



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 Ruth Alexander

Prelude Dale Schwanbeck

Call to Worship Erin Clarke

✚ Hymn 417 WYE VALLEY
Fill the Earth with Music

Welcome Seth Brown

Prayer for Illumination
**O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path. As we read it together,
give us wisdom to understand your Truth,
grace to receive your abundant Life,
and courage to follow Jesus on the Way.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

✚ Scripture Reading Valerie Rogers
Colossians 3:12-17

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer Steven Norris

The Lord’s Prayer
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 619 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine ASSURANCE

Offertory Prayer Evans Millican

Musical Offering Sanctuary Choir
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

REFRAIN:
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

✚ 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 Colossians: Held Together in Christ Steven Norris
Putting on the New

✚ Hymn 267 DENNIS
Blest Be the Tie

Called Church Conference

Opportunities for Continued Service

Benediction Steven Norris

Postlude

SERMON NOTES

YOUR GIVING IN ACTION

What Exactly Is “Extra Years of Zest”?

Have you got a zest for life? Whether you find it in the friendships you nurture or the adventures on your bucket list, research shows that staying active and engaged with a social network as you age can make a real difference in the quality of your life¹.

FBC seniors who participate in the adult ministry called XYZ, short for Extra Years of Zest, know the value of gathering regularly to learn, laugh, and share a meal together. They have been meeting for this purpose on the 2nd Tuesday of each month since 1974. When they meet, they are kept informed about upcoming events, ministry activities, and even the developments in their friends’ lives. Guest speakers and performers provide programs at these meetings, and participants have the opportunity to acquire meaningful tips, to be inspired, and to learn more about their community — as in the time Katty Strong (at 103), Gail Hammock, and Andrew Blake shared their experiences growing up in Griffin.

These friends enjoy one another so much that they take day trips together to get apples or peaches, or even to go to special events out of town. Gail Hammock fondly recalls XYZ trips to Myrtle Beach, Alaska, and New England. She says the comraderie and frienships found in this group are important to her life. She is grateful the church supports the XYZ ministry as a way to care for the senior adult population.

This ministry meets a need in our congregation, and your giving to the regular budget of the church is an integral part of the support of this ministry. Thank you for contributing to the church regularly and for valuing the care of our senior adults. If you would like to become involved in XYZ, we invite you to join us for the next meeting on October 14th at 11:30 a.m. in Morgan Hall.

¹Mueller, K.E., Thomas, A. Successful aging and older adults’ health outcomes through outdoor-based interventions like adventure therapy: A scoping review. *Journal of Outdoor and Environmental Education* (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42322-024-00177-1>

VITAL SIGNS

Each month, we provide a brief overview of