



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 childcare during service.

✚ When you see this symbol, we ask for those who are able to stand.

Chiming of the Hour Ellee Hilley

Prelude Ellee Hilley

✚ Hymn 307 LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
All Creatures of Our God and King

Call to Worship Seth Brown  
God of power and might, you sent prophets to your people,  
**Calling us back to your covenant, and teaching us your ways.**  
In the fullness of time, you sent us your Son Jesus,  
**Teaching with such authority, that our eyes were opened to see your ways anew.**  
Open our hearts and minds,  
**That we may understand and proclaim your teachings for all to hear.**  
In Jesus’ name, we pray.  
**Amen.**

Welcome Seth Brown

Prayer for Illumination  
**Gracious God, illumine our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, our hearts may be united, our eyes may see your kingdom, and we may love our neighbor as ourselves. Speak to us now. Amen.**

✚ Scripture Reading Caroline Hamilton  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Now regarding your question about food that has been offered to idols. Yes, we know that “we all have knowledge” about this issue. But while knowledge makes us feel important, it is love that strengthens the church. <sup>2</sup> Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn’t really know very much. <sup>3</sup> But the person who loves God is the one whom God recognizes. <sup>4</sup> So, what about eating meat that has been offered to idols?

Well, we all know that an idol is not really a god and that there is only one God. <sup>5</sup> There may be so-called gods both in heaven and on earth, and some people actually worship many gods and many lords. <sup>6</sup> But for us, “There is one God, the Father, by whom all things were created, and for whom we live. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things were created, and through whom we live.” <sup>7</sup> However, not all believers know this. Some are accustomed to thinking of idols as being real, so when they eat food that has been offered to idols, they think of it as the worship of real gods, and their weak consciences are violated. <sup>8</sup> It’s true that we can’t win God’s approval by what we eat. We don’t lose anything if we don’t eat it, and we don’t gain anything if we do. <sup>9</sup> But you must be careful so that your freedom does not cause others with a weaker conscience to stumble. <sup>10</sup> For if others see you — with their “superior knowledge” — eating in the temple of an idol, won’t they be encouraged to violate their conscience by eating food that has been offered to an idol? <sup>11</sup> So because of your superior knowledge, a weak believer for whom Christ died will be destroyed. <sup>12</sup> And when you sin against other believers by encouraging them to do something they believe is wrong, you are sinning against Christ. <sup>13</sup> So if what I eat causes another believer to sin, I will never eat meat again as long as I live — for I don’t want to cause another believer to stumble.

Special Music Sanctuary Choir  
Give A Cup of Water

Give a cup of water in the Master's name,  
Feed the poor and needy, comfort those in pain,  
Clothe the naked millions, touch the sick and lame;  
Visit those in prison in the Master's name..

Welcome in the stranger knocking at your door,  
Go to all the lonely where few have gone before;  
Help the poor lost sinner, tell him Jesus came,  
Give a cup of water in the Master's name.

Open wide the windows, bless his name above;  
Care for the unlovely, and show them Jesus' love.  
Share with every person, young and old the same;  
Give a cup of water in the Master's name.

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 437 FESTAL SONG  
How Wide the Love of Christ

Offertory Prayer Angela Rooks

Musical Offering Ellee Hilley  
I Love You, Lord, arr. Ellee Hilley  
Written in response to the wholehearted worship offered by the Women of the 2023 Women’s Retreat

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 Erin Clarke

Message Neighbors: Love Builds Up Steven Norris

✚ Hymn 507 I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN  
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Benediction Steven Norris  
As your neighbor, let me serve you.  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace  
To let you be my servant, too.

Postlude Kathy Gore

Journey in Grace

Are you curious about walking in the way of Jesus? Would you like answers to questions about FBC? Whatever your journey has been to this point, we are thankful that God has led you to First Baptist. We want to provide tools for you to help you navigate your journey and give you a better understanding of this community that God is forming. We invite you to join us for a conversation about our church family on Sunday, February 4, in the Parlor (located in the Welcome Center near the Sanctuary). Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP at [fbcggriffin.org/journey-in-grace](https://fbcggriffin.org/journey-in-grace).

Wednesday Night Activities

Our Wednesday night fellowship meal starts at 5:00 p.m. Our regular small groups will begin at 6:00 p.m. You can learn more about the groups that are meeting by visiting our website: [fbcggriffin.org/wednesday-nights](https://fbcggriffin.org/wednesday-nights).

Organ Update

We invite you to follow our updates on the sanctuary organ at our website: [fbcggriffin.org/organ](https://fbcggriffin.org/organ).

Church Conference

Members are encouraged to meet in the gym at noon on Sunday, February 11 for lunch and the annual Church Conference. Childcare is available by reservation (<https://bit.ly/KIDMINconference>).

Eagle Scout Plaque

Scout Troop 2 will honor Eagle Scouts going back to the troop’s inception in a special Eagle Plaque Unveiling ceremony on February 4, 2024 at 12:15 p.m. at the Scout Lodge. Eagle Scouts and those affiliated with Troop 2 are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. If you have questions, please contact John Joiner at 770-468-6045.

Floral Arrangements

The flowers in the Sanctuary and Morgan Hall are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jimmy Harvey (father of Marie Knight and Zeke Harvey) and John Haygood (father of Lori Harvey) by their family.

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).

- Steven Norris

SENIOR PASTOR
- Seth Brown

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