

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.

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:

Prayer Concerns:

May 17, 2026

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

DEACON NOMINATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

Throughout this month, deacon nomination forms are available in the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall. You can also submit your nominations by using this QR Code. All nominations are due by Friday, May 29.



WELCOME MATT STACY

Joining us in worship today is Matt Stacy, the new Executive Director of the William S. Davies Homeless Shelters. He is a graduate of Luther Rice Seminary and has been a pastor since 2004. Matt has been married to his wife, Brandy, for 28 years. They have one adult son (Jack) and 17-year-old twins (Elli and Wilson). We welcome Matt to First Baptist Church of Rome today.

PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS | May 20 - June 10 | Noon | Fellowship Hall

Lunch is \$8.00 and will be served at noon, followed by a time of prayer and reflection.

- May 20 - Suzanne Reece
- June 3 - Kristen Mathis
- May 27 - Miriam Peterson
- June 10 - John Bishop

COMMUNITY KITCHEN NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are in need of more volunteers for the dates: May 27-29, June 24-26 and July 29-31. Volunteer times are 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please contact Mary Rolan if you have questions or would like to serve.

SUMMER OF THE GOSPELS | COMING SOON

Let's congregate and commit to reading the Gospels. There will be reading plans, reflection experiences, and discussion opportunities.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION - NOW OPEN

Join us on our Journey to Egypt | June 22 - 25 | 9 to 11:30 a.m.

For children 3 years old to 4th grade. Scan the QR Code to register your child OR register as a volunteer.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 17

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Committee - Conference Room
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner with Friends Celebration - Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 18

- 10:00 a.m. Last Women's Bible Study until Fall - Dining Room
- 12:00 p.m. Missions Committee - Conference Room
- 1:00 p.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Community Room

Tuesday, May 19

- 4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision - Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Bridges Task Force Meeting - Dining Room

Wednesday, May 20

- 12:00 p.m. Prayers & Reflections - Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Suite

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hazel Hay Dowd, Doris Dellinger Dowd and Edward Dowd by their children.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Stevens, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Stevens, Jr. by The Charles Stevens family and the Jon Albrecht family.

For all that has been,
THANKS.
For all that will be,
YES!

Dag Hammarskjöld

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A Service of Worship

May 17, 2026

11:00 a.m.

As a courtesy to others, please silence all devices.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE

Kim Tunnell, organ

“More Love to Thee, O Christ” ...Mark Hayes & Douglas Wagner

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Gwen Stephens

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 310

HYMN TO JOY

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bill Adcock

Thank you, Father, that You know the end from the beginning and that everything under heaven is within Your authority. Thank You that You are in control of all that is happening in our individual lives and in the wider world. May we trust You through all the circumstances of life, and as we seek Your face in prayer and praise, may we learn more and more to pray, “Thy will be done in our lives and throughout the world.”

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.”

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Mary Donahue, solo

“My Tribute” ...André Couch

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-14a

Dr. Bruce Jones, Deacon Chair-elect, reader

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born and a time to die;

a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill and a time to heal;

a time to break down and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek and a time to lose;

a time to keep and a time to throw away;

⁷ a time to tear and a time to sew;

a time to keep silent and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love and a time to hate;

a time for war and a time for peace.

⁹ What gain have the workers from their toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. ¹¹ He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

¹² I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; ¹³ moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. ¹⁴ I know that whatever God does endures forever.

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

GLORIA PATRI

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.

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 ASSURANCE NO. 566

ST. ANNE

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

(Children ages four through fourth grade may depart for children's worship on the second floor of the Education Building. The children return to the Sanctuary following worship.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Sanctuary Choir

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” ...Dan Forrest
(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 48.)

SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“Thanks, and Yes!”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 499

SURRENDER

“I Surrender All”

(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.)

MISSIONS MOMENT/PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Matt Stacy

PIANO OFFERTORY

Beverly Harris, piano

“This Is My Father's World” ...Gary McCoy

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Suzanne Reece

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN NO. 600

PATRICIA

“O How He Loves You and Me”

O how He loves you and me, O how He loves you and me!

He gave his life, what more could He give?

O how He loves you. O how He loves me. O how He loves you and me!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Kim Tunnell, organ

“Allegro” ...CF Schale

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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. Kristen Mathis *Minister to Children & Young Families
(Currently on Parental Leave)*

Rev. Gwen Stephens *Minister to Extended Family*

Rev. Suzanne Reece *Minister of Discipleship/Missions*

Rev. Bill Adcock *Interim Minister of Worship/Music*

April Lucas *Interim Director of Student Ministry*

Beverly Harris *Pianist*

Kim Tunnell *Music Associate/Organist*