

December 15, 2024

Offering

At FBC Griffin, we recognize that offerings come in many shapes and sizes. We believe that God has entrusted each of us with resources that are to be used for God's glory and the bringing of God's kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven." Therefore, we encourage you to be good stewards of those resources.

Feel free to use the space below to share offerings that you would like to present back to God during worship through our online giving feature or by mail. *These gifts may include time, talents, presence, service, prayer, or resources.*

Text "fbcgriffin" to 833-245-5264 (OR)
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First Baptist Church Griffin
Regular Budget
<https://ppay.co/YXtiYkcFD4k>

Sermon Notes

Presence
Steven Norris preaching
Luke 3:7-18



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A community of grace.

Seth Brown, Minister of Students
& Community Engagement
Erin Clarke, Minister of Music
Ellee Hilley, Minister of Worship Arts
Ron Murray, Minister of Pastoral Care
Steven Norris, Senior Pastor
Lori Welborn, Minister to Children & Families



Connexion Worship

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Joy to the World
Angels We Have Heard on High
Refiner's Fire
Noel
Mary Did You Know?

Orietta Russom
Kristin Jones
Orietta Russom
Carmen Neel
Leigh Ann Williams

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

Luke 3:7-18

⁷ When the crowds came to John for baptism, he said, "You brood of snakes! Who warned you to flee the coming wrath?" ⁸ Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. Don't just say to each other, 'We're safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.' That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones. ⁹ Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰ The crowds asked, "What should we do?"

¹¹ John replied, "If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry."

¹² Even corrupt tax collectors came to be baptized and asked, "Teacher, what should we do?"

¹³ He replied, "Collect no more taxes than the government requires."

¹⁴ "What should we do?" asked some soldiers.

John replied, "Don't extort money or make false accusations. And be content with your pay."

¹⁵ Everyone was expecting the Messiah to come soon, and they were eager to know whether John might be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered their questions by saying, "I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire." ¹⁸ John used many such warnings as he announced the Good News to the people.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

What's Happening @ FBC

NEWS AND EVENTS

Giving Envelopes

Envelopes are available in the back of Morgan Hall for tithes and offerings. We invite you to pick one up or ask an usher for help if you need a giving envelope.

December 16: XYZ

XYZ meets at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 16th in Morgan Hall. The Dixieland Dulcimers will be performing. For those who sent in an RSVP, the meal will be baked ham, hash brown casserole, green beans, rolls, and dessert.

December 18: Church Conference

Members are asked to gather with us on Wednesday, December 18, at 6:00 p.m. for our annual Church Conference, where we will vote on the 2025 budget, vote on a deacon nomination, and hear committee reports. If you are able to attend the meal that will be served at 5:00 p.m., then please RSVP by calling the church office.

December 22: One Church in Morgan Hall

We will gather as one church on Sunday, December 22, in Morgan Hall at 10:30 a.m. for worship. Bring your kids to the Common Grounds Coffeehouse before service in their Christmas pajamas and enjoy cinnamon rolls as a family. (Please note that we will not hold Sunday school on this date.)

December 22: Christmas Party and Dessert Auction

Looking for a perfect dessert for your holiday festivities? Want to help some of our students go to camp? Well, here is your opportunity to do both at the same time. The Children and Youth Ministries are teaming up to host a Christmas Party and Dessert Auction at 6:30 p.m. on December 22 in the Common Grounds Coffeehouse. ALL proceeds from this event will go to help offset the cost of camps for our youth and children. If you can bring a dessert to auction off, or if you would rather purchase during the auction instead, we hope you will join us tonight in the Common Grounds Coffeehouse (Family Life Center)! If you are auctioning a dessert, please call the church office to sign up.

December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

The annual Christmas Eve candlelight service opens at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for preservice music. The worship service begins at 5:00 p.m.

December 25: Church Offices Closed for Christmas

We wish you and your loved ones a very merry Christmas! Our administrative offices will be closed for the holiday on December 25.

December 29: One Church in Morgan Hall

Worship with us in an end-of-the-year One Church service in Morgan Hall at 10:30 a.m. on December 29th. (Please note that we will not hold Sunday school on this date.)

End of the Year Giving

As 2024 draws to a close, this is a natural time to look back with gratitude at the way God has been faithful to us and the priorities that have guided us. Would you consider a gift to continue supporting the ministries of First Baptist Church? Gifts must be made by close of business on 12/31/24. For more information about the ways you can give to First Baptist Griffin, please visit our website at <https://fbcgriffin.org/end-of-year-giving>.

Childcare

Childcare for babies through age 3 is available in the preschool hall. Children (preK-4 through 5th grade) are encouraged to come forward during Time for Children. Following, children are invited to join the Children's Leaders in Education Building Room 207 for a time of worship and study. Parents should pick their children up from the Room 207 immediately following the service.

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).

Welcome

If you are a guest, please fill out the information below and drop it in the offering basket.

Name

How can we contact you? (email or phone)

Prayer Request

How can we pray for you?

Would you like for us to share this request with the congregation?

Yes No