

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

SANCTUARY

9:00 A.M.

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

Chiming of the Hour Becky Mozo-Adams

Prelude *Immortal, Invisible* (arr. Lopez) Becky Mozo-Adams

Call to Worship Erin Clarke

To the fishermen, Jesus said:

“Follow me and I will make you fish for people.”

To the tax collector, Jesus said:

“Follow me.”

To the rich man Jesus said:

“Go, sell what you own and give your money to the poor.

You will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

At the last supper, Jesus said:

“Follow me.”

May we, like sheep, hear as Jesus says:

Follow me!

✚ Hymn 344 *Glorious Is Thy Name* GLORIOUS NAME

Welcome Steven Norris

Scripture Reading P.J. Norman

Mark 10: 17-31

As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked. “Only God is truly good. But to answer your question, you know the commandments: ‘You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.’” “Teacher,” the man replied, “I’ve obeyed all these commandments since I was young.” Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. “There is still one thing you haven’t done,” he told him. “Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” At this the man’s face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!” This amazed them. But Jesus said again,

“Dear children, it is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God. In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!” The disciples were astounded. “Then who in the world can be saved?” they asked. Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God.” Then Peter began to speak up. “We’ve given up everything to follow you,” he said. “Yes,” Jesus replied, “and I assure you that everyone who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property, for my sake and for the Good News, will receive now in return a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and property—along with persecution. And in the world to come that person will have eternal life. But many who are the greatest now will be least important then, and those who seem least important now will be the greatest then.”

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music *I Sought the Lord* Sanctuary Choir

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew

He moved my soul to seek him, seeking me.

It was not I that found, O Savior true,

No, I was found of thee.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold,

I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea.

‘Twas not so much that I on thee took hold

As thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but, oh, the whole

Of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee!

For thou wert long beforehand with my soul,

Always thou lovedst me.

Pastoral Prayer Erin Clarke

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 384 *Speak to My Heart* HOLCOMB

Offertory Prayer Lloyd Bohannon

Musical Offering Becky Mozo-Adams

Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult (arr. Pethel)

✚ 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* Steven Norris

Testimony in Song: An Offering Erin Clarke

O Christ, Who spared not any cost nor any grace withheld,

But poured forth Your redeeming blood In love unparalleled;

What would you have me offer, Lord? What must I count as loss

That I may taste the fellowship that brings me near Your cross?

Why should I cling to gifts You give? Why grasp in foolish pride

What You who gave Yourself for me now bid me lay aside?

To know You is my highest gain worth any sacrifice,

A treasure worthy to possess at any earthly price.

Yet if behind my open hands my heart shrinks from the cost,

Teach me that nothing offered You is ever truly lost.

A hundredfold reward awaits in one glimpse of Your face,

My sacrifice forgotten in the riches of Your grace.

-Eileen Berry

Sermon *A New Priority: Where the Last are First* Steven Norris

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

Benediction Steven Norris

Postlude Becky Mozo-Adams

Great God of Might and Glory (arr. Paxton)

**Beginning October 17, Children’s Worship will be offered only during the 11:15 Connexion service. Making this change enables our current schedule of volunteers to participate in a rotation and also continue in their other areas of service at the church. Should additional people volunteer to serve in the Children’s Worship rotation—and provided there is interest—the Celebration Children’s Worship may be reinstated.*

Clothes Closet Update

The Clothes Closet will not be accepting donations at this time. Thank you to all who support this ministry, but our closet is currently full. We will let you know when we are able to accept donations again.

“Staff Infection” at the Coffeehouse

Don’t reach for the antibiotics—this “Staff Infection” is composed of musicians you know well and they are ready to entertain you with some seasonally appropriate tunes at our October 29th coffeehouse concert. We will have tasty treats, coffees, hot cocoa, and more on offer. You don’t want to miss it!

Wednesday Nights @ FBC

During the week of fall break, on October 13th we will not have a Wednesday night meal or Bible study.

Student Ministry: DNOW Weekend

November 12-14th: The exchange from death to life is at the heart of the Gospel. Your students will have a chance to see exactly why this exchange is necessary, what has to happen to see the exchange made in their lives, and how they should approach this exchange. Maybe some of your students will be led to enter into a saving relationship with Christ. Many of your students will be challenged to examine their lives and how effectively they’re embracing the “life” Christ made possible for them. Contact Seth Brown for more information (sethbrown@fbcgriffin.org).

Church Library News

The Church Library is open from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. each Sunday.

Benevolence Ministry

Do you have a little free time on Mondays? We could always use your help in the Benevolence Ministry. Contact the church office for details.

2022 Church Family Camping/Glamping

We’re headed to Fort McAllister State Park on Winter Break in February 2022 for a camping/glamping experience. Won’t you come along? FBC will host a shrimp boil on Monday evening, February 21, complete with S’mores and ukulele songs. Bring a side salad or dessert to share. Book your site now! Visit our website for more information on the trip: <https://fbcgriffin.org/camping-glamping-weekend/>

Multi-Generational Women’s Bible Study

Ladies are invited to join us on Saturday mornings from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the FLC Coffeehouse for discussion on Dannah Gresh’s study, *Habakkuk: Remembering God’s Faithfulness When He Seems Silent*. Contact Ellee Hilley for more details.



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“We are not rich by what we possess but by what we can do without.”

—Immanuel Kant

“Do good by stealth, and blush to find it fame.”

—Alexander Pope

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. J.B. Dunaway, Sr. by their children.

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Pam Godard. (Home 770-228-9426 or Cell 770-468-0908)

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