

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(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail\_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status  
\_\_Married \_\_Single \_\_Widow(er)

Telephone\_\_\_\_\_

Children at Home (Name/Age/Grade)  
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\_\_ 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:  
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August 16, 2026

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH & CONVERSATION | Sunday, August 23 | 12:15 p.m.

A complimentary lunch will be hosted by our Minister of Worship Search Committee and catered by Moe’s BBQ. Our conversation will be facilitated by Dr. Bill Owen, with the Center for Healthy Churches, and will focus on our worship and music ministry and the values that will shape the search for our next minister of Worship. Make your reservations for lunch and childcare (birth - 5th grade).



WOMEN’S SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION INTEREST MEETING | This Evening

Would you like to join other women in conversation about the deeper parts of our spiritual journey? Have you wondered how spiritual practices might impact your walk with Jesus? If you’re interested in learning more, join us in the Dining Room at 6:00 p.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY FAITH TALKS | August 30 | 9:45 a.m.

Youth and adults are invited to the Fellowship Hall to hear from Rev. Laura Tadlock, Minister to Senior Adults & Adult Discipleship from Vestavia Hills Baptist Church in Vestavia Hills, Alabama. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

LUNCH & LEARN | Sunday, August 30 | Fellowship Hall

Whether you are a guest, a new member, or have been here a while - if you are interested in learning from our ministers and staff about FBC Rome, please join us for our next Lunch & Learn immediately following worship. Please call the church office to RSVP!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 16

- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. SNL (Sunday Night Live) - Youth Room
- 6:00 p.m. Women’s Spiritual Conversation Interest Meeting - Dining Room

Monday, August 17

- 12:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting - Conference Room
- 12:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting - Dining Room
- 1:00 p.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Community Room
- 5:15 p.m. Minister of Worship Search Committee - Conference Room

Tuesday, August 18

- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parlor

Wednesday, August 19

- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner Served - Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Children’s Activities - Children’s Halls
- 6:00 p.m. Church Conference - Fellowship Hall
- Youth Activities - Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite

Thursday, August 20

- 4:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting - Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Community Room & Fellowship Hall

*The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Dempsey on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Marsha Dempsey.*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ruland and Mr. and Mrs. Al Wilson on the occasion of their wedding anniversaries by Hal and Debbie Ruland and Dan and Judy Roebuck.*



BEARING FRUIT

Galatians 5:22-23

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
ROME, GEORGIA

100 East Fourth Avenue  
www.fbcrome.org  
August 16, 2026



# A Service of Worship

August 16, 2026

11:00 a.m.

*As a courtesy to others, please silence all devices.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE Kim Tunnell  
“Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices”...Paul Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP Sanctuary Choir  
“At the Name of Jesus”...arr. Cindy Berry

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Kristen Mathis

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 607 HYFRYDOL  
“I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”

CALL TO CONFESSION  
Patient Father, you are slow to anger and abound in love;  
Help us be like you!  
Let your peace that doesn’t make sense fill our passionate hearts.  
Let your kindness and gentleness shape our responses to the  
circumstances and people around us.  
Help us follow our anger to justice and clarity.  
Make our desires be for goodness and truth.  
Remind us that self-control is a gift.  
And please help us regulate our responses today. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Music Meditation by Beverly Harris  
“There is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.”  
—Romans 8:1

BIBLE PRESENTATION TO NEW FIRST GRADERS Rev. Mathis  
Winn Lovel, Winston Shell, Rosie McWhorter

RECOGNITION AND BLESSING OF OUR TEACHERS

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Mark 9:43-48, Titus 2:11-13  
Woody Davis, reader

<sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.  
<sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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 SERVICE NO. 619 ASSURANCE  
“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”  
*(Children ages four through fourth grade are invited to leave 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.

MESSAGE IN MUSIC Sanctuary Choir  
“Here I Am, Lord”...arr. Craig Courtney  
*(The text to this anthem may be found in hymn 482.)*

SERMON Rev. Brooks  
“The Trellis of Self-Control”

HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 637 GUIDE MY FEET  
“Guide My Feet”  
*(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 John Bishop

PIANO OFFERTORY Beverly Harris  
“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” ...arr. Ovid Young

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH Rev. Bishop

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

DEDICATION OF OUR NEW FOYER Rev. Brooks

CLOSING HYMN NO. 706 OLD 100TH  
“Doxology”

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE  
May the peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!

ORGAN POSTLUDE Kim Tunnell  
“Praise to the Lord the Almighty” ...Hal Hopson

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. Suzanne Reece Minister of Discipleship & Missions  
Rev. Kristen Mathis Minister to Children & Young Families  
Rev. John Bishop Minister to Students & Young Adults  
Rev. Gwen Stephens Minister to Extended Family  
Rev. Bill Adcock Interim Minister of Worship & Music  
Kim Tunnell Music Associate & Organist  
Beverly Harris Pianist