

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.

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 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*

Beverly Harris, *Pianist*

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.

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.

SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON | Thursday, December 7 at 12:00 p.m.

FBC’s Mary Donahue will present a mini-concert of holiday favorites. Make your reservations by Monday, December 4. Guests are welcome! Cost for meal: \$10.

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS EMPHASIS | SERVING MEMBERS, SERVING OTHERS

Scan QR Code for family stories. Gift signups are open. 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.



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 26

- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Welcome Advent Wreath Making Event - Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study - Dining Room
- 5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen
- 9:00 a.m. Flower Committee Workday
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner Served until 6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. FBC Ringers Rehearse - Sanctuary
- 5:45 p.m. Children’s Choirs (preschool through 5th grade)
- Youth Choir Rehearse - Sanctuary
- Collide (6th through 7th grades) - The Rock
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Fellowship Hall
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Children In Worship Seminar - Builders Room
- 6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Children’s Missions & Collide (5th through 7th grades)
- 6:45 p.m. Student Discipleship - Student Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen
- 6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class Graduation - Dining Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mary Wren Booker on the occasion of her baptism with love from her family.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA

NOVEMBER 26, 2023 11:00 A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN CALL TO WORSHIP

“Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”...arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

INVOCATION

Tamara Tillman Smathers

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 223

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

THE COVENANT OF CHURCH MEMBERS

Led by the Spirit of God to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and having entered into the fellowship of the Spirit through His Church,

we, the members of the Church, prayerfully make this covenant with one another and with our Heavenly Father.

We respect all faith traditions, but we shall cherish our heritage as Baptist Christians.

We shall hold dear the principles of soul competency, the priesthood of all believers, the autonomy of the local Church, and the Bible as our trusted and authoritative guide in matters of faith and practice.

As a group of gathered believers, we understand ourselves to be a part of a family of faith.

Therefore, we shall love, forgive, admonish, encourage, serve, and pray for one another—always in the spirit of being sisters and brothers in Christ.

Jesus Christ shall be our model for living.

We recognize that none of us shall ever attain his perfection; yet, we shall always strive to grow in likeness of Him. His heart shall be our guide for the way we minister, organize ourselves, conduct our business, and treat others.

We believe that the Church is the body of Christ on earth; therefore, we are the hands of Christ.

Knowing this about ourselves, we shall be satisfied with nothing less than being leaders in Christian service. We can only accomplish this goal by serving more.

Our Master is our example. We know that we serve Christ himself when we minister to the least, the last, the lost, and the overlooked.

We believe that, on our own, we are not strong enough, wise enough, nor good enough to accomplish our mission as a Church. Therefore, we trust in God’s strength, God’s wisdom, and God’s righteousness to empower us. Only through prayer do we accomplish our mission as a Church.

ORDINANCE OF BELIEVER’S BAPTISM
Wren Booker, Katy Smith, candidates
(Please respond with “Amen” following each baptism.)

A CALL TO CONFESSION
We have been buried with Christ in baptism, in order that we might be raised to new life with him through faith in the power of God.
Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 215 (Stanza 3)
Jesus, the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love
when He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE John 18:33-38
Roger GOSS, Deacon, reader

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷ Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” ³⁸ Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”

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 PRAISE NO. 344 “Glorious Is Thy Name”

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
“Alleluia, Sing Praise!”...Johann Sebastian Bach
Alleluia! Sing praise unto God. Sing praise to Him, the Lord of all creation.
To us He came; A man by name. To bring to us the wonder of Salvation.
Alleluia! Sing praise unto God. Sing praise to Him, with heart and voice exultant!
For us He died; by men denied, To rise again in Glory now triumphant.

SERMON “Truth Be Told” Rev. Brooks

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 158 “Jesus Shall Reign”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP Kristen Mathis

PIANO OFFERTORY “O God, Beyond All Praising”...arr. Stephen Nielson
Meditation Text:
Want to see power? Watch Jesus touch the untouchables or wash the feet of those who would gladly have washed his. Watch Jesus surrender his very life, so powerful was his love. Watch Jesus forgive the very people who just spat on him and drove nails into his flesh. Watch Jesus breathe his last--and then quite fantastically show up three days later. “The LORD reigns! Let the earth rejoice.” -James C. Howell

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH Rev. Mathis

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

HYMN OF COMMISSIONING NO. 354 (Stanza 3)
Praise Him! Praise Him, Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever.
Crown Him! Crown Him prophet and priest and King!
Christ is coming over the world victorious,
Power and glory unto the Lord belong.
Praise Him! Praise Him, tell of His excellent greatness!
Praise Him! Praise Him, ever in joyful song!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN POSTLUDE “The Church’s One Foundation” ...arr. Anna Laura Page

25TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST CONCERT
Sunday, December 3
4 p.m.

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:

