

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)

__ 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:

August 23, 2026

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH & CONVERSATION | Today | 12:00 p.m.
Following worship, 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.

FBC YOUTH ICE CREAM SOCIAL | Thursday, August 27
Join us for fellowship and ice cream at 7:00 p.m. at the City Creamery on Broad Street.

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. A continental breakfast will be served.

LUNCH & LEARN | Sunday, August 30 | Fellowship Hall
If you are new to First Baptist and are interested in learning from our ministers and staff about the church, please join us for “Lunch & Learn” next Sunday, immediately following worship in our Dining Room. Please call the church office to RSVP!

CHURCH RETREAT 2026 | September 11-13
Join us for a deeper look at *The Difference Jesus Makes*. Reverend Chuck Poole will guide us in examining the life and teachings of Jesus from a historical and personal perspective. This weekend is a wonderful opportunity of listening, learning, and renewal for our church family. Be sure to sign up and make plans to be a part of this meaningful experience. Please scan the QR Code with your phone to register.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 23
8:30 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Meeting - Conference Room
Youth Committee Meeting - Youth Room
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Facilitators Training - Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Congregation Lunch & Listening Session - Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Summer of the Gospels Discussion Check-In - Dining Room
6:00 p.m. SNL (Sunday Night Live) - Youth Room

Monday, August 24
12:00 p.m. Governance Review Task Force - Conference Room

Wednesday, August 26
FBC Serves Community Kitchen
5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner Served - Fellowship Hall
5:45 p.m. Children’s Activities - Children’s Halls
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study: “What is Prayer?” - Fellowship Hall
Youth Activities - Youth Room
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite

Thursday, August 27
FBC Serves Community Kitchen
5:30 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Community Room & Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 28
FBC Serves Community Kitchen

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jill Salter by Jeremy, Sealy, and Marlo Salter.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jana Weidemann on our wedding anniversary by Bill Weidemann.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA

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August 23, 2026



A Service of Worship

August 23, 2026

11:00 a.m.

As a courtesy to others, please silence all devices.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”...arr. Mark Hayes

Kim Tunnell

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

David Brooks

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 590

“The Solid Rock”

SOLID ROCK

CALL TO CONFESSION

Loving God, when we have wandered and when we are lost,

We pray that you would find us and help us find our way home.

When we cannot quench our thirst, when we want what is harmful to ourselves or others.

Satisfy us with your love and grace.

When we need forgiveness, shower us with your endless mercy.

Receive this prayer and the silent prayers from our hearts.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news:

The love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in it. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

Alleluia! Amen.

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

“Fairest Lord Jesus” ...arr. Mary McDonald

(The text to this anthem may be found in hymn 159.)

Sanctuary Choir

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Kristen Mathis, reader

Romans 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God’s mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 REFLECTION NO. 186

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

(Children ages four through fourth grade are invited to leave for Children’s Worship.)

HAMBURG

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.

SERMON

“When We Get Up from the Table”

Rev. Brooks

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

“In Remembrance of Me” ...arr. Buryl Red

Kay Bratton, solo

ORDINANCE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

As we observe the Lord’s Supper, the bread (all of the bread is gluten-free)

will be passed to the entire congregation and we will eat it together when the pastor indicates.

Next, the cup will be taken in the same way.

The table set before us is not the property of our church; it is the Lord’s table.

We invite all who call Jesus “Lord” to join us.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 642

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

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.)

NEAR THE CROSS

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

John Bishop

PIANO OFFERTORY

“Because He Lives” ...William J. Gaither

Beverly Harris

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Gwen Stephens

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN NO. 706

“Doxology”

OLD 100TH

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

“I Love Thy Kingdom Lord” ...arr. Paul Langston

Kim Tunnell

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*