

## 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:

\_\_\_\_\_

October 27, 2024

## THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

### WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Please contribute to the monthly hunger offering received on the last Sunday of every month. Mark an offering envelope with "WORLD HUNGER" and place it in the offering plate or give at the exits as you depart worship. Our gifts support CBF Global Missions Hunger Relief.

**THE JOY OF GIVING** | Our Annual Stewardship Emphasis | October 27, November 3 & November 10

**STUDENT MINISTRY HALLOWEEN PARTY** | Tonight from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Join us this evening at the Hoods' home for fun and fellowship. Wear your favorite fall colors. Great food, pumpkin decorating and hay rides are in store.

### HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS

November 3 is the deadline to submit individuals or families for our HOC Christmas ministry. We welcome anyone you know who is experiencing challenges and could benefit from a church community. This may be financial, emotional, or spiritual needs. Please use the QR code or contact Amy Cox or Kate Barron for details.



### MEN'S MINISTRY GOLF OUTING | LIL MOLE RUN

Join the men on a golf outing to Lil Mole Run in Mentone Friday, November 15. Enjoy a lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers at noon, and tee off at 1 p.m. Cost is \$35. Call the church by November 11 to sign up. For more information call Ernie Smith at 706.346.1956 or Jack Smith at 706.767.1486.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, October 27

8:30 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Committee - Conference Room  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir  
6:00 p.m. Student Ministry Halloween Party - The Hoods' Home  
(486 New Rosedale Road, Armuchee)

### Monday, October 28

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

### Tuesday, October 29

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

### Wednesday, October 30

First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen  
12:05 p.m. Senior Adults leave for Tuscany  
5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner - Fellowship Hall  
5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs  
6:00 p.m. Adult Seminars - Fellowship Hall  
Student Ministry Activities & 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

### Thursday, October 31

First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen  
6:00 p.m. Bridges Getting Ahead Class - Community Room

### Friday, November 1

First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of George and Natalie Reynolds on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by the Reynolds family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David T. Brown, by Ann Brown Ryan and Family.



**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
OCTOBER 27, 2024**

First Baptist Church, 100 East Fourth Avenue, Rome, GA 30161  
Phone: 706.291.6850 Website: www.fbcrome.com



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

October 27, 2024

11:00 a.m.

*As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.*

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## ORGAN PRELUDE

“Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”...arr. Charles Callhan

## WELCOME / STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jennifer Collins  
*Chair, Stewardship Committee*

## HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 215

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

## CALL TO CONFESSION (based on Hebrews 4:14, 16)

Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need.

**In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.**

## A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

“I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy”

I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart.

I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, down in my heart to stay

And I’m so happy, so very happy. I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart.

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## READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:1-10

Heather Shores, reader

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup>A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup>So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup>All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” <sup>8</sup>Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

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

“The Lord Sees My Heart”...arr. Joanne Brown LeDoux

Children’s Choir

## HYMN OF JOY NO. 618

“Love Lifted Me”

## 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

Sanctuary Choir

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”...arr. Michael Cox

I know that my Redeemer lives. Glory, Hallelujah!

What comfort this sweet sentence gives, Glory, Hallelujah!

*Shout on, pray on, we’re gaining ground, Glory, Hallelujah!*

*The dead’s alive and the lost is found, Glory, Hallelujah!*

He lives, He lives who once was dead, Glory, Hallelujah!

He lives to bless me with His love, Glory, Hallelujah!

He lives, all glory to His name! Glory, Hallelujah!

He lives, my Jesus still the same, Glory, Hallelujah!

## SERMON

“Joy In Our Hearts”

Rev. Brooks

## HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 550

“We’re Marching to Zion”

## PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Kristen Mathis

## OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace”...arr. Faber

Ben Sanker, piano

## Meditation Text:

God wants us to appreciate and enjoy the incredible gift of being alive. Even in the hard times, God wants us to be grateful for the journey and to enjoy the journey. In short, God calls us to live fully in the present moment! —Martin Thielen

## THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Mathis

## INTRODUCTION OF FIRST BAPTIST STUDENT INTERNS

Music: Iley Barnes, Hayden Brackett, Jackson Pruett

Children: Luiza Cesar Youth: Jackson Mackie, Ethan May, Amelia Ouseley

## AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

## PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

## COMMISSIONING HYMN

“I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy”

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I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, down in my heart to stay

And I’m so happy, so very happy. I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart.

And I’m so happy, so very happy. I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart.

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”...arr. Michael Burkhardt

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### FAMILY WORSHIP

Today is the last Sunday of the month. These days are designated as “Family Worship” days and all children sit with their families. Nursery care is available for children four and younger. Children’s Worship will return next Sunday.

### 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*