

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 8, 2026

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

RUBLE - WHTWORTH MISSION GROUP | Monday, March 9 | 11:30 a.m.

We will volunteer at the Bloom Closet, Restoration Rome, located at 1400 Crane Street. To carpool, please meet in the church parking lot at 11:15 a.m.

LENTEN WEEKLY PRAYER GATHERING | Thursdays | Noon | Chapel

During Lent, you are invited to be a part of this weekly, experiential prayer gathering..

SPECIAL MUSIC GUEST NEXT SUNDAY

We welcome former music intern **Jamie Barton** home next week! In recent years she has sung leading roles for the Metropolitan Opera, San Francisco Opera, Houston Grand Opera, and in other prominent opera companies in the U.S. and Europe. Last month she won the Grammy Award for Best Opera Recording.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT SEMINAR CHOICES

- **A Call to Endurance** | Led by David Brooks | Dining Room
This Bible study is focused on passages from the book of Hebrews.
- **A Different Kind of Fast** | Led by Suzanne Reece | Community Room
A focus on fasting from those things that do not draw us closer to God so we might embrace the character and heart of God more intentionally.
- **Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart** | Led by Gwen Stephens | Conference Room
This study guides us in how to relate to those around us who are suffering.
- **Young Men's Lenten Conversation Group** | Led by Coleman Fannin | 3rd Floor, Room 302
This group will gather around the themes and scripture shared in the "Journey to the Cross" devotions.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 8

- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Missions Committee Lunch & Retreat - Dining Room

Monday, March 9

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
- 11:30 a.m. Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group - Bloom Closet, Restoration Rome
- 12:00 p.m. Finance Committee - Conference Room
- 4:45 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite
- 5:30 p.m. Deacons' Dinner & Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 11

- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs
Student Activities & Discipleship - Student Room
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Seminars - Dining Room, Conference Room & Community Room
- 6:30 p.m. Children's and Collide Missions
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Suite

Thursday, March 12

- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Gathering - Chapel

Friday, March 13

- 4:30 p.m. Students Depart for March Mission Madness - Macon GA

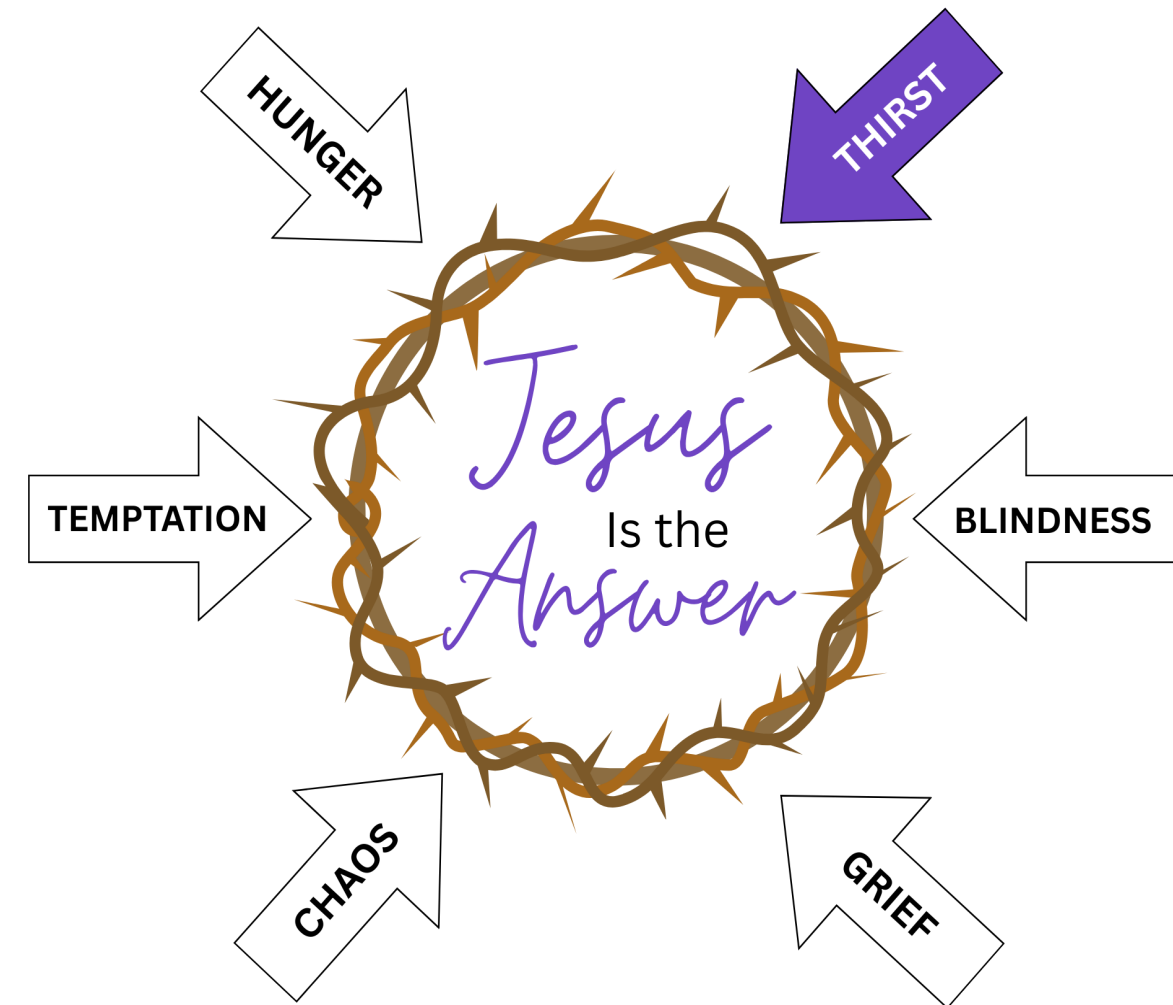
The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and provided through the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William and Nancy Thompson, beloved parents and grandparents, by Margaret and Jason Marion, Blythe and Archer.



