

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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.

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

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS EMPHASIS | SERVING MEMBERS, SERVING OTHERS

Scan QR Code for family stories and gift signups are open NOW through December 2. Gifts should be dropped off in the Dining Room December 3 through 10. Presents will be sorted, wrapped and picked up December 11 through 15. If you have questions, please reach out to Kate Barron or Amy Cox.



THANKSGIVING DINNER & SERVICE | Sunday, November 19 at 5:00 p.m.

Join us for a Thanksgiving dinner provided by the Deacons (no reservation required) with a Thanksgiving service to follow at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Special music will be provided by our younger children's choirs.

WELCOMING ADVENT | Sunday, November 26 at 4:00 p.m.

Come make an Advent wreath for your home! The church provides materials but participants are encouraged to bring clippers and any other decorations to make your wreath uniquely yours. Light refreshments will be served and our 2023 Advent Wreath Devotional Guide will be available.

25TH ANNUAL "CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST" | Sunday, December 3 at 4:00 p.m.

Our annual concert features the Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, Youth Choir, Children's Choir and First Baptist Ringers.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Committee Meeting - Conference Room
- History Committee Meeting - Chapel
- Missions Committee Meeting - Dining Room
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir - Choir Suite

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 11:30 a.m. Students Serve NWGA Hunger Ministries - Meet at FBC
- 1:00 p.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Dining Room
- 5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Church Office Closes at Noon

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Thanksgiving Day - Church Office Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Church Office Closed

For information on these and other activities see www.fbcrome.org or The Spire.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dick Landry by Lisa Landry.





FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

ROME, GEORGIA

NOVEMBER 19, 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 CALL TO WORSHIP "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"... arr. Edwin T. Childs

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Kristen Mathis

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 372 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the midst of our thanksgiving, let us pause in silence to recall how we so often lose sight of the gifts of each day and of their Giver.

Lord, hear our prayers.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 373 "Give Thanks"

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Psalm 118:24; Ephesians 5:15-20
Tamara Tillman Smathers, reader

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

¹⁵ Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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 Mary Donahue
"Blessings"...Laura Story

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 379 "Let All Things Now Living"

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

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord's Prayer) David Brooks
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
"Now Thank We All Our God"...arr. Mark Hayes
(The text for this anthem may be found in Hymn 371.)

SERMON Rev. Brooks
"The Greatest Moment of Your Life"

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 668 "God of the Fertile Fields"

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP Nick Georgian

ORGAN OFFERTORY "Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens"...arr. Charles Callahan

Meditation Text:
The choice for gratitude rarely comes without some real effort. But each time I make it, the next choice is a little easier, a little freer, a little less self-conscious. Because every gift I acknowledge reveals another and another until, finally, even the most normal, obvious, and seemingly mundane event or encounter proves to be filled with grace. -Henri J. M. Nouwen

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH Rev. Georgian

HANDS OF CHRIST MOMENT Mary Shotwell Smith

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

THE DOXOLOGY
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Jesus Shall Reign"...arr. Gilbert Martin



**DEACON-SPONSORED
THANKSGIVING DINNER AND SERVICE**

Dinner: 5:00 p.m. Service: 6:15 p.m.

No reservations required.

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:

