

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:

March 29, 2026

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Help meet the needs of the hungry by contributing to the monthly hunger offering. Please put this offering in an envelope and mark it "WORLD HUNGER" and place it in the offering plate or in the boxes at the exits. Our gifts support CBF Global Missions Hunger Relief.

COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES | Hosted by Lovejoy Baptist Church - 436 Branham Ave.
March 30 | March 31 | April 1 | 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.
Services followed by a light lunch at 12:30 p.m.

EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE | April 5

Join us for an Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 a.m. as well as flowering of the cross and family photos in the courtyard. Easter Worship in the Sanctuary will begin at 11:00 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY | April 2 | 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Join us as we walk through the final hours of Jesus' life using the service of Tenebrae and Communion to prepare our hearts for Easter. Featuring music by the Sanctuary Choir. Nursery care is provided for PreK and younger.

JOAN HILL

After nearly 70 years as a church organist and more than 27 years at FBC, Joan Hill announced her retirement Monday, March 23. We appreciate all that Joan has meant to the church and will be planning a time to honor her and her ministry. In the meantime, we are grateful that Kim Tunnell, Music Associate, has agreed to serve as organist until a permanent replacement for Joan can be found.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 29

- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 5:30 p.m. Student Small Group - Dining Room

Monday, March 30

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
- 12:00 p.m. Holy Week Service - Lovejoy Baptist Church
- 5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite

Tuesday, March 31

- 12:00 p.m. Holy Week Service - Lovejoy Baptist Church

Wednesday, April 1

- 12:00 p.m. Holy Week Service - Lovejoy Baptist Church
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs
Students Activities & Discipleship - Student Room
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Seminars
- 6:30 p.m. Egg Hunt
Brass and Handbells Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir with Brass and Handbells - Sanctuary

Thursday, April 2

- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service - Sanctuary

Friday, April 3

- 9:00 a.m. Good Friday - Church Office Closed
Flower Committee Work Day

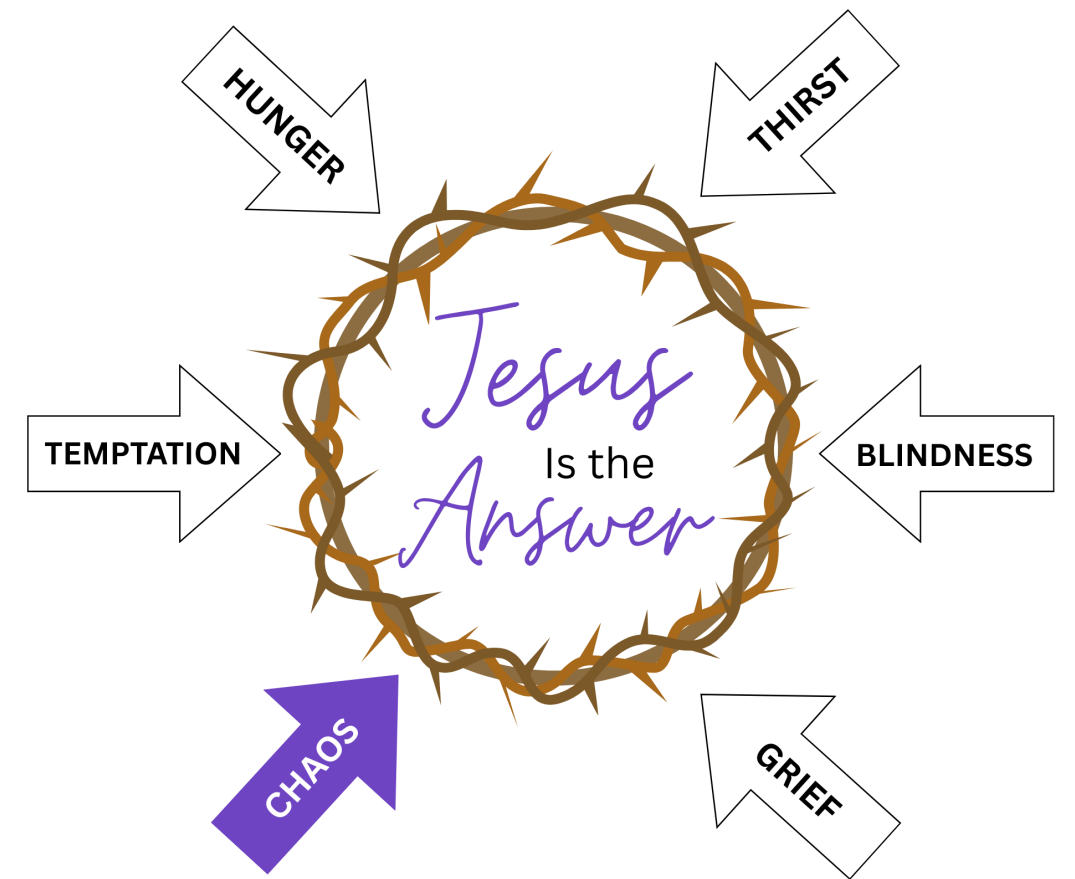
The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God through the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The palms in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kenneth Hill by Joan Hill and family.



