

## 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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September 1, 2024

## THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

### SUNDAY BROADCASTS ON COMCAST | Comcast Channel 44

Beginning September 8, Comcast Channel 44 will again be broadcasting worship services from First Baptist Church of Rome. Broadcasts will be a recording of the previous week's service and will continue to air at 11 a.m. each Sunday. Viewers may still watch our services live through our website or through the church YouTube Channel.

### BAPTISM LUNCH & LEARN | Sunday, September 8 at 12:00 p.m.

Does your child have questions about baptism? 2nd grade children and older are invited to stay after church for a Lunch & Learn about baptism. Pizza lunch is provided, but you must RSVP directly to Kristen by Monday, September 2.

### LUNCH & LEARN ABOUT FBC ROME | Sunday, September 15, Dining Room

If you are new to First Baptist Church, we invite you to a Lunch & Learn opportunity immediately following worship. Our ministers will be in attendance to share information and answer your questions about the church. Lunch is complementary, but reservations are needed by Wednesday, September 11, by calling the church office or emailing [mduke@fbcrome.org](mailto:mduke@fbcrome.org).

### MEN'S MINISTRY STEAK DINNER | Tuesday, September 17 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

If you haven't signed up for our Men's Ministry Steak Dinner, please do so before September 4. Contact Nick Georgian or Jack Smith to register. NCAA basketball official and FBC Rome member Doug Shows is the guest speaker.

### BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY | Volunteers Needed

Bridges Out of Poverty will launch the 6th Getting Ahead program September 19. We need volunteers to provide child care, meals and transportation Thursday evenings September 19 through March. Other needs include legal aid assistance, dental and medical care, and personal finance advice. Since the inception of Bridges in 2019 FBC and St. Peter's Episcopal have impacted the lives of 38 families. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Keith Phillips or Nick Georgian.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, September 1

8:30 a.m. Deacon Ordination - Sanctuary  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Worship

### Monday, September 2

Labor Day - Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, September 3

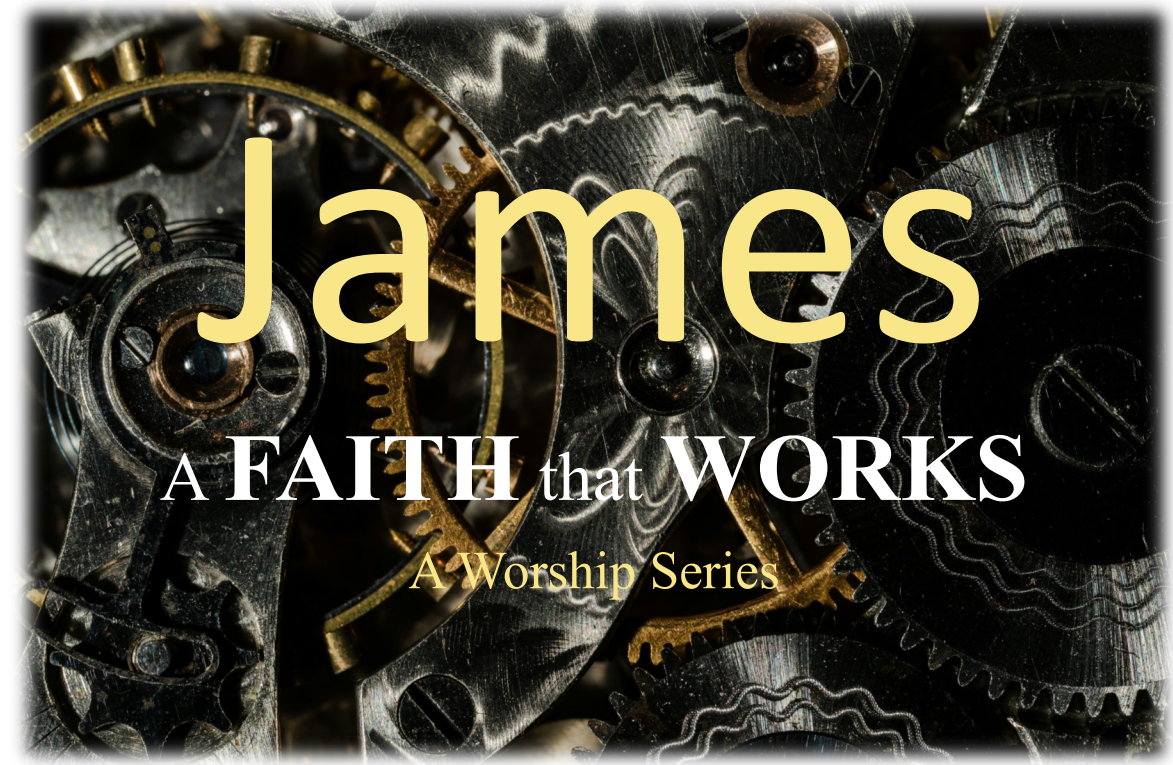
5:30 p.m. Future Staffing Task Force - Conference Room

### Wednesday, September 4

12:00 p.m. Properties Committee - Conference Room  
5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner - Fellowship Hall  
5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs  
6:00 p.m. Adult Seminars - Fellowship Hall & Conference Room  
Student Ministry Activities and Discipleship - Student Room  
6:30 p.m. Children's and Collide Missions  
6:45 p.m. Prayer Time - Fellowship Hall  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of Karen Foss on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Harry Foss.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Kinney by Kathy Kinney.





# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

**September 1, 2024**

**11:00 a.m.**

*As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone and other electronic devices.*

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## ORGAN CALL TO WORSHIP

“I Love Thee, My Lord”...arr. George Shearing

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Tamara Tillman Smathers

## HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 627

“Victory in Jesus”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Do we honor God only with our lips, while keeping our hearts from the Holy One? Do we deceive ourselves, thinking we are “religious” rather than living faithful lives?

Let us confess to God our sin, trusting in the One who seeks to make us whole.

## A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sanctuary Choir

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”...arr. Jeff Wachter

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,

O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!

As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee,

Pure warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life’s dark maze I tread, And griefs around me spread, be Thou my Guide;

Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow’s tears away,

Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

## READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

James 1:17-27

Kristen Mathis, reader

<sup>17</sup> Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup> You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, <sup>20</sup> for human anger does not produce God’s righteousness. <sup>21</sup> Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

<sup>23</sup> For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup> But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup> If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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.

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

David Brooks

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.

## HYMN OF SERVICE NO. 265

“When We Are Living”

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

## SERMON

“A Faith that Works: True Religion”

Rev. Brooks

## HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 435

“Share His Love”

## PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Nick Georgian

## PIANO OFFERTORY

Beverly Harris/Kim Tunnell

“This Little Light of Mine”... arr. Mark Hayes

Meditation Text:

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting.

It has been found difficult; and left untried. -G. K. Chesterton

## THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Georgian

## AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

## PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

## COMMISSIONING HYMN NO. 435 (Refrain)

Share His love, by telling what the Lord has done for you,

share His love by sharing of your faith,

and show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you

every moment, every day.

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Let the Earth Rejoice”...Dale Wood

## 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*

Gwen Stephens *Minister to Extended Family*

Nick Georgian *Minister to Students and Missions*

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