

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_____

CityState_____

Zip Code_____

E-mail_____

Telephone_____

Marital Status

Married___

Single___

Widow(er)___

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:

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

NO WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

| October 14

Family night will resume the following Wednesday, October 21.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Have you ever considered serving as a Sunday School teacher? Would you be willing to serve as a substitute teacher when our regular teachers need to be away? A Sunday or two is a great way to continue to use your gifts for leading and teaching. If you're willing to be a part of a team of folks who are available to sub periodically, please contact Suzanne at sreece@fbcrome.org

FBC YOUTH - LET'S GO HIKING

| Saturday, October 24 | 1:00 p.m.

All youth are inviting to join in on a hiking expedition to the House of Dreams at Berry College. To sign up and for more information contact John Bishop.

FBC KIDS AND FAMILIES - PUMPKIN PATCH

| Saturday, October 24 | 10:00 a.m.

Are you ready for some fall fun? Join us for our annual pumpkin patch outing at Lazy Creek Farm Pumpkin Patch. Fellowship with other parents while your kids run through the corn maze, jump on the trampoline, slide and race cars. This is a great time every year, we hope you will join us!

CHURCH FALL PICNIC

| Sunday, October 25 | 4:00 p.m.

Join us at Morrison Campground (1000 Morrison Campground Road) for our annual picnic. The meal will be catered so all you need to bring is your favorite dessert to share, a lawn chair and a donation to help cover the costs of the food. Watch for volunteers to help you know where to enter and where to park. Golf cart shuttles will be available for those who need assistance after parking.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 4

9:45 a.m.

Bible Study

11:00 a.m.

Worship Service | World Communion - Sanctuary

12:00 p.m.

Youth Choir - Choir Suite

6:00 p.m.

Youth SNL (Sunday Night Live) - Youth Room

Monday, October 5

10:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study - Dining Room

5:15 p.m.

Minister of Worship Search Committee - Conference Room

Tuesday, Octobert 6

10:00 p.m.

Women's Sensible Shoes Group - Parlor

1:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parlor

6:00 p.m.

Women's Sensible Shoes Group - Parlor

Wednesday, October 7

12:00 p.m.

Properties Committee Meeting - Conference Room

5:00 p.m.

Family Night Dinner - Fellowship Hall

5:30 p.m.

FBC Ringers - Choir Suite

5:45 p.m.

Children's Activities - Children's Halls

6:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study (Practicing the Way) - Fellowship Hall

Youth Activities - Youth Room

7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir - Choir

Baptism Committee Training - Sanctuary

Thursday, October

5:30 p.m.

Bridges Out of Poverty Class

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Milton Tippin, Jr., Jennette Todd Tippin and Todd Tippin by Jenny and Joe Walter.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ernest, Doris and John Rudert by the Edward Rudert family and the Robert Rudert family.

First Baptist Church

Rome, Georgia

100 East Fourth Avenue

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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 4, 2026 11:00 a.m.

As a courtesy to others, please silence all devices.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE “Be Thou My Vision” ...David Cherwien

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION David Brooks

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 7 JUDSON
“Worthy of Worship”

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION Bill Adcock
God of mercy, we confess that we have not loved you with all our being. We have done things which we ought not to have done, and we have left undone things which we ought to have done.

We have built walls between neighbors and between countries, and we have ignored the cries of those in need.
Forgive us and set us free, that we may live into the hope of your calling.
That your reign may come on earth as it is in heaven. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
Thanks be to God: Jesus died for our sins. We are forgiven!
We are forgiven indeed!

HYMN OF CONFESSION NO. 231 TRUETT
“Breathe on Me”
(The congregation will remain seated.)

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Philippians 3:4b-14
John Bishop, reader

⁴If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

GLORIA PATRI *(Hymn 704)* MEINEKE
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 COMMUNION NO. 459 DIVERNON
“Come Share the Lord”
(Children through fourth grade may depart for Children’s Worship.)

MORNING PRAYER *(with the Lord’s Prayer)* Rev. 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.

MUSICAL OFFERING Sanctuary Choir
“The Potter’s Hand” ...arr. Lloyd Larson

SERMON Rev. Brooks
“What Unites Us”

ORDINANCE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER *(all bread is gluten-free)*
As we observe the Lord’s Supper, the bread will be passed to the entire congregation and we will eat it together when the pastor indicates. Next, we will take the cup in the same way. The table set before us is not our church’s property, it is the Lord’s table. We invite all who call Jesus “Lord” to join us.

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO 472 LEMMEL
“Turn Your Eyes Upon 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 Suzanne Reece

PIANO OFFERTORY “Give Me Jesus” ...arr. Robin Thomas

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH Rev. Reece

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN NO. 361 *(stanza one)* GORDON
“My Jesus, I Love Thee”
My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
for Thee, all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
if ever I love Thee, my Jesus, tis now.

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE “All the Way My Savior Leads Me” ...Charles Callahan

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