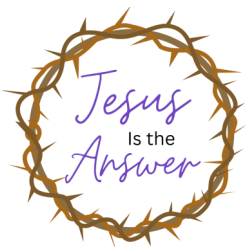
OFFERING FOR
GLOBAL MISSIONS

FBC Goal: \$45,000
Given to Date: \$ 13,270



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA
LENT 2026

100 East Fourth Avenue
www.fbcrome.org



The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

11:00 a.m.

As a courtesy to others, please silence all devices.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

First Baptist Ringers

“Jesus and His Love”...arr. Benjamin A. Tucker
(Meditate on the love of Jesus. Listen for the melodies of the hymns “I Love to Tell the Story” and “Jesus Loves Me,” at times playing simultaneously.)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

David Brooks

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 582

“Down at the Cross”

CALL TO CONFESSION

First Baptist Ringers

“Lead Me to Calvary”...arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
*Lest I forget Gethsemane, lest I forget Thine agony,
lest I forget Thy love for me, lead me to Calvary.*

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

First Baptist Ringers

“There Is A Fountain”...arr. Dan R. Edwards
... and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains...

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

John 4:5-15

John McClellan, reader

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” ¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” ¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

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 PETITION NO. 504

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

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

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord’s Prayer)

Suzanne Reece

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

“Living Water of Life”...arr. David Lantz III
Are you thirsty for the Master, For the God of all creation?
Come through Jesus to the Father, Through the life sustaining vine.

*Drink deeply from the living water of life; drink deeply.
Drink deeply from the endless water of life; drink deeply.*

Like the waters of the Jordan, He will nourish and sustain us.
Come through Jesus to the Father, Drink the life of love divine.

Like the woman at the well, We are human and with sin.
Come through Jesus to the Father, Feel His quenching deep within.

Come through Jesus to the Father. Taste the water of all life.

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SERMON

Kristen Mathis

“When We Are Thirsty...Jesus Is the Answer”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 497

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

(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

Miriam Peterson

OFFERTORY

Kim Tunnell, piano; First Baptist Ringers

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”...arr. Daniel Light/Joel Raney

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Brooks

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS/PASTORAL BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

“Jesus Is the Answer”



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

“Canticle”...Gilbert Martin

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*

Joan Hill *Organist* Beverly Harris *Pianist*