

## 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:

\_\_\_\_\_

May 12, 2024

## THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

### HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR MEMORABILIA TABLES

Please take a moment to view the seniors' graduation memory tables located right outside the gym. We are so very proud of the Class of 2024!

### FELLOWSHIP HALL RENOVATIONS

We are making progress! The project comes with some temporary inconveniences, so please be patient. The Fellowship Hall is currently inaccessible. Our expected date of completion is May 31.

### PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS - *WALKING WITH JESUS*

Wednesdays, May 15 - June 12 | Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Join us this Wednesday in the Chapel for a time of prayers and reflections led by Keith Reaves. A light lunch will follow in the Dining Room. Guests are welcomed.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 24 - 27 | 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Use the church website to register your child early to help us prepare for this special time of learning for our children and their friends and neighbors.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, May 12

8:30 a.m. High School Senior Breakfast - Dining Room

9:45 a.m. Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship

### Monday, May 13

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Community Room

11:30 a.m. Ruble Whitworth Mission Group - Community Room

12:00 p.m. Finance Committee - Conference Room

6:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting - Dining Room

### Wednesday, May 15

12:00 p.m. Prayers & Reflections - Chapel & Dining Room

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

### Thursday, May 16

Last Day of Weekday Preschool

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William and Alice Davies and John and Etsie Johnson by Bill and Merrill Davies.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Art and Barbara Crowe's wedding anniversary by Art & Barbara Crowe.

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## WHAT DOES GOD ASK OF US?

MICAH 6:8

**DO**

*justice*

**LOVE**

*kindness*

**WALK**

*humbly*

WITH YOUR  
**GOD**





# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

**MAY 12, 2024**

**11:00 A.M.**

We welcome a larger congregation through Comcast Channel 44 and YouTube.  
As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Sanctuary Choir

“What Does the Lord Require of You”...Jim Strathdee  
(The text is based on Micah 6:6-8 and may be found in Hymn 690.)

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Nick Georgian

Our God is a God of blessing.

Our God is a God of love and justice.

Our God is a God of wisdom and truth.

Living and loving in that spirit, we come to worship.

## HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 337

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

You have told us what is good and what You require: Move our hearts and minds to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with You.

Lord help us, hear our prayers, and forgive us when we fail. . .

## A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 617 (STANZA 1) “Heavenly Sunlight”

Walking in sunlight, all of my journey, over the mountains, through the deep vale;  
Jesus has said, “I’ll never forsake thee,” promise divine that never can fail.  
Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight, flooding my soul with glory divine:  
Hallelujah, I am rejoicing, singing His praises, Jesus is mine.

## READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:6-8

David Brooks, reader

<sup>6</sup> “With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

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 KINDNESS NO. 272

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

(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.

## RECOGNITION OF 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Bryson Bridges

Mary Blair Fuller

Evan Sumner

Anna Clark

Sarah Gee

Peyton Sumner

Emalee Collins

Ava Girard

James Vu

## MUSICAL OFFERING

Sanctuary Choir

“The Lord Almighty Reigns”...arr. Mary McDonald

(This anthem is placed in the music library to the glory of God and in memory of long-time Sanctuary Choir member Mark Harrison, by Hal and Debbie Ruland.)

There’s an endless song waiting to be sung  
with the voice of every tribe the sound of every tongue,  
when the bride of Christ on that day of days  
brings with joy unto the Lamb a multitude of praise.

And like the roar of mighty seas and rolls of thunder hear His people sing:

*Refrain: Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord almighty reigns!*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord our God the almighty reigns!*

We will join the feast, rest from battles won,  
tell with great rejoicing all the wonders God has done

And like the roar of mighty seas and rolls of thunder all the church will sing:

Certain of that day, Christ we will proclaim,

Oh, that more would share the prize, salvation in His name.

Then greater will the anthem ring, the mighty chorus rising to the King:

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## SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“To Love Kindness”

## HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 271

“Christian People, Sing Together”

(Those desiring to join the church, to make a public profession of faith, or to share other decisions may come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

## PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Gwen Stephens

## PIANO OFFERTORY

Emalee Collins/Beverly Harris

“Deep River”...arr. Stan Pethel

## THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Gwen Stephens

## AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

## PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

## COMMISSIONING HYMN NO. 690

“What Does the Lord Require of You”

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”...arr. David Cherwien

## 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*

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