

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:

April 14, 2024

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS AND MISSIONS SPRING PROGRAM | Wednesday 6:15 p.m.

Come support our children as our three choirs and our missions classes sing and tell us about what they have learned this year. Choir members should meet in their regular choir rehearsal rooms at 5:45 p.m. The program begins in the Sanctuary at 6:15 p.m.

ALL HANDS ON WORKDAYS AT FBC | Thursday/Friday April 18-19 8:30 to 12:30 p.m.

All Hands On invites us to invest a couple of days working within the church building removing clutter and broken equipment. In addition we will carefully box items from the Parlor before the Fellowship Hall renovation begins. We need trucks and trailers and also those with a sharp eye to repair needs. Please use the QR Code to sign up.



BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY - SUCCESS COACH ORIENTATION

Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. to Noon | Dining Room

Bridges Out of Poverty is seeking volunteers to serve as Success Coaches for the graduates of the current Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World program. Orientation is Saturday, April 20 in the Dining Room from 10: a.m. - noon. All current coaches are welcome to join and share stories. Please contact Keith Phillips with questions.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 14

9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Student Parent Meeting - Dining Room
5:45 p.m. Student Ministry Small Groups

Monday, April 15

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
1:00 a.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Dining Room
1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry - Conference Room
5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite

Wednesday, February 17

5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner
5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs Rehearse
6:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Children's Choirs & Missions Program
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite
7:00 p.m. Student Discipleship, Prayer & Hangout

Thursday, April 18

8:30 a.m. All Hands On Workday at FBC
6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Fellowship Hall & Community Room

Friday, April 19

8:30 a.m. All Hands On Workday at FBC

Saturday, April 20

10:00 a.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Success Coach Orientation - Dining Room

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of my daughters: Susan, Sharon and Jennie by Joanne Owens.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Duanne Walton by the McCormick and Walton Family.



First Baptist Church of Rome, Georgia

April 14, 2024 11:00 a.m.

WHEN DOES JESUS SHOW UP?

A Worship Series

Today: When We Least Expect Him

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

“Alleluia No. 1”

(The text may be found in Hymn 196.)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Tamara Tillman Smathers

In this three-week worship series we continue our Easter journey. We walk the path of two who traveled a dusty road, wrapped in confusion and despair, two who shared the company of a stranger, voicing their pain, airing their fears, and in the listening heard words of hope and promise, and in the eating received true bread of life.

May we re-enter the story with the expectation that Christ will also reveal Himself to us in new and surprising ways.

Risen Christ, walk with us.

Receive our authentic and heart-felt worship. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 215

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

CALL TO CONFESSION

We need your presence on the long road, Lord. The road between fear and hope, the road between the place where all is lost and the place of resurrection.

Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we are in need of your company!

Jesus, stand among us, in Your risen power. Help us be more like You.

Lord, hear our prayers.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Emma Allen/Emma Sprayberry

“Laudamus te” from *Gloria*...Antonio Vivaldi

Translation:

We praise You. We bless You. We adore You. We glorify You.

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

David Brooks, reader

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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 THE RESURRECTION No. 200

(Children through fourth grade are invited to depart for Children’s Worship.)

“In the Garden”

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

“Not Ashamed” ...Dan Forrest

I’m not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend His cause,
Maintain the honor of His Word, the glory of His cross.

Jesus, my Lord, I know His name, His name is all my trust,
He’ll never put my soul to shame, nor let my hope be lost.

I know that safe with Him remains, protected by His power,
What I’ve committed to His hands, until my final hour.

Then He shall own my lowly name before His Father’s face,
And in the New Jerusalem appoint my soul a place.

I’m not ashamed to own my Lord, Jesus, my Lord!

SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“When We Least Expect Him”

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 203

“Day of Arising”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Cora Fannin, leader

Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have.

They offered their company, their table, their bread.

We invite you to be with us, as we offer you our love, our devotion, these gifts.

**May our eyes be opened to your holy presence among us,
now and always. Amen.**

PIANO OFFERTORY

“Aint-a That Good News”... arr. John Carter

Meditation Text:

To believe that Christ is risen and alive in the world is to believe that there is no place or person or thing in the world through which we ourselves may not be made more alive by his life. -Frederick Buechner

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Keith A. Reaves

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN No. 196 (Stanza 2)

“Alleluia No. 1”

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Spread the good news o’er all the earth; Jesus has died and has risen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Let the Song Go Round the World”...arr. Anna Laura Page

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
(currently on maternity leave)*

Gwen Stephens *Minister to Extended Family*

Nick Georgian *Minister to Students and Missions*

Joan Hill, *Organist* Beverly Harris, *Pianist*