

## 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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April 28, 2024

## THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

### WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Please contribute to the monthly hunger offering. Mark an offering envelope with "WORLD HUNGER" and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of the ministers at the exits at the close of the service. Our gifts support CBF Global Missions Hunger Relief.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 24 through Thursday, June 27

Parents, please be sure to register your child through the home page of the church website. Friends and guests are welcomed!

### FELLOWSHIP HALL RENOVATION

This project is underway and comes with some temporary inconvenience. This week, the Fellowship Hall, kitchen and restrooms will not be accessible. Six parking spots in front of the sanctuary are blocked off. The end result will be a room that will better serve our congregation!

### WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH?

Sunday, May 5, following worship

If you are a newcomer to First Baptist Church, we invite you to a Lunch & Learn opportunity next Sunday. We will meet in our dining room downstairs, and enjoy a complimentary catered meal from Dos Bros Fresh Mexican Grill. Our ministers will be present to share information and answer your questions. Please make your reservation by this Wednesday, May 1, by calling the church office or emailing [mduke@fbcrome.org](mailto:mduke@fbcrome.org).

### BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY GRADUATION

Thursday, May 2 at 6 p.m. - Dining Room

The sixth cohort will graduate May 2. Bridges Life Coaches and the many faithful volunteers are invited. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP by calling the church no later than Monday. Contact Keith Phillips with questions.

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 28

9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
5:45 p.m. Student Ministry Small Groups

Monday, April 29

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Community Room  
1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry - Conference Room  
5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite

Tuesday, April 30

5:00 p.m. Committee on Committees - Conference Room

Wednesday, May 1

5:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 2

2:00 p.m. Gwen Stephens's Ordination Council - Conference Room  
6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Graduation Ceremony - Dining Room

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Harold Smith by Helen Smith and Family.

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First Baptist Church of Rome, Georgia

April 28, 2024 11:00 a.m.

## WHEN DOES JESUS SHOW UP? A Worship Series

Today: When We Break Bread Together

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

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"...arr. Jason Payne

### INVOCATION

Tamara Tillman Smathers

### HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 223

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us, we pray, in every part of our journey, no matter how full of doubt or fear we may be today.

Through your Holy Spirit, open our eyes. Help us see You as our risen Lord, in all Your beauty, and in all Your loving power.

Lord, hear our prayers.

### A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 197 (STANZA 4) "We Welcome Glad Easter"

We think of the promise which Jesus did give:

"That he who believes in Me also shall live!"

Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing, bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King!

## READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:28-35

Dr. Leigh Weldon, Deacon, reader

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> 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?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> 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 COMMUNION NO. 457 “Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed” (Children through fourth grade are invited to depart for Children’s Worship.)

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

Gwen Stephens

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.

## SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“When We Break Bread Together”

## ANTHEM OF PREPARATION

Sanctuary Choir

“Come Find His Rest”...arr. Dan Forrest

Matthew Becher, Sydney Godfrey, Music Ministry Interns, soloists

Come weary one, leave thy labors;  
come lift thy head, see thy Savior and Friend.  
His arms are opened wide; O soul, be satisfied.  
Come find His rest.

Take His yoke upon thee,  
for He is gentle and lowly in heart.  
So learn from Christ the Lord – thy Portion and Reward.  
Come find His rest.

I heard the voice of Jesus say “Come unto me and rest  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down Your head upon my breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

## ORDINANCE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*As we observe the ordinance of the Lord’s Supper the bread (all of the bread is gluten-free) will be passed to the entire congregation and we will eat it together when the pastor indicates.*

*Next, the cup will be taken in the same way.*

*The table set before us is not the property of our church; it is the Lord’s table.  
We invite all who call Jesus “Lord” and have followed Him in baptism to join us.*

## THE BREAD THE CUP

## HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 267

“Blest Be the Tie”

## PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Keith A. Reaves

Companion Lord, in what remains of our lives, help us to build, with others, a bit more of Your kingdom.

**With others we want to experience You as we walk together  
towards Emmaus, have the scriptures open to us and feel our hearts  
burning within us.**

With others we want to recognize You in the breaking of bread, and in our daily journey through our every-day lives.

**With this hope, with this prayer, may we travel forward until our  
traveling days are done. In the name of the risen Christ we pray.  
Amen.**

## PIANO OFFERTORY

Kim Tunnell, Music Ministry Associate

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”...arr. Mark Hayes

Meditation Text:

Spirituality and relationships are so often connected to eating. It makes sense. It makes us human. We talk about “being fed” spiritually, or we call friends and make plans to eat together. Eating is human. Relationships are human. Spirituality is human. Those things are linked by the realities of life...That’s why it’s rare to experience a social gathering without food: because we sense in some elemental way that feeding our bodies feeds our souls and moves our relationships to deeper levels. We live better when we eat, especially when we eat good things together.

—Melissa Bane Sevier

## THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Reaves

## AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

## PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

## COMMISSIONING HYMN NO. 457 (Stanza 4)

With the Spirit-blessed commission, “Go and serve this meal to all,”

Take its love and peaceful vision into every banquet hall.

Go and serve as nourished people, Gladly feeding one and all!

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross”...arr. Donald Busarow

## 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 family leave)*

Gwen Stephens *Minister to Extended Family*

Nick Georgian *Minister to Students and Missions  
(currently on family leave)*

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