



✚ - When you see this symbol, we ask that you stand, if able.

Chiming of the Hour Tim Evans

Prelude Tim Evans

Call to Worship Erin Clarke

Hymn 315 MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.*

*With healing balm my soul He fills and every faithless murmur stills:  
To God all praise and glory.*

*What God's almighty power has made in mercy He is keeping;  
by morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping;  
within the kingdom of His might, Lo! all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory.*

*Thus all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud His praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory.*

*Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;  
let all who know His power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ  
alone: To God all praise and glory.*

Welcome Seth Brown

✚ Scripture Reading Romans 14:1-12 The Crider Family

**All: Accept other believers who are weak in faith, and don't argue with them about what they think is right or wrong.**

One: For instance, one person believes it's all right to eat anything. But another believer with a sensitive conscience will eat only vegetables. Those who feel free to eat anything must not look down on those who don't. And those who don't eat certain foods must not condemn those who do, for God has accepted them.

**All: Who are you to condemn someone else's servants?**

One: Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord's help, they will stand and receive his approval. In the same way, some think one day is more holy than another day, while others think every day is alike.

**All: You should each be fully convinced that whichever day you choose is acceptable.**

One: Those who worship the Lord on a special day do it to honor him. Those who eat any kind of food do so to honor the Lord, since they give thanks to God before eating. And those who refuse to eat certain foods also want to please the Lord and give thanks to God.

**All: For we don't live for ourselves or die for ourselves. If we live, it's to honor the Lord. And if we die, it's to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. Christ died and rose again for this very purpose—to be Lord both of the living and of the dead.**

One: So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For the Scriptures say,

**All: " 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will declare allegiance to God.' " Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.**

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Reflection

Hymn 31 Ancient Words ANCIENT WORDS

*Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart. Oh, let the Ancient words impart.  
Words of Life, words of Hope. Give us strength, help us cope  
In this world, where e'er we roam, ancient words will guide us Home.*

Refrain:

*Ancient words ever true, Changing me, and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts. Oh let the ancient words impart.*

*Holy words of our faith handed down to this age.  
Came to us through sacrifice, oh heed the faithful words of Christ.  
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world.  
They resound with God's own heart. Oh, let the ancient words impart.  
[Refrain]*

Pastoral Prayer Sarah Murray

At the conclusion of the prayer:

*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.*

Hymn 265 When We Are Living SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

*When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,  
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.  
Both in our living and in our dying,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.*

*Through all our living, we our fruits must give.  
Good works of service are for offering.  
When we are giving, or when receiving,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.*

*'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,  
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,  
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.*

Offertory Prayer Steve Brown

Musical Offering Becky Mozo-Adams

✚ Presentation of the Offering The Doxology OLD 100TH

*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.*

Time for Children Sarah Murray

Testimony in Song You Are my All in All/  
Fairest Lord Jesus Jacob and  
John Joiner

Sermon Who Comes First? Steven Norris

Hymn 493 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*  
*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!*  
*Thou art the potter, I am the clay.*  
*Mold me and make me after thy will,*  
*while I am waiting, yielded and still.*

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!*  
*Search me and try me, Master, today!*  
*Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,*  
*as in thy presence humbly I bow.*

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!*  
*Hold o'er my being absolute sway.*  
*Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see*  
*Christ only, always, living in me!*

Benediction

Postlude

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## News & Events

### Fall Book Study

The Sermon on the Mount may be the best handbook Christians have for getting through 2020. This Fall, we invite you to join us at First Baptist for a special book study of James Bryan Smith's, *The Good and Beautiful Life: Putting on the Character of Christ*. In it, we will examine in depth the Sermon on the Mount and ask how it might be applied to our individual lives and our common life together. The study will be held on Wednesday nights via Zoom to include those who might not be ready for an in-person group just yet. Two groups are currently being scheduled at 6:00 pm and at 7:00 pm to better foster conversation. If you are interested in being a part, please reserve your place at [www.fbcgriffin.org/fallbookstudy](http://www.fbcgriffin.org/fallbookstudy).

### Virtual Hymn Sing

Join us live Each Wednesday 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. at [www.facebook.com/firstbaptistgriffin/](https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistgriffin/).

### RSVP

Planning to be here in person on Sunday? Don't forget to RSVP online at [www.fbcgriffin.org/rsvp](http://www.fbcgriffin.org/rsvp). To help us plan for worship materials and needs, we are asking that everyone RSVP each week for our in-person Sunday worship.

### Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Dr. Bruce M. Morgan. His first sermon was September 8, 1968 and he served as pastor for 33 years. Also, in loving memory of Emma Morgan his wife of 54 years .

### Offering Plates

The offering plates are located by each exit door as you enter/leave.

Steven Norris

Tim Evans

## Guest Card/Prayer Request

(Please tear off and place in the offering plate.)

Name

How can we contact you? (email or phone)

How can we pray for you?

**Steven Norris**  
SENIOR PASTOR

**Seth Brown**  
MINISTER TO STUDENTS

**Erin Clarke**  
MINISTER OF MUSIC

**Ellee Hilley**  
DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP ARTS

**Sarah Murray**  
MINISTER TO FAMILIES WITH  
CHILDREN

**Bruce Morgan**  
PASTOR EMERITUS



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“An English proverb says, ‘Faults are thick where love is thin’;  
but God demonstrates the opposite and to a greater extent:  
‘faults are thin where love is thick.’ “  
-Elizabeth Shively

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