

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 21, 2024

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

COMMUNITY KITCHEN | Thursday, April 25, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Community Kitchen will host an Open House. Come learn more about this ministry supported by First Baptist Church. A light lunch will be served.

FELLOWSHIP HALL RENOVATION | Begins April 25

This project comes with some temporary inconvenience so please be patient. Access to the Fellowship Hall and kitchen will be limited and six parking spots in front of the sanctuary will be blocked off. The end result will be a brighter, more functional room that will better serve our congregation!

ROME AREA PRAYER BREAKFAST | Thursday, May 2, 6:30 a.m. at Forum River Center

Free tickets are available in the church office until Monday, April 22. This year's speakers are Lee Strobel and Rome native, Billy Neal Moore. Contact Judy Roebuck for details.

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY GRADUATION | Thursday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m. - DR

The sixth cohort will graduate May 2. Bridges Life Coaches and the many faithful volunteers are invited. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP by scanning the QR Code no later than Monday, April 29. Contact Keith Philips with any questions.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 21

8:30 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Committee - Conference Room
Missions Committee - Dining Room
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, April 22

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite
5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee - Conference Room

Tuesday, April 23

6:00 p.m. Men's Ministry Steak Dinner - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 24

FBC Serves Community Kitchen
Final Wednesday Night
5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner Served - Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Prayer Time & Church Conference - Fellowship Hall
No Children's Activities
Student Coffee with Interns - Swift & Finch
6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suit

Thursday, April 25

FBC Serves Community Kitchen
6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Dining Room & Community Room

Friday, April 26

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God, provided by the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Adrian Bowers by the Gene Bowers Family.



First Baptist Church of Rome, Georgia

April 21, 2024 11:00 a.m.

WHEN DOES JESUS SHOW UP?

A Worship Series

Today: When We Open Our Doors

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

"Jesus Shall Reign" ...arr. Michael Busarow

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

David Brooks

Open our eyes, Lord. Without your gift of Your revelation, our eyes are kept from recognizing You.

Appear before us, suddenly, unexpectedly, in all Your glory.

We pray that we, too, may proclaim to a world in despair, that we have seen the risen Lord.

Lord, accept our worship this day. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 222

"Thine Is the Glory"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sanctuary Choir

"Come By Here" ...arr. Kyle Pederson

(This anthem is given to the glory of God and in honor of Heather Shores, by Chandler Bagby.)

Come by here, my Lord. Come by here. O Lord, come by here.

Someone's prayin', Lord. Come by here. Someone's cryin', Lord. Come by here.

In the morning, in the evening, in my waking, in my sleeping, come by here.

In my pleading, waking, caring, loving, blessing, grieving,
hoping, longing, falling, hiding, rising, healing, aching,
laughing, seeking, finding, breathing, dying, you are here.

O Lord, you are here.

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A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Christ died for our sins. He made a full atonement for us. We are forgiven and we have the promise of eternal life. Feel that forgiveness in your heart.

We are His children. Amen.

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

Laurie Brooks, Brian Inman, Coleman Fannin, Chris Jackson, readers

Narration (verses 13-20)

Choir and Congregation:

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Narration (verses 21-23)

Women:

Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

Narration (verses 24-30)

Choir:

Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Narration (verses 31-35)

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 TESTIMONY NO. 580

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

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

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

Sydney Godfrey, Music Ministry Intern

"We Have Seen the Risen Lord"...Stan Pethel

SERMON

Rev. Brooks

"When We Open Our Doors"

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"A Stranger Joined them as They Walked"

1. A strang-er joined them as they walked and lis-tened to them there.
2. The strang-er shared from an-cient word: pro-phet-ic truth re-vealed.
3. The strang-er now be-came their friend.They want-ed him to stay.
4. So, when a strang-er comes to you, give wel-come, filled with grace.

He heard, un-fold-ing as they talked, a sto-ry of de-spair:
Their hearts were o-pened as they heard the word of life un-sealed,
They did not want this time to end. "Come, eat with us to-day."
Reach out, as Christ ex-pects you to, and meet him face to face.

and qui-et-ly, with pa-tient love, gave com-fort to their hurt.
as lov-ing-ly he shared with them the prom-ised hope ful-filled.
And when he blessed and broke the bread, their hearts were strange-ly warmed.
When to the least you of-fer love, to Je-sus you draw near.

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Gwen Stephens

PIANO OFFERTORY

"O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus... arr. Larry Shackley

Meditation Text:

It would be nice if we could simply "practice the presence of God" in all of life, without expending energy on particular exercises. But the capacity to remember and abide in God's presence comes only through steady training. If we wish to see, name, and love Christ "in the flesh" of daily existence, we will eventually need some kind of intentional practice of spiritual discipline. -Marjorie J. Thompson

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Gwen Stephens

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN NO. 222 (Stanza 3)

"Thine Is the Glory"

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory Thou o'er death hath won.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

"God of Grace"...arr. Paul Manz

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*
(on Family Leave)

Gwen Stephens *Minister to Extended Family*

Nick Georgian *Minister to Students and Missions*
(on Family Leave)

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