

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.

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 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

ORDINATION SERVICE FOR NICK GEORGIAN | Sunday, November 12 at 11:00 a.m.

Our church will ordain our Minister of Students and Missions, Nick Georgian, to the Gospel Ministry in our 11:00 a.m. worship service next Sunday. This will be a very special service of affirmation and celebration for Nick and for the church.

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS

Thank you for submitting families and individuals to be a part of Hands of Christ Christmas. Be on the lookout for these family stories and gift signups starting November 13 through December 2. Gifts are to 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 featuring the Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, Youth Choir, Children's Choir and First Baptist Ringers.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir - Choir Suite
5:45 p.m. Student Dinner & Small Groups

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner Served until 6 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)
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite
7:00 p.m. Student Discipleship - Student Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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

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 Tom Lumpkin on the occasion of his recent 75th birthday, by his family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Palmer and Chapman Marion by Jason and Margaret Marion, Blythe and Archer.

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

11:00 A.M.

We welcome a larger congregation through Comcast Channel 44 and the church YouTube channel.

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

First Baptist Ringers

"A Heavenly Hymn Ring"... arr. Tammy Waldrop

WELCOME TO WORSHIP (from Revelation 7)

David Brooks

All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 567

"For All the Saints"

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Almighty God, we, Your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth, give thanks to You; For all those through whom You have blessed our pilgrimage, whose lives have empowered us, whose influence is a healing grace,

We lift up thankful hearts.

For the dear friends and family members whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us forever,

We lift up thankful hearts.

For the teachers and companions of childhood and youth, and for the members of our household of faith who worship You now in heaven,

We lift up thankful hearts.

For those who sacrificed themselves, our brothers and sisters who have given their lives for the sake of others,

We lift up thankful hearts.

That we may hold them all in continual remembrance, and ever think of them as with You in that city whose gates are not shut by day and where there is no night,

Lord, bless Your heritage. Amen.

(Please stand as each name is read aloud. We will pause to remember, pray, and give thanks.)

IN MEMORIAM

Ann Baskin	Dick Landry	Dot Stevens
Ann Belcher	Chris Miller	Cathy Strickland
Chris Brady	Rob Parker	Duanne Walton
Becky Couch	Hugh Peacock	Alice Wright
Jane Ellen Davis	Carroll Peterson	

TOLLING OF THE CHURCH BELL

The church bell, first cast and used in 1855, will be rung in memory of each member. One final toll will memorialize family and friends who were not church members, but who are still missed and loved.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Sanctuary Choir

“Shalom”...arr. Dan Forrest
Paula Pasqua, violin

(This anthem is given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Hugh Peacock, by Marsha Dempsey.)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you,
not as the world gives; do not be afraid.

- John 14:17

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Revelation 7:9-17

Nick Georgian, reader

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” 14 I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

First Baptist Ringers

“Praise the Lord!”... arr. Nicholas Hanson
(This anthem is given to the glory of God and in memory of Cathy Strickland, by the Conundrums Class.)

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. Amen.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Matthew Becher, Music Ministry Intern

“Hymn of Heaven”... Phil Wickham

SERMON

David Brooks

“A Glimpse of Heaven”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 550

“We're Marching to Zion”

(Those desiring to join the church, to make a public profession of faith, or to share other decisions may come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Bill Davies

OFFERTORY

“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”...arr. Ed Hogan/Mary Ellen Kerrick
Beverly Harris, piano; Paula Pasqua, violin

Meditation Text:

They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store,
in church, by the sea, in the house next door;
they are saints of God, whether rich or poor, and I mean to be one, too.

-from Lesbia Scott's hymn, *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*



THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Nick Georgian

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS

Steve and Nicki Hunt

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION

Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

“Fly Away Home”...arr. Mary McDonald
(The congregation will please sing along when prompted.)

Some glad morning when this life is o'er I'll fly away
to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away!

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away!

When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

In the sweet by and by,
we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

In the sweet by and by,
we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tine in A Major”...David Ouchterlony

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:

November 5, 2023