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 8, 2026

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

NEIGHBOR & NATIONS MISSION GROUP | Monday, November | 11:30 a.m.
Neighbor & Nations Group, formally Ruble-Whitworth, will host Ellen Sechrest, CBF Director of Missions Engagement via Zoom. To join our meeting via Zoom, please contact Merrill Davies.

THANKSGIVING MEAL & SERVICE | Sunday, November 22 | 5:00 p.m.
Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Our Thanksgiving Service will follow in the Sanctuary. The meal is provided by the Deacons. We look forward to celebrating and sharing this special time with you!

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDSGIVING | Sunday, November 23 | 7:00 p.m.
Join us for Friendsgiving in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share as we come together for an evening of good food, fellowship, and gratitude. We hope you'll join us! This event is open to both college students and young professionals.

WELCOMING ADVENT CELEBRATION | Sunday, November 29 | 9:45 a.m.
Join us during the Sunday School hour for an Advent Celebration. This family friendly event will include making Advent wreaths. All nursery, children, youth and adult Sunday School classes will join! 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, located 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 | Sunday, December 6 | 4:30 p.m.
Mark your calendars for this festive annual event! Guests are welcome.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 8
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Youth Choir - Choir Suite
6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Live (Youth Event) - Youth Room
Youth Parent Conversation *(with Janie Hortman, Licensed Couselor)* - Conference Room

Monday, November 9
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
11:30 p.m. Neighbor & Nations Missions Group - Dining Room

Tuesday, November 10
12:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting - Conference Room

Wednesday, November 11
12:00 p.m. Governance Task Force Meeting - Conference Room
4:00 p.m. Doris White Committee - Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Family Night Supper
5:30 p.m. FBC Ringers - 3rd Floor, Room 309
5:45 p.m. Children's Activities
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Practicing the Way) - Fellowship Hall
Youth Activities - Youth Room
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Suite

Thursday, November 12
5:30 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Fellowship Hall & Community Room

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ivy Kate Marchman on the occasion of her birthday Andrew Marchman.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Palmer and Chapman Marion by Jason, Margaret, Blythe and Archer Marion.



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A Service of Worship

First Baptist Church **November 8, 2026**
Rome, Georgia **11:00 a.m.**

As a courtesy to others, please silence all devices.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE "They'll Know We Are Christians" ...arr. Lani Smith

WELCOME AND INVOCATION Gwen Stephens

HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE NO. 306 MADRID

"Come Christians Join to Sing"

CALL TO CONFESSION Bill Adcock

We do not grieve as those without hope, for Christ has died and risen again.

Our hope is in Jesus Christ, who has conquered death.

The Lord Himself will return, and we will be gathered together in His presence.

What a glorious promise! We will be with the Lord forever.

Until that day, let us live in faith, walk in hope, and encourage one another.

Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

When we come before God with a repentant heart, we can rest in the assurance of His forgiveness. His grace is greater than our failures, and His mercy is greater than our sins. Scripture reminds us in 1 John 1:9 that "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We do not have to live in the shadows of yesterday's mistakes. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made new.

Thanks be to God for His amazing grace! Amen.

MUSICAL PRAISE Children's Choir

"We Count on You" ...arr. Ruth Elaine Schram/Aren Newell Williams

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

April Lucas, reader

[13] But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have
died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe
that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who
have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have
died.[16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the
sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]
Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to
meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage
one another with these words.

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 HOPE NO. 590 SOLID ROCK

"The Solid Rock"

(Children ages four through fourth grade may depart for Children's Worship.)

MORNING PRAYER *(with the Lord's Prayer)* John Bishop

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

"Holy, Holy, Holy" ...arr. Mary McDonald

(The text to this anthem may be found in hymn no. 1.)

SERMON Kristen Mathis

"Grieving Abundantly"

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 72 BLOT EN DAG

"Day by Day"

(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 "For the Fruit of All Creation" ...arr. Lloyd Larson

Meditation Text:

God does not call us simply to possess His blessings but to use them wisely and generously for His glory. Being a good steward means recognizing that what we have is not ultimately ours, but a trust God has given us. May we live each day with grateful hearts, open hands, and a willingness to serve others. After all, the measure of good stewardship is not simply what we accumulate, but how faithfully we use what God has given us.

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH Rev. Reece

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING Rev. Mathis

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 "We Give Immortal Praise" ...Robert J. Powell

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