## WELCOME!

We are honored you have joined us in worship. Please fill out the information requested 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) _____

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Address _____

City/State _____

Zip Code _____

E-mail _____

Telephone _____

Marital Status

Married___ Single___ Widow(er)___

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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November 22, 2026

## THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

**THANKSGIVING MEAL & SERVICE** | TONIGHT | 5:00 p.m.
Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fellowship Hall followed by our Thanksgiving service in the Sanctuary. The meal is provided by the Deacons. We look forward to celebrating and sharing this special time with you! Our Thanksgiving offering will go to Northwest Georgia Hunger Ministries. A generous community donor will match all contributions up to $100,000 until December 31, 2026.

**YOUNG ADULT FRIENDSGIVING** | Monday, November 23 | 7:30 p.m.
Join us for Friendsgiving in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you'll join us! This event is open to both college students and young professionals.

**WELCOMING ADVENT CELEBRATION** | Next Sunday, November 29 | 9:45 a.m.
Join us during the Sunday School hour for an Advent Celebration in the Fellowship Hall. This family-friendly event will include making Advent wreaths. All nursery, children, youth and adult Sunday School classes will join! Please bring a pair of pruning shears, if possible. Brian Inman will teach in the Chapel for those who would prefer a traditional Sunday School lesson.

**SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** | Thursday, December 3 | 12:00 p.m.
Mark your calendars for our Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to attend, please call the church office by Monday, November 30. The cost for the luncheon is $10/person. We hope to see you there!

**CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST CONCERT** | Sunday, December 6 | 4:30 p.m.
Mark your calendars for this festive annual event! We encourage you to invite a guest!

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, November 22**

9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir - Choir Suite
5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner and Service - Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

**Monday, November 23**

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
12:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting - Conference Room
1:00 p.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Community Room
6:30 p.m. FBC Men's Softball Game - Alto Park Fields, Field UA2
7:30 p.m. Young Adult Friendsgiving - Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, November 25**
FBC Serves Community Kitchen
Church Office Closes at Noon

**Thursday, November 26**
Church Office Closed - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

**Friday, November 27**
FBC Serves Community Kitchen
Church Office Closed

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






# First Baptist Church
# Rome, Georgia

100 East Fourth Avenue
www.fbcrome.org
November 22, 2026

# A Service of Worship

**November 22, 2026** **11:00 a.m.**

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

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**ORGAN PRELUDE** "A Carol of Thanksgiving" ...Russell Schulz-Widmar

**WELCOME AND INVOCATION** John Bishop

**HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 371** NUN DANKET

"Now Thank We All Our God"

**CALL TO CONFESSION** David Brooks

In the midst of our thanksgiving, let us pause in silence to recall how we so often lose sight of the gifts of each day and of their Giver.

**Lord, hear our prayers.**

**A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news: even when we fail to recognize God's blessings, God never ceases to bless us. Even when we forget to give thanks, God's grace remains abundant. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and invited to live each day with grateful hearts.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE** Exodus 36:1-7; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Tamara Smathers, reader

1 "Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord has given skill and
understanding to know how to do any work in the construction of the sanctuary shall
work in accordance with all that the Lord has commanded." 2 Moses then called Beza-
lel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord had given skill, everyone
whose heart was stirred to come to do the work, 3 and they received from Moses all
the offerings that the Israelites had brought for the work of constructing the sanc-
tuary. They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning, 4 so that all the
skilled workers who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the
task being performed, 5 and said to Moses, "The people are bringing much more than
enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do." 6 So Moses gave
command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp: "No man or woman is to
make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary." So the people were restrained from
bringing, 7 for what they had already brought was more than enough to do all the work.

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one
who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.7 Each of you must give as you have
made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful
giver. 8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by
always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

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 THANKFULNESS NO. 379** ASH GROVE

"Let All Things Now Living"

*(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.

**MESSAGE IN MUSIC** Sanctuary Choir

"Raise the Song of Harvest Home" ...arr. Mary McDonald

A Hymn Concerto on "Come Ye Thankful People Come" ...

**The congregation will join in singing with the choir Hymn No. 372.**

**SERMON** Rev. Brooks

"Giving Abundantly"

**HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 669** NETTLETON

"Long Ago You Taught Your People"

*(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.)*

**STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY AND PRAYER** Ginger Ingram

**PIANO OFFERTORY** "Because I Have Been Given Much" ...arr. Todd Billingsley

Meditation Text:

When we are thankful for the blessings of what was and see the goodness of what is, what can be comes into view with greater hope and possibility. —Diana Butler Bass

**THE WORK OF THE CHURCH** April Lucas

**AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS**

**PASTORAL BLESSING** Rev. Brooks

**CLOSING HYMN NO. 706** OLD 100TH

"Doxology"

Praise God from Whom all blessings 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** "Simple Gifts" ...Joseph Brackett

## 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