

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 6, 2024

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

DISASTER RESPONSE

FBC is working on ways you can help those affected by Helene. Your financial gifts will enhance our partners in ministry who are already in place as first responders. Please use the QR code to give directly to CBF Disaster Relief.



FALL CHURCH PICNIC | Morrison Campground, Sunday, October 13 starting at 4:00 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 -7 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Thursday, October 17 – 9 a.m. - 10 am in the Dining Room

JESUS WORLDVIEW | 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 preach for 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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 6

- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir - Choir Suite
- 6:00 p.m. Student Ministry Small Groups - Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 7

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

Tuesday, October 8

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

Wednesday, October 9

- 3:45 p.m. Tuscany Trip Meeting - Dining Room
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner - Fellowship Hall
No Children's or Youth Activities
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Seminars - Fellowship Hall & Conference Room
- 6:45 p.m. Prayer Time - Fellowship Hall
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite

Thursday, October 10

- 6:00 p.m. Bridges Getting Ahead Class - Community Room

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The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ernest, Doris, and John Rudert by the Edward Rudert and Bob Rudert families.





FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

October 6, 2024

11:00 a.m.

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

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

First Baptist Ringers

“Creation Will Be at Peace”...Anna Laura Page/Paul Williams
*In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;
in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.
The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed,
their young will play together; a little child will lead.
The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.
They will war no more, a child will lead them all.*

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

David Brooks

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 298

“God Is Here”

A TIME OF PRAYER

Kristen Mathis

Holy God, grace us with Your presence as we pray to You.

May we see each other in Your light, and may what matters today and every day be that we are one in You.

We remember our brothers and sisters who are struggling today.

May You bring comfort to those who are unsure of what comes next, grieving, lonely, heartbroken, ill or broken of spirit.

May you strengthen those whose lives feel shattered, those in crisis, and those experiencing loss.

May You love the unloved through us.

May you shine Your light into those whose world is covered in darkness.

Emboldened by Your love and assured of Your grace, hear our prayers:

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:42-47

Heather Shores, reader

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke

bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 704)

HYMN OF COMMUNION NO. 457 “Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed”
(Children through fourth grade are invited to depart for Children’s Worship.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Matthew Becher/Sydney Godfrey, duet

“Lamb of God”...arr. Lloyd Larson

SERMON

Rev. Mathis

“Sourdough Starter”

ANTHEM OF PREPARATION

Sanctuary Choir

“How Beautiful” ...arr. Bruce Greer

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.

How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.

How beautiful is the body of Christ,

How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.

How beautiful the tender eyes that choose to forgive and never despise.

How beautiful is the body of Christ,

And as He lay down His life we offer this sacrifice:

That we will live just as He died, willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the radiant bride, who waits for her groom with his light in her eyes.

How beautiful when humble hearts give the fruit of pure lives so that others may live.

How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King.

How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the Earth.

How beautiful is the body of Christ.

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ORDINANCE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 267

“Blest Be the Tie”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Tamara Tillman Smathers

HANDBELL/PIANO OFFERTORY “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” ...arr. Joel Raney

Meditation Text:

Hospitality opens the door to uncommon community. It’s no accident that hospitality and hospital come from the same Latin word, for they both lead to the same result: healing. When you open your door to someone, you are sending this message: “You matter to me and to God.” You may think you are saying, “Come over for a visit.” But what your guest hears is, “I’m worth the effort.” -Max Lucado

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Smathers

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN NO. 241

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”...arr. Charles Callahan

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.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

As we observe the ordinance of the Lord’s Supper the bread (**individually wrapped gluten free wafers are on each tray**) 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” to join us.

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*