

WELCOME!

We are honored you have joined us in worship. Please fill out the information request below and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister. We promise to use it only to contact you about our church.

This is my (our)...

☐ First visit to First Baptist Church

☐ Second (+) visit

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status

☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Widow(er)

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Children at Home (Name/Age/Grade)

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☐ I am new to Rome.

☐ I am interested in knowing more about First Baptist Church.

☐ I would like to talk with a minister.

☐ I would like to know how to become a Christian.

☐ I am interested in becoming a member of First Baptist Church.

☐ I am a guest of:

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January 14, 2024

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

**STUDENT MINISTRY ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER**  
The Student Ministry Annual BBQ Fundraiser is underway NOW through Monday, January 29! Please see a member of the student ministry to purchase your ticket. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Nick Georgian. Orders will be ready for pick up from FBC Rome parking lot between 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. February 3. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Student Ministry.

**TUSCANY TRIP MEETING**  
An information meeting on the Senior Adult Ministry trip to Tuscany October 30-November 7 will be Wednesday, January 17 at 3 p.m. in the Dining Room. The only way to register for the trip is online through Collette Vacations. Registration will open following this info session. If you cannot be at the meeting and would like a link with more information about signing up contact Keith Reaves and a link will be emailed to you following the meeting.

**FAMILY STRENGTHS CAMP | INFORMATION MEETING**  
Information Meeting - Wednesday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m. | 3rd Floor, Education Bldg.  
Family Strengths Camp is February 9-10. **Registration is open!** Led by experts in CliftonStrengths education and parenting tools, parents and kids can look forward to an active workshop that explores the strength within our families. A full schedule can be found at [www.fbcrome.com](http://www.fbcrome.com).



**GROWING WHOLE, NOT OLD**  
Workshop Sponsored by FBC Health Committee | Saturday, January 20, 8:30 -3:30 p.m.  
This workshop in the Fellowship Hall will feature presentations by health professionals from many specialties. Local health agencies will be present to showcase their products and services. The cost of \$20 per person includes programming, lunch, workbook and community resources. Pre-Registration is required by Thursday, January 18, 2024. To register you may call the church office at 706-291-6850 or scan the QR Code. If you would like to learn more, please contact Sharon Baker or Nick Georgian.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 14	
9:45 a.m.	Bible Study
11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday, January 15	
FBC Church Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
10:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study - Dining Room
1:00 p.m.	Women of the Church Book Group - Community Room
Wednesday, January 17	
3:00 p.m.	Senior Adult Tuscany Trip Information Meeting - Dining Room
5:00 p.m.	Family Night Dinner
5:45 p.m.	Children’s Choirs
6:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Fellowship Hall
	Strengths Camp Information Meeting - 3rd Floor Education Building
6:15 p.m.	Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Children’s & Collide Missions
6:45 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	Student Discipleship, Prayer & Hangout - Student Room
Thursday, January 18	
10:00 a.m.	Tai Chi - Community Room
6:00 p.m.	Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Fellowship Hall & Community Room
Saturday, January 20	
8:30 a.m.	Growing Whole, Not Old Workshop - Fellowship Hall

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Church Staff from a grateful member.

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WALKING  
WITH JESUS

A Service of Christian Worship  
First Baptist Church  
Rome, Georgia



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

January 14, 2024 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

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** “Open Our Eyes” ...arr. David Allen  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.  
Open our eyes, Lord, and help us to listen,  
open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP No. 305** (OUR RESPONSE) Tamara Tillman Smathers

**HYMN OF PRAISE No. 306** “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

**CALL TO CONFESSION**  
We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children.  
With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

### A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS No. 619**  
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

**READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE** John 1:43-51  
Kristen Mathis, reader  
<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him,  
“Follow me.” <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and  
Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom  
Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from  
Nazareth.” <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”  
Philip said to him, “Come and see.” <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward  
him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!”  
<sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw  
you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are  
the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you believe  
because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things  
than these.” <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened  
and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”  
Reader: The Word of God. 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 CALLING No. 473** “Will You Come and Follow Me”  
(Children through fourth grade are invited to 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  
“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name” ...arr. Tom Fettke  
(The text to this anthem is based on Psalm 8.)  
When I gaze into the night skies And see the works of Your fingers,  
The moon and stars suspended in space...  
Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?  
You have given man a crown of glory and honor  
And have made him a little lower than the angels.  
You have put him in charge of all creation;  
The beast of the fields, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.  
But what is man, oh what is man that you are mindful of him?  
Oh Lord our God, the majesty and glory of Your name  
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens  
Oh Lord our God, little children praise You perfectly  
And so would we, and so would we. Alleluia...

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**SERMON** Rev. Brooks  
“Walking with Jesus: Seeing and Being Seen”

**HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 472** “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

**PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP** Nick Georgian

**ORGAN OFFERTORY**  
“The Master Hath Come and He Calls Us to Follow”... arr. Michael Hellman  
Meditation Text:  
Discipleship is the process of becoming who Jesus would be if he were you.  
-Dallas Willard

**THE WORK OF THE CHURCH** Rev. Georgian

**AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS**

**PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**COMMISSIONING HYMN No. 496** (Stanza 1) “Footsteps of Jesus”  
Sweetly, Lord, have we heard Thee calling, “Come, follow Me!”  
And we see where Thy footprints falling, lead us to Thee.  
Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;  
We will follow the steps of Jesus where're they go.

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” ...arr. Charles Callahan

## 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*