

CELEBRATION WORSHIP
SANCTUARY
9:00 A.M.

Childcare is available for children ages birth through 3 years in our Nursery. Ask a greeter for assistance if you would like to place your child in childcare during service.

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

Chiming of the Hour	Ellee Hilley
Prelude	Alison Kirkland
	<i>In the Garden</i> , arr. Anthony Burger
Call to Worship	Ron Murray
✚ Hymn 295	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> NETTLETON
Welcome	Seth Brown
Prayer for Illumination	P.J. Norman

Lord, You have given us Your Word as the light to shine upon our path. Grant us the wisdom to meditate on that Word, and to follow its teaching, that we may find in it the light that shines through us, as we conspire to bring forth the gospel of Your kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✚ Scripture Reading Acts 3:1-11 P.J. Norman

Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them. All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded!

They all rushed out in amazement to Solomon's Colonnade, where the man was holding tightly to Peter and John.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music *We Walk By Faith* Sanctuary Choir

We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod; But in His promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on You when You are near and seek where You are found:

That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold You as You are, with full and endless sight

Pastoral Prayer Steven Norris

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 609 *Wonderful Grace of Jesus* WONDERFUL GRACE

Offertory Prayer Randy Shaw

Musical Offering Becky Mozo-Adams
Sweet Hour of Prayer, arr. C.E. Walz

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 Lori Welborn

Message *Silver and Gold Have I Not* Steven Norris

✚ Hymn 596 *Why Do I Sing About Jesus* KETCHUM

Opportunities for Continued Service

Benediction Steven Norris

Postlude Becky Mozo-Adams
Lord of Hosts Extolled on High, arr. Lani Smith

By the Beautiful Gate
By Kenneth Schested

By the Beautiful Gate doth my heart lie abandoned,
confined to the dust by crippled estate, dependent on
shame for a shekel's remorse and a pitiful glance.

Look at me,
if you dare to compare your lofty composure.

Season by season, we watch for the light of the sun's
Promised rise and Messiah's awaited approach.
We long for redemption beyond silver and gold,
beyond every imperial consent.

Here Yeshua
stumbled on his way to that hill, the judgment of those
with investments to guard.

Here Stephen
was stoned for his wonders and signs, blaspheming the
beggar-filled temple's reproach.

Season by season
we fancy a word from a John or a Peter, for some grace
overheard. We long for a gift
beyond charity's rue,
beyond silver and gold,
for the bounty of wonder;
for a Presence divine,
arrayed in full splendor.

Look at us,
the disciples demanded. Oh indigent soul, disabled of
limb and dishonored of heart, the Abling One comes
with honor-laced eyes, causing feet to arise with
the high prize of praise.

Season by season
by the Beautiful Gate—now plastered and bricked by
despair's brutal reign, we long for redemption
beyond silver and gold,
beyond all imperial consent.

How long,
how long shall predestined Mercy
lie tangled and tethered with grief?
How long,
how long 'til gravity's sway shall
relinquish its stay over feet made
for leaping and eyes for delight?

SERMON NOTES

NEWS AND EVENTS

Acts Challenge

Journey through Acts with us. Our weekly message, our daily prayer time, and—for some—our Sunday school classes will be diving deeper into this exciting account of the early church and the power of the Holy Spirit acting through believers. Learn more about our reading plan at our website: <https://fbcgriffin.org/adventures-in-acts>.

Wednesday Night Supper and Small Groups

For more information on our Wednesday small groups, or to RSVP for supper, visit <https://fbcgriffin.org/wednesday-nights>.

Scout Chicken-Q TODAY

Support Scout Troop 2 with your purchase of a delicious meal from their annual fundraiser on January 22. Meals include a hearty portion of grilled chicken, baked beans, slaw, bread, and dessert for the cost of \$10 a plate. Reservations must be made by January 21. A very limited number of plates may be available for purchase on site the day of the event.

Scout Sunday

On February 5, Boy Scout Troop 2 and Cub Scout Pack 2 will help lead in worship during the Celebration Service.



First Baptist Griffin

A community of grace.

We believe in a grace that...

*welcomes openly
serves passionately
grows continually
worships authentically
gives generously*

Floral Arrangements

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary or Morgan Hall in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Brenda Goolsby (cell 770-468-3959).

A Reminder

Please help us preserve the beauty of our worship space by enjoying your food and beverage outside the sanctuary.



Digital Guest Card

Steven Norris
SENIOR PASTOR

Ellee Hilley
MINISTER OF WORSHIP
ARTS

Seth Brown
MINISTER OF STUDENTS &
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Ron Murray
MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE

Bruce Morgan
PASTOR EMERITUS



Digital Prayer Request Card

Erin Clarke
MINISTER OF MUSIC

Lori Welborn
MINISTER TO CHILDREN &
FAMILIES

January 22, 2023

“There is a power that destroys. There is also a power that creates. The power that creates gives life and joy and peace. It is freedom and not bondage, life and not death, transformation and not coercion. The power that creates restores relationship and gives the gift of wholeness to all.”

-Richard Foster

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