

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:

October 13, 2024

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

FALL CHURCH PICNIC | Morrison Campground, Sunday, October 13 starting at 4 p.m.

This favorite fall event is for all ages! Enjoy a catered meal by Moe's BBQ, fellowship, games, and an Old Time Gospel Singing. Children's activities include a petting zoo and pumpkin painting. Don't forget a lawn chair and/or a blanket! Donations for the meal are appreciated. If you'd like to bring a dessert, please contact Anne Paige Wilson, Social Committee Chair.

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS | Wednesday, October 16 or Thursday, October 17

The Future Staffing Task Force invites you to participate in a congregational conversation about the future roles and responsibilities of our church staff. Dr. David Hull, with the Center for Healthy Churches, will facilitate the conversations. Identical information will be shared in both meetings, so you only need to choose which is most convenient to attend.

- Wednesday, October 16 – 6 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (dinner served from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.)
- Thursday, October 17 – 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Dining Room

JESUS WORLDVIEW FOCUS | Next Sunday, October 20, 9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Adults will hear guest speaker, Dr. John Pierce, Director of the Jesus Worldview Initiative. Dr. Pierce will also preach in morning worship. A Berry College graduate, John served as Baptist Campus Minister at Georgia Tech before becoming Managing Editor of the Christian Index and then the Executive Editor of Nurturing Faith Journal (formerly Baptists Today) for 24 years.

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS

Watch for an email this week that has information about how to submit names of families who might be served and helped through this ministry of FBC. See Amy Cox or Kate Barron for details.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 13

- 8:15 a.m. Finance Committee - Conference Room
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Church Fall Picnic - Morrison Campground

Monday, October 14

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
- 1:00 p.m. Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group - Bagwell Food Pantry, North Rome
- 2:00 p.m. History Committee - Conference Room
- 4:45 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite
- 5:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 16

- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs
- 6:00 p.m. Congregational Conversation - Fellowship Hall
Student Ministry Activities & Discipleship - Student Room
- 6:30 p.m. Children's and Collide Missions
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite

Thursday, October 17

- 9:00 a.m. Congregational Conversation - Dining Room
- 6:00 p.m. Bridges Getting Ahead Class - Community Room

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Garland Dickey and Dr. Ouida Dickey by their daughters, Angela Dickey and Jennifer Dickey.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jo and William Huffman by their family.



**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
OCTOBER 13, 2024**



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

October 13, 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 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”...arr Paul Manz

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Kristen Mathis

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 349 “To God Be the Glory”

CALL TO CONFESSION NO. 392 “Open Our Eyes”

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Through Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Psalm 90:10, 12-17

Tamara Tillman Smathers, reader

¹⁰ The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

¹² So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

¹³ Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵ Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

¹⁶ Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC Mary Donahue

“Let Your Faith Be Stronger than Your Fear”...arr. Tom Trenney

HYMN OF FAITH NO. 643 “Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus”

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

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Sanctuary Choir

“Anthems of Love”...arr. Dan Forrest

Around us the sound of celestial music,
anthems of love from the heavenly throne.
The Father Himself singing over His children,
His love song a gift that He sings to His own.

*Sing to the Lord, with a song give Him glory.
Heaven will hear and will join in our praise.
The Father Himself singing over His children,
taking delight in the anthems we raise.*

Sing with the sun as it rises each morning
melody, harmony, lighting the day.
Sing through the night, with the moon and stars shining,
hymns of deliverance, pardon and grace.

Echoes of love coming down from the Father,
echoes of love that we lift to His throne.

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SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“Making Each Day Count”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 17

“This Is My Father’s World”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Keith A. Reaves

Almighty God, teach me to number my days, and grant me a heart of wisdom and understanding.

May I become mature in the faith, grow in grace and in giving, and come to a deeper knowledge and understanding of Jesus, in whose name I pray, Amen.

ORGAN OFFERTORY

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”...arr. Don Hustad

Meditation Text:

In the entire history of the universe, let alone in your own history, there has never been another day just like today, and there will never be another just like it again. Today is the point to which all your yesterdays have been leading since the hour of your birth. It is the point from which all your tomorrows will proceed until the hour of your death. If you were aware of how precious today is, you could hardly live through it. Unless you are aware of how precious it is, you can hardly be said to be living at all. — Frederick Buechner

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Reaves

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN NO. 369

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Hymn to Joy”...arr. Albert Travis

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*

Heather Shores, *Interim Minister to Students*

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