

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:  
 \_\_\_\_\_

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

**WORLD HUNGER OFFERING**  
 Help meet the needs of the hungry by contributing to the monthly hunger offering. Place your offering in an envelope marked “WORLD HUNGER” and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of our youth at the exits at the close of the service. Our gifts support CBF Global Missions Hunger Relief.

**STUDENT MINISTRY ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER**  
 The Student Ministry Annual BBQ Fundraiser ends tomorrow! Please see a member of the student ministry to purchase your ticket. All orders will be ready for pick up from the church parking lot on Saturday, February 3 between 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. 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](http://www.fbcrome.com).



**WOMEN OF THE CHURCH CHILI & SOUP SUPPER** | Thursday, February 1 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Join us as Ronda Hancock shares 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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 28	
	CBF GA - Children’s Ministry Retreat Returns
8:30 a.m.	Missions Committee - Dining Room
9:45 a.m.	Bible Study
11:00 a.m.	Worship
12:00 p.m.	Youth Choir - Choir Suite
	Deacon Retreat - Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m.	Student Small Groups Dinner - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Student Ministry Attends the Andrew Peterson Concert - Berry College
Monday, January 29	
10:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study - Dining Room
1:30 p.m.	Stephens Ministry - Conference Room
5:15 p.m.	First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite
Wednesday, January 31	
5:00 p.m.	Family Night Dinner
5:45 p.m.	Children’s Choirs
6:00 p.m.	Holy, Holy, Holy: Why & How We Worship as We Do - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Children’s & Collide Missions
6:45 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Fellowship Hall
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	Student Discipleship, Prayer & Hangout - Student Room
Thursday, February 1	
6:00 p.m.	Women of the Church Soup & Chili Supper - Fellowship Hall
	Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Dining Room & Community Room
Saturday, February 3	
3:00 p.m.	Student Ministry Barbecue Sale Pick up - FBC Parking Lot

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ansley Saville on the occasion of her birthday by Dean Saville and family.



WALKING WITH JESUS

A Service of Christian Worship  
 First Baptist Church  
 Rome, Georgia



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

January 28, 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

PIANO/ORGAN PRELUDE “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ...arr. Gayden Sikes

CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 647 David Brooks

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 156 “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

CALL TO CONFESSION NO. 652 “Make Me a Servant”

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Psalm 113 says: “Who can be compared with the Lord our God, who is enthroned on high? God stoops to look down on heaven and on earth. God lifts the poor from the dust and the needy from the ash heap. God sets them among princes!”

So the Lord does for us. God stoops down to look at us, exactly as we are, and chooses to lift us up in the name of Jesus Christ.  
We are forgiven! Amen.

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Mark 10:35-45

Bobby Keith, Chair of Deacons, reader

<sup>35</sup> James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, “Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup> They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized,” <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” <sup>41</sup> When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup> So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.” <sup>43</sup> But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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 SERVICE NO. 649 “Christ, You Call Us All to Service” (HYMN TO JOY)

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord’s Prayer) Rev. 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  
“Proclamation of Service” ...Joseph Martin  
As for those in this house, we will serve the Lord.  
We will give our allegiance unto God.  
With one voice we will offer up our song, give our praise with voices strong,  
Live our lives for God alone.

As for those in this house we will serve the Lord.  
This we pledge with our hearts in one accord.  
Let the lives we bring give honor to the King.  
As for those in this house, we will serve the Lord.  
Founded on the Word of God, we have built this place.  
Nurtured by the love of God, we proclaim His grace.  
Challenged by the truth of God we break forth in praise. Alleluia!  
We will serve the Lord for all our days!  
Take my life and let it be consecrated. Lord. to Thee;  
take my heart: it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.

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SERMON “Guardian or Gardener?” Dr. David Hull

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 658 “Let Your Heart Be Broken”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP Nick Georgian

ORGAN/PIANO OFFERTORY “I Love You, Lord”... arr. Gayden Sikes

Meditation Text:  
The next time you want to withhold your help, or your love, or your support for another for whatever the reason, ask yourself a simple question: do the reasons you want to withhold it reflect more on them or on you? And which reasons do you want defining you forevermore?” - Dan Pearce

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH Rev. Georgian

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL COMMISSIONING “Take My Life and Let It be Consecrated”  
Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my heart: it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.  
We will serve the Lord!

ORGAN POSTLUDE “A Joyous Acclamation”...Lani Smith

GUEST PREACHER  
Since 1980 David Hull has served as pastor of five very different kinds of churches. Beginning with a rural church in Kentucky, then a new church plant in the suburbs of Charlotte, NC, followed by a small town “county seat First Baptist” in South Carolina. From there he moved to a downtown First Baptist in Knoxville, TN, then for 12 years was the pastor of First Baptist Church in Huntsville, Alabama. Each ministry opportunity has broadened his understanding of the church and deepened his love for congregations of all kinds. He is now retired from full-time pastoral ministry and serves as a consultant with The Center for Healthy Churches and as the current moderator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He and his wife, Jane live in Winston-Salem near their three grandchildren.

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.

STEWARDSHIP  
There are several ways to financially support the ministries of First Baptist Church. You may place your offering in the offering plates, mail 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*