



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

*In following best practices to prevent the potential spread of disease, we ask that you allow our worship leader to sing on our behalf in this morning's service.*

Chiming of the Hour Tim Evans

Prelude Becky Mozo-Adams

Call to Worship *Psalm 99* Sally Hartman

The Lord reigns; let the people tremble! The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**All: The Lord is great in Zion, and is exalted over all the peoples.**

Let them thank your great and wondrous name!

**All: Holy is the Lord!**

Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established what is fair;

**All: You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Magnify the Lord, our God. Worship at the Lord's footstool!

**All: Holy is the Lord!**

Magnify the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain.

**All: Because the Lord our God is holy!**

Hymn 671 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:*

*Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,*

*Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise;*

*Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:*

*All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the Church made one.*

*Now direct our daily labor lest we strive for self alone;*

*Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.*

*Treasure, too, You have entrusted, gain through powers Your grace conferred;*

*Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.*

*Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,*

*Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.*

Welcome Sarah Murray

✚ Scripture Reading The Harvey Family

Matthew 22: 15-22

Then the Pharisees met together to plot how to trap Jesus into saying something for which he could be arrested. They sent some of their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to meet with him. "Teacher," they said, "we know how honest you are. You teach the way of God truthfully. You are impartial and don't play favorites. Now tell us what you think about this:

**All: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"**

But Jesus knew their evil motives. "You hypocrites!" he said.

"Why are you trying to trap me? Here, show me the coin used for the tax." When they handed him a Roman coin, he asked,

"Whose picture and title are stamped on it?"

**All: "Caesar's," they replied.**

"Well, then," he said, "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar,

**All: and give to God what belongs to God."**

His reply amazed them, and they went away.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Pastoral Prayer Erin Clarke

At the conclusion of the prayer:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 672 *All Things are Yours* GERMANY

*All things are Yours: we make that true when we return our gifts to You;*

*and so we give, and so we share, in Christ's strong name expressing care.*

*"Give out of love" Your Word commands;*

*we are Your head, Your heart, Your hands.*

*Your Word you underscore with deeds by using us to answer needs.*

*O what a joy to give, and then out of compassion give again.*

*You have no needs--though that be true, the gifts we share are given to You.*

*All things are Yours: we make that true when we return our gifts to You;*

*And so we give, and so we share, in Christ's strong name expressing care.*

Offertory Prayer Chuck Prothro

Musical Offering Tim Evans

✚ 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 *Simple Gifts* Sally Hartman

Sermon Seth Brown

*The Enemies of Gratitude: Greed*

Hymn 490 *Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated* HENDON

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.*

*Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love,*

*at the impulse of Thy love.*

*Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.*

*Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine;*

*take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne,*

*It shall be Thy royal throne.*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.*

*Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,*

*ever, only, all for Thee.*

Benediction Seth Brown

Postlude Tim Evans

*The flowers in the sanctuary and Morgan Hall are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nell Lofton in celebration of her 104th birthday by Jim and Martha Donehoo.*

*The rose in worship today is in honor of Emma Brooke Shepherd, born Monday, October 12. Emma joins parents Patrick and Robin and sister Lizzie Bell. Grandparents in our church family are Beth and Tim Shepherd.*

## SERMON NOTES

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### RSVP for Sunday Services

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.

### Truth Be Told: An Afternoon of Art

There's still space for new registrations for this fun afternoon with an instructor-led art class on Sunday, November 22 at 3pm. Deadline to register is November 1, and the cost is \$30. Please contact Jody Singletary or Ellee Hilley to register.

### Gratitude Journals

Week four begins this week. Don't forget to pick up your journal and bookmark and follow along in this journey.

### Minister Appreciation

October is Minister Appreciation month. At FBC Griffin, we love our ministers, and we are designating October 25 as Minister Appreciation Day. If you would like to show your gratitude to Steven, Sarah, Seth, Erin and Ellee, we will have baskets available in both worship spaces so that you can place cards and tokens of appreciation for them on that day. You can also deliver them to the church during the week or mail them to P.O. Box 908, Griffin, GA 30224.

### Christmas Eve Surveys

Though plans may still be taking shape, would you let us know what you hope will be true for you in December so that we can responsibly plan? Go to [www.fbcgriffin.org/christmas-eve-surveys/](http://www.fbcgriffin.org/christmas-eve-surveys/) to complete a brief survey.

### Election Day Communion

On November 3, 2020, Election Day, we will exercise our right to choose as members of a democratic republic. During the day, we will make different choices for different reasons, hoping for different results. But that evening, while our nation gathers around its television sets and turns its attention to the outcome of the presidential election, we invite you to end your voting day around the table. Into the bitterly divided atmosphere that has become this nation's political landscape in 2020, let us carve out a space to remember the God who unites us and celebrate our commitment to live together in community. The service will begin at 6:30 in the sanctuary.

## 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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A community of grace.

October 18, 2020

*“Interestingly enough, the Greek word is labete, which is translated ‘to take’ but also means ‘to receive.’ When Jesus handed bread to his friends, he said, ‘Receive, feast’--receive, not take. To receive gifts and to give thanks is the story of faith. To shift the world removes any connotation of economic exchange and ownership and reaffirms that the Eucharist is a free gift. Grace and favor are for all, to all, and with the whole world. Receiving, not taking, is the very meaning of our shared humanity, and it is the thread of community.” Diana Butler Bass, Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks*

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