OFFERING FOR
GLOBAL MISSIONS

FBC Goal: \$45,000
Given to Date: \$ 38,901



Palm Sunday

The Sixth Sunday in Lent

First Baptist Church
March 29, 2026

Rome, Georgia
11:00 a.m.

As a courtesy to others, please silence all devices.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 21:1-11

Suzanne Reece, leader

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”

¹¹The crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

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

(Please be seated as the children process, then stand when prompted to sing the processional hymn.)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 175

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

SPECIAL MUSIC

Children’s Choir

“In Your Love, Rejoice”...Allison Blumenthal

Kim Tunnell, conductor Betty Holland, accompanist

A DIRECTED TIME OF PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- Pray in thanksgiving for the firefighters and other first responders who gave selflessly hour after hour to keep surrounding structures and the rest of downtown safe.
- Pray in thanksgiving that no lives were lost in this tragedy.
- Pray for Floyd County employees and elected officials who are faced with seemingly overwhelming tasks of starting over without knowing what is missing or destroyed and rebuilding in the coming days and months
- Pray in thanksgiving for the legacy and 134 years of service the Courthouse gave to the people of Floyd County.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Sanctuary Choir

“The Ground”...Ola Gjeilo

Translation:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

grant us peace.

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.

HYMN OF THE CROSS NO. 185

“The Old Rugged Cross”

(Children ages four through fourth grade may depart for Children’s Worship.)

SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“When Life Is Chaotic...Jesus Is the Answer”

MUSICAL OFFERING

Sanctuary Choir

“Is He Worthy?”...arr. Dan Forrest
Ashley Garner, James Douglas, soloists

Do you feel the world is broken? *(We do.)* Do you feel the shadows deepen? *(We do.)*
But do you know that all the dark won’t stop the light from getting through? *(We do.)*
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? *(We do.)*

Is all creation groaning? *(It is.)* Is a new creation coming? *(It is.)*
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? *(It is.)*
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? *(It is.)*

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David’s root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy of this? (He is!)*

Does the Father truly love us? *(He does.)* Does the Spirit move among us? *(He does.)*
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? *(He does.)*
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? *(He does.)*

From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.

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HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 191

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

(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

STRING QUARTET OFFERTORY

“The Lord’s Prayer”...arr. Matthew Naughton


Paula Pasqua, Joe Lester, violin Samantha Lester, viola Tara Suswal, cello


THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

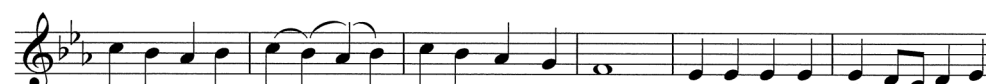
Keith A. Reaves


AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS/PASTORAL BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION


Je-sus is the an - swer, hope for all our hearts. Light for all our dark - ness,


giv - er of new starts. In the storms of liv - ing, in the trials we face,


Je-sus is the an - swer, full of truth and grace. So we lift our voic - es, —


trust Him through each day, Je-sus is the an - swer, the life, the truth, the Way.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

WHAT IS LENT?

For centuries, Lent has been observed as a special time of self-examination and penitence. This name “Lent” comes from the Old English word **lencten** (*springtime, spring*). The word “Alleluia” is not used in the words of the readings or hymns to mark this season of renewal as a special time. A custom during Lent is to give up things or take on others. Both can serve to mark the season as a time of preparation. The season is 40 days plus the six Sundays and concludes on Easter. Purple is the liturgical color of the season and is reflected on the cross in the baptistery and the stoles for the ministers and choir.

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP

Children 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 will be scheduled. Members of other Baptist congregations may transfer their membership. 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

Automated external defibrillators are in the stairwell leading to the choir loft on the organ side, across from the drink machine entering the Fellowship Hall, and on the third floor hall near the restrooms in the Education Building. Safe zones for severe weather are in preschool hallways for children and the Fellowship Hall for others.

STEWARDSHIP

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.



Rev. David Brooks *Pastor*

Rev. Keith Reaves *Senior Associate/Minister of Worship*

Rev. Kristen Mathis *Minister to Children & Young Families*

Rev. Gwen Stephens *Minister to Extended Family*

Rev. Suzanne Reece *Minister of Discipleship/Missions*

April Lucas *Interim Director of Student Ministry*

Beverly Harris *Pianist* Kim Tunnell *Music Associate*