

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:

February 2, 2025

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

SEARCH COMMITTEE ELECTED

The search committee for our newly elected position of Minister of Discipleship and Missions includes Coleman Fannin (chair), Bobby Jones, Bob Layfield, Robin Phillips, Nancy Ratchliffe, Ashley Smith and Tim Taylor. Please pray for each search committee member as they begin the exciting process of discerning and discovering the minister whom God will call to serve among us.

YOUTH BBQ PICK-UP | Order Pick-up Saturday, February 8 | 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Plan to pick up your preordered & prepaid BBQ from the church parking lot.

LOVE BUG LUNCH | Sunday, February 9 | 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Young families with children preschool and under are invited for a Valentine's lunch directly following church. RSVP by Wednesday, February 5. Please scan the QR Code to register.



CHILDREN'S AUCTION FUNDRAISER | March 23 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Join us for this annual event as we raise money for a new playground. Previous auction items have ranged from babysitting to gift certificates/baskets from local businesses, tickets to sports games, stays in cabins/vacation homes, baked goods...the list is truly endless. If you have an item, service, or experience you would like to include, please contact Kristen Mathis.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 2

- 8:30 a.m. Missions Committee - Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Extended Youth Choir Rehearsal & Lunch - Choir Suite & Dining Room
Women of the Church Committee - Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner with Friends Kickoff Party - Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 3

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room

Wednesday, February 5

- 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 Faith Formation Seminars - Dining Room & Community Room
Student Ministry Activities & Discipleship - Student Room
- 6:30 p.m. Children's and Collide Missions
- 6:45 p.m. Prayer Time - Dining Room & Community Room
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite

Thursday, February 6

- 6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Community Room

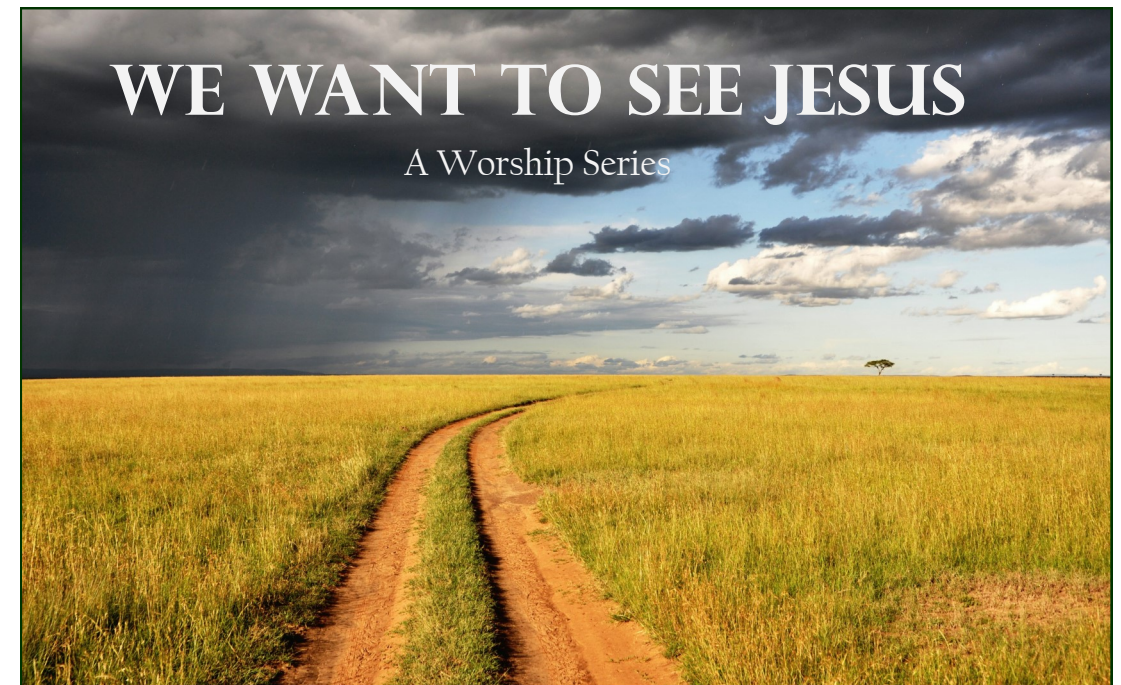
Saturday, February 8

- 3:00 p.m. Student Ministry BBQ Fundraiser Pickup Day - Church Parking Lot

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and provided by the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in Audrey Cooper and Bill Bryson on the occasion of their birthdays by Billy and Kathy Cooper.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME
Seeking His Heart Being His Hands



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

11:00 A.M.

To help maintain a spirit of worship, please silence electronic devices.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN CALL TO WORSHIP “Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”...arr. Jack Jones
(Please use this time to prepare your hearts for worship.)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Kristen Mathis

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 319 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

CALL TO CONFESSION Ashley Garner, solo
“Untitled Hymn” (Come to Jesus)...Chris Rice

A Time for Silent Confession of Sin

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God’s love is patient and kind, and will not fail you. The Lord is with you to deliver you. Through the mercy of Jesus Christ the Lord has heard you and is reaching out to save you. Sisters and Brothers, through Him your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

Alleluia! Amen.

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Luke 4:21-30
John Wilson, Deacon, reader

²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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.

HYMN OF FAITH No. 629

“Be Strong in the Lord”

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

“The Love of God”...arr. Bob Krogstad

The love of God is greater far than pen or tongue can ever tell,
It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win:
His erring child He reconciled and pardoned from his sin.

O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure; the saints’ and angels song.

Could we with ink the oceans fill and were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill and every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry,
Nor could the scroll contain the whole though stretched from sky to sky.

SERMON Rev. Brooks

“Great Expectations”

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 692 “Let Truth and Mercy Find Here”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP Cora Fannin, leader

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank You, gracious God.

Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely
offered in gratitude for all You have done for us.

Use them both, in this place and wherever You might take us.

In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

ORGAN OFFERTORY “The Everlasting Arms”...arr. Lani Smith

Meditation Text:

Whoever feels attracted to Jesus cannot adequately explain why. We must be prepared to be always correcting our image of Jesus for we will never exhaust what there is to know. Jesus is full of surprises. -Adolf Holl

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH Keith A. Reaves

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN POSTLUDE “The God of Abraham Praise”...arr. Lani Smith

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*

Kristen Mathis *Minister of Faith Development*

Gwen Stephens *Minister to Extended Family*

Heather Shores, *Interim Minister to Students*

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