

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:

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.

HEAR IT AGAIN...FOR THE FIRST TIME! | Wednesday, April 3 | 6:00 p.m.
Rev. Chris Barbieri will lead this adult Bible Study as we slow down and explore a familiar scripture from Luke. We'll try to hear it as if we are hearing it for the first time. No advance study or reading is necessary.

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 April 2.**



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 31	
8:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast Family Photos Flowering of the Cross
9:45 a.m.	Bible Study
11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday, April 1	
	No Women’s Bible Study or First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal
1:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry - Conference Room
Tuesday, April 2	
5:00 p.m.	Bridges Steering Committee - Conference Room
Wednesday, April 3	
12:00 p.m.	Properties Committee - Conference Room
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 - Choir Suite
7:00 p.m.	Student Discipleship, Prayer & Hangout - Student Room
Thursday, April 4	
7:00 p.m.	Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Fellowship Hall & Community Room

Saturday, April 6
8:30 a.m. Growing Whole, Not Old Workshop - Fellowship Hall

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and provided through the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

CBF *Offering for*
GLOBAL MISSIONS  **FBC Goal: \$45,000**
Given: \$38,760.47



The Garden Tomb in Jerusalem

“He is not here, for He has risen,
just as He said. Come and see
the place where He lay.”



First Baptist Church

Rome, Georgia

Resurrection Sunday

March 31, 2024

To help maintain a spirit of worship, please silence phones.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sanctuary Choir

“Easter Festival” ... arr. Michael S. Bryson

This anthem is placed in the music library to the glory of God and in memory of Beth Bradfield Wright and in honor of her parents, Ann and Claborn Bradfield, by the Joy Sunday School Class.
(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 194.)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

David Brooks

HYMN OF THE RESURRECTION

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Hutch Fannin, Christ Candle Bearer

Michael Hurt, Samantha Lusian, trumpet Caleb Land, Howard Hubler, trombone
Mark Hester, Aaron Cooper, percussion

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

THE EASTER STORY

Luke 24:1-12

Nick Georgian, reader

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Reader: Christ is risen! People: He is risen, indeed!

GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 704)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Matthew Becher, Music Ministry Intern

“Come to the Garden”...Jacque B. Jones/Benjamin Brody

Come to the garden and see what has happened, for dawn has revealed that the world has changed.
Where is the stone which was once so forbidding? And where is the one who was in the grave?
Let tears be gone; all weeping will cease. Shout it out loud: new life has come.
Heaven and earth are joined for all time; love is unleashed, evil disarmed.
Shout from the rooftops and sing with rejoicing for God’s new creation is here today!

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HYMN OF THE RESURRECTION NO. 207

“Low in the Grave He Lay”

MORNING PRAYER *(with the Lord’s Prayer)*

Tamara Tillman Smathers

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

“Festival Easter Hymn on GRAFTON” ...arr. K. Lee Scott

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:
He has burst His three day prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the grave.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts and hands to heaven raise.
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the grave.

Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born,
glorious life and life immortal, on this holy Easter morn.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the grave.

Come with hearts and voices ringing, glorious is the morning ray.
Earth and heaven with joy are singing on this high triumphant day.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the grave.

SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“And I Hope”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 620

“Because He Lives”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Gwen Stephens

ORGAN OFFERTORY

“Toccata” *from Organ Symphony No. 5*...Charles Marie-Widor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Keith A. Reaves

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Those who want to sing the benediction with the choir should come forward during this time.)

BENEDICTION

“Hallelujah!” *from Messiah*...G. F. Handel

(The text for this anthem is from Revelation 19:6; 11:15 and 19:16.)

Expenses for the brass ensemble are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mark Harrison, by Randy and Kay Bratton.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FAMILY WORSHIP

Today is the last Sunday of the month. These days are designated as “Family Worship” and all children sit with their families. Nursery care is available for children four and younger. Children’s Worship returns 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.

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*