

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:

November 17, 2024

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS EMPHASIS

A registration link to help a family through Hands of Christ Christmas will be emailed Monday, November 18. Sign ups will be available until Monday, December 2. Please take time to read about our 44 HOC families. You can sign up to assist by providing gifts to support these families. Please deliver gifts to the Dining Room from December 3 - December 8.

SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON | Thursday, December 5 | Noon

Mary Donahue will present a program of Christmas favorites. Cost is \$10 per person and reservations are due by Monday, December 2. Call the church office to get your name on the list.

26TH ANNUAL "CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST" | Sunday, December 8 | 4:00 p.m.

Featuring our Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, Youth Choir, Children's Choir and First Baptist Ringers

CBF MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT | Wednesday, November 20 | 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we host Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Field Personnel Jade Acker. Adults, Youth, and Collide groups will meet in our Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. A Missions Marketplace will be set up in the Dining Room.

DEACON-SPONSORED THANKSGIVING DINNER | Sunday, November 24 | 5:00 p.m.

Join us for a delicious Thanksgiving meal. A Thanksgiving service will follow in the Sanctuary.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 17

- 8:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Committee - Conference Room
Missions Committee - Dining Room
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. New Member Engagement Team - Dining Rom
Youth Choir - Choir Suite
- 5:30 p.m. Student Small Groups

Monday, November 18

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
- 1:00 p.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Dining Room
- 5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite
- 5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee - Conference Room

Tuesday, November 19

- 6:00 p.m. Women of the Church Holiday Cookie Decorating - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 20

- 4:00 p.m. Acker's Mission Market - Dining Room
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs
- 6:00 p.m. Jade Acker speaks with Adults, Youth & Collide - Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Missions
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite

Thursday, November 21

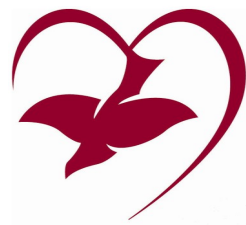
- 6:00 p.m. Bridges Getting Ahead Class - Community Room
Weekday Preschool Thanksgiving Program - Sanctuary

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ken Nance on the occasion of his birthday by Mary Nance and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wallace Hanson by Betty Zane Morris.



**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 17, 2024**



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

November 17, 2024

11:00 a.m.

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN CALL TO WORSHIP

“O Day of Peace”...arr. Charles Callahan

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Tamara Tillman Smathers

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 335

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are told in Your word to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

But too often we clothe ourselves instead with stubbornness, selfishness, impatience, rudeness, and apathy.

Help us to clothe ourselves with love that Your Son might rule in our hearts.

Hear us as we pray in Your merciful and forgiving name:

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 445 (Stanza Five)

For since, by faith, I saw the stream You flowing sounds supply,

Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die,

And shall be till I die and shall be till I die.

Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die.

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:5-14

Kristen Mathis, reader

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.

⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

¹²As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

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

GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 704)

HYMN OF TESTIMONY NO. 584

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

(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

“I Am Not My Own”...Craig Courtney/Susan Bentall Boersma

I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life nor even death.

I am not my own. I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

I am not my own.

I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life nor even death.

I am not my own. His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free.

I am not my own.

For my salvation all things work together, in eternal life He gives me hope.

By the power of His Holy Spirit, I will live for Him.

I am not my own. I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

I belong to Him, in life, in death my only comfort, I belong to Him,

I will live for Him forever and ever.

SERMON

Rev. Rickey Letson
Vice President of Client Services
Missional Business Services

“When God Picks Out Our Clothes”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 425

“How Firm a Foundation”

(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

“Now Thank We All Our God”...arr. E.L. Ashford

Meditation Text:

All of the persons of faith I know are sinners, doubters, uneven performers. We are secure not because we are sure of ourselves but because we trust that God is sure of us. -Eugene Peterson

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Stephens

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS

Robin Phillips

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Built on the Rock”...arr. Ron Boud

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*