

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)

☐ 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:

January 21, 2024

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

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

FAMILY STRENGTHS CAMP | Registration Deadline is February 1 | February 9-10
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.



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH CHILI & SOUP SUPPER | Thursday, February 1 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Join us as we warm up with chili, soups and fellowship. Ronda Hancock will share about her family’s work with Restoration Rome, their journey as a foster family, and how they came to adopt their daughter Mylee. Register via the link on the church website, the church Facebook page, or by calling the church office at 706.291.6850.

SING TOGETHER! A HYMN FESTIVAL | Sunday, February 4 | 4:00 p.m.
Sing along with the combined choirs from First Baptist, North Broad Baptist, Garden Lakes Baptist and Second Avenue Baptist at a hymn festival in the FBC Sanctuary. Bring a friend to sing along on some of our favorite timeless hymns.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 21	
8:30 a.m.	Missions Committee - Dining Room Adult Faith Formation Committee - Conference Room
9:45 a.m.	Bible Study
11:00 a.m.	Worship
12:00 p.m.	Youth Choir - Choir Suite Immokalee, Florida Mission Assignment Meeting - Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	Student Parent Meeting - Dining Room
5:45 p.m.	Student Small Groups - Fellowship Hall
Monday, January 22	
10:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study - Dining Room
1:00 p.m.	Stephens Ministry - 3rd Floor, Education Building
5:15 p.m.	First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite
Wednesday, January 24	
	First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen
5:00 p.m.	Family Night Dinner
5:45 p.m.	Children’s Choirs
6:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m.	Presentation for Adults on the FBC Foundation - 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 25	
	First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen
6:00 p.m.	Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Fellowship Hall & Community Room
Friday, January 26	
	First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen
3:30 p.m.	CBF GA - Children’s Ministry Retreat Departs for Eatonton, Georgia

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bill Weidemann on the occasion of his birthday by Jana Weidemann.



WALKING
WITH JESUS

A Service of Christian Worship
First Baptist Church
Rome, Georgia



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

January 21, 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 “Softly and Tenderly” (Stanza 1)...Will L. Thompson

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Nick Georgian

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 48 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

CALL TO CONFESSION
O Lord, our God, You have called us to follow You. When we stumble,
hold us;
when we fall,
lift us up;
when we are tempted with evil,
deliver us;
when we turn our back from what is good,
turn us back.
Now, Lord, hear us as we humbly confess our sin.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 474 (STANZA 3) “Softly and Tenderly”

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Mark 1:14-20
David Brooks, reader
¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC Sydney Godfrey, Music Ministry Intern
“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”...Cesarea Gabrain

HYMN OF CALLING NO. 482 “Here I Am, Lord”
(Children through fourth grade are invited to depart for Children’s Worship.)

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING Sanctuary Choir
“Let Us Be Your Light” ...Joseph Martin
Let us be your light, a beacon of your mercy,
candles burning bright, God’s glory to reveal.
Let us be your light, a lamp that brings new sight and seeks to do God’s will.
As Christ was lifted high to raise our eyes to heaven, let us pierce the darkness.
Let us be your light upon a hill.
Reach and take the torch that God has passed us.
Let us shine the everlasting light.
Come embrace the challenge now before us.
Let us shine the glorious light of Christ.
Let us be your light, blazing with your Spirit,
breaking through the night, our mission to fulfill.
For Christ has called His church to shine upon the nations.
Fill us with your glory; Savior, we have heard your call.
Now we dedicate our all. Let us be your light upon the hill.

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SERMON Rev. Brooks
“Walking with Jesus: Saying Yes”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 476 “You Walk Along Our Shoreline”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP Tamara Tillman Smathers

PIANO OFFERTORY “I Worship You, Almighty God” ... arr. Mark Hayes
Meditation Text:
God wants a world—a world redeemed, restored to God. And the way God gets that is with ordinary people like us who are willing to walk like Jesus, talk like Jesus, yes, and even, if need be, to suffer like Jesus. -William H. Willimon

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH Rev. Smathers

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 “Grand Choir” ...Theodore Dubois

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.



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