

## 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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March 24, 2024

## THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

**COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES** - March 25-27 | Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Featuring pastors and musicians from across the community. A light lunch will follow each service. Hosted by Rome First United Methodist Church. David Brooks will preach on Tuesday.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** - March 28 | 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

We will celebrate communion, listen to the story of the last hours of Jesus and hear special music from the Sanctuary Choir. This moving services helps prepare us for the joy of Easter.

**EASTER SUNDAY** - March 31

- 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast | Flowering of the Cross | Family Photos
- 9:45 a.m. - Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship

**GROWING WHOLE, NOT OLD WORKSHOP** - Saturday, April 6, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This workshop will feature presentations by health professionals from many specialties. Local health agencies will also showcase their products and services. This program is designed to address the needs of senior adults and maximize healthy aging. The \$20 fee includes programming, lunch, workbook and community resources. Pre-Registration is open through March 27th.



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, March 24**

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Meeting - Conference Room
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
Youth and Children's Choirs Rehearse
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 5:45 p.m. Student Small Groups - Fellowship Hall

**Monday, March 25**

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
- 12:00 p.m. Community Holy Week Service - First United Methodist Church

**Tuesday, March 26**

- 12:00 p.m. Community Holy Week Service - First United Methodist Church

**Wednesday, March 27**

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen
- 12:00 p.m. Community Holy Week Service - First United Methodist Church
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner
- 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Children's & Collide Missions
- 6:45 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Fellowship Hall  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Student Discipleship, Prayer & Hangout - Student Room

**Thursday, March 28**

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service - Sanctuary

**Friday, March 29**

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wydelle Clark by Kathy and Larry Osborn and Family.



**FBC Goal: \$45,000**  
**Given to Date: \$26,126.47**

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**First Baptist Church**  
**March 24, 2024**

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 Duet Prelude**

Beverly Harris/Betty Holland

"The Palms" ...arr. Ethel Tench Rogers

**Call to Worship**

Tamara Tillman Smathers

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, who rode through the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey.

**We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, who challenged Rome's oppressive power with peaceful protest.**

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, who was surrounded by crowds of dreamers and believers.

**We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, so even today, we will sing songs of loudest praise.**

Hosanna!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Processional Hymn No. 172**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*(Please remain seated until Stanza 3.)*

Hymn Stanza One

Praise Him! Praise Him, all ye little children. God is love, God is love.  
Praise Him! Praise Him, all ye little children. God is love, God is love.

Thank Him! Thank Him, all ye little children. God is love, God is love.  
Thank Him! Thank Him, all ye little children. God is love, God is love.

Hymn Stanza Two

Love Him. Love Him, all ye little children. God is love. God is love.  
Love Him! Love Him, all ye little children. God is love. God is love.

*(Please stand for the final stanza.)*

Hymn Stanza Three

**Choral Response**

Children's and Youth Choirs

"Antiphonal Hosanna" ...G. Alan Smith  
Kim Tunnell, Music Ministry Associate, conductor

### Call to Confession

Harrison Inman, leader

As we watch the gates open for Jesus' triumphant entry, let us open the gates of our own hearts that we may confess, with all honesty, the sin that resides within.

Lord, hear our prayers and have mercy.

### Choral Response

Youth Choir

"Agnus Dei"...Burrell Gluskin

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

### A Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness No. 173

"Lift Up Your Heads"

### Reading of Holy Scripture

John 12:12-16

Kristen Mathis, reader

<sup>12</sup>The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!"

<sup>14</sup>Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

<sup>15</sup>"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

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 Faith No. 504

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

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

### Morning Prayer (with the Lord's Prayer)

Nick Georgian

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

"Jesus Paid It All"...arr. Robert Sterling  
(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 583.)

### Sermon

Rev. Brooks

"What the Donkey Tells Us"

### Hymn of Response No. 167

"I Saw the Cross of Jesus"

### Prayer of Stewardship

Keith Reaves, leader

Blessed are you, God, and the One who comes in Your name.

Like the palms laid down on a road long ago, we prepare to lay down our gifts, gifts that ready our world for Your coming, gifts that open our eyes to Your appearing.

Let us not misunderstand Your entry into our lives.

Hosanna! Let us walk with You. In Jesus's name, Amen.

### Organ Offertory

"Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"...arr. Wilbur Held



Today's icon is a note overlaid with a crescendo symbol, which in music means to get louder gradually. As we find our footing in faith, we share and express our journey with more assuredness and confidence. We can sing loudly, like those shouting "hosanna" as Jesus enters the city. Hosanna means "save us." What in your life or the world needs saving?

### The Work of the Church

Rev. Reaves

### Affirmation of Public Decisions

### Pastoral Blessing

### Passing of the Peace

### Hymn of Commissioning

"Wandering Hearts"...Keith Reaves



In the qui - et cham - bers of our wan - der - ing hearts, Where



doubts and sha-dows play their sub-tle parts, A jour-ney un-folds a quest to find The



stead-fast love in Christ that binds. In mo-ments of de - spair and strife, We seek



the Source, the well of life. For in our wan-der-ing we can see The



grace that flows to you and to me. Our wan-der-ing hearts on a



quest to find The stead-fast faith in Christ that binds.

### Organ Postlude

"There Is A Fountain"... arr. Gilbert Martin

### WHAT IS LENT?

For centuries, Lent has been observed as a special time of self-examination and penitence. The name "Lent" comes from the Old English *lencten* (springtime, spring) and from West Germanic *langitinaz* (long-days or lengthening of the day.) The word "Alleluia" is not used in the words of the readings or hymns to mark this season of renewal as a special time. A custom during Lent is to give up things or take on others. Both can serve to mark the season as a time of preparation. The season is 40 days plus the six Sundays and concludes on Easter. Purple is the liturgical color of the season and is reflected on the cross in the baptistery and the stoles for the ministers and choir.

### 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.

### 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*