

Come to the table, all are welcome; Christ invites the world to dine.
Come to the table, Christian pilgrims, come and taste the bread and wine.
At the table there is plenty; every need will be supplied.
Come to the table, Christ is waiting, come and celebrate new life.

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WELCOME

Kristen Mathis

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 458

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

CALL TO CONFESSION Emalee Collins, lay leader
Transform us, *at* this table, and *for* this table, and send us *from* this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son.

Lord, hear our prayers:

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.

Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.

Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Psalm 24

David Brooks, leader

¹The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

²for He has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His holy place?

⁴Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

⁵They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

⁶Such is the company of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is the King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 704)

Glory be 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.

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.

HYMN OF PROCLAMATION NO. 445 (Stanzas 1, 2, 4) "There Is a Fountain"
(Children ages four through fourth grade may depart for Children's Worship.)

SERMON Rev. Brooks
"Mine! It's All Mine!"

ANTHEM OF PREPARATION Sanctuary Choir
"Nothing But the Blood" ...arr. Craig Courtney
Samantha Lester, violin
(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 626.)

A CELEBRATION OF WORLD COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Loving God, through Your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which has come forth from the earth and which human hands have made.

May we know Your presence in the sharing, so that we may know

Your touch and presence in all things.

We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among His community through the centuries, and shares with us now.

Made one with Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves—brothers and sisters in Christ, members of His one body throughout the world. Amen.

Sharing the Bread "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven."

Sharing the Cup "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 173 "Lift Up Your Heads"

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP Tamara Tillman Smathers

PIANO/VIOLIN OFFERTORY Beverly Harris/Samantha Lester
"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" ...arr. Christy Galkin/Reba Snyder

Meditation Text:

But the table can transform even our enemies into companions. The table reminds us that, as brothers and sisters adopted into God's family and invited to God's banquet, we're stuck with each other; we're family. We might as well make peace. The table teaches us that faith isn't about being right or good or in agreement. Faith is about feeding and being fed. -Rachel Held Evans, *Searching for Sunday*

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH Rev. Smathers

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN NO. 458 (Stanza Three)

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share; God (Immanuel) everywhere.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

ORGAN POSTLUDE "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" ...Paul Manz

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:
