

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:

February 4, 2024

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

SING TOGETHER! A HYMN FESTIVAL | Today | 4:00 p.m.
Sing along with nearly 100 singers from the combined choirs from First Baptist, North Broad Baptist, Garden Lakes Baptist and Second Avenue Baptist at a hymn festival this afternoon in the FBC Sanctuary.

FAMILY STRENGTHS CAMP | February 9-10
Pray for this weekend's Family Strengths Camp, a very important effort to support parents and kids as well as anyone who cares about young lives. A few spaces have become available. Contact Tamara Smathers today if you are able to participate.

SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER | February 13, from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall - Mardi Gras themed

INTERACTIVE ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE | February 14 | Visit between 12:00 & 6:00 p.m.

- Several stations in the sanctuary will prepare you for Lent and introduce you to our Lenten worship series, "Wandering Heart"
- New Labyrinth to walk in our gym.
- No Wednesday night activities or supper.

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY RELAUNCH EVENT | February 24, from 8:30 - 3:30 p.m.
The Bridges Community Initiative is focused on bringing all community sectors together to make a positive impact on poverty in our community. You will have the opportunity to learn more about the Bridges mission, hear from Treasure McKenzie, Executive Director of Bridges in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and also from a few graduates of the Bridges Getting Ahead Program. Mark your calendars and plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall. To learn more, contact Keith Phillips or Nick Georgian.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 4	
9:45 a.m.	Bible Study
11:00 a.m.	Worship
12:00 p.m.	Youth Choir - Choir Suite
2:30 p.m.	Hymn Festival Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sing Together! Hymn Festival
Monday, February 5	
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, February 7	
12:00 p.m.	Properties Committee Meeting - Conference Room
5:00 p.m.	Family Night Dinner
5:45 p.m.	Children's Choirs
6:00 p.m.	<i>Walking with Jesus</i> : Labyrinth and Other Lenten Disciplines - 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 8	
6:00 p.m.	Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Fellowship Hall & Community Room
Friday, February 9	
6:00 p.m.	CliftonStrengths YOUTH only - Fellowship Hall
Saturday, February 10	
9:00 a.m.	Family Strengths Camp for parents and kids - Fellowship Hall

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Barrie C. Hiern, Sr. by Sara Hiern and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Audrey Cooper and Bill Bryson on the occasion of their birthdays by Billy and Kathy Cooper.

WALKING WITH JESUS

A Service of Christian Worship
First Baptist Church
Rome, Georgia

First Baptist Church, 100 East Fourth Avenue, Rome, GA 30161
Phone: 706.291.6850 Website: www.fbcrome.org



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

February 4, 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

ORGAN CALL TO WORSHIP “Love Divine”...arr. Charles Callahan

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Kristen Mathis

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 58 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

CALL TO CONFESSION NO. 578 (Stanza 1) “The Great Physician”

Response:
The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our
confidence and trust in his mercy.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO 578 (Stanzas 2, 3, 4)

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Mark 1:29-39
Nick Georgian, reader

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.
³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.
³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” ³⁸ He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do.” ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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 Harry Wise
“If We Could See Beyond Today”...Norman Clayton

HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 509 “Trust and Obey”
(Children through fourth grade are invited to leave for Children’s Worship.)

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord’s Prayer)
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
“There’s A Wideness In God’s Mercy” ...arr. John Purifoy
(The text to this anthem is in Hymn 41.)
Kim Tunnell, Music Ministry Associate, accompanist

SERMON Rev. Brooks
“Walking with Jesus: Sacred Rhythms”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 72 “Day by Day”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP Tamara Tillman Smathers
God of power and patience, Jesus healed with a touch and taught us that You are the source of the true healing that can make us whole.
As we offer our gifts to You, we pray that they be used to bring
healing: of body, of spirit, of broken relationships;
healing of a world divided by distrust and self-interest.
This we pray in Jesus’ holy name. Amen.

ORGAN/PIANO OFFERTORY “I Love Thee”... arr. Mary McDonald
Meditation Text:
God is not only concerned with behavior, but also with the heart—not only with *what* we do, but also with *why* we do it. -Mark Allan Powell

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 “Glorious Is Thy Name”...arr. Kenneth Varner

SING TOGETHER!
A HYMN FESTIVAL FEATURING CONGREGATIONS IN ROME, GEORGIA
AFFILIATED WITH THE COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP
TODAY AT 4 P.M. FIRST BAPTIST SANCTUARY

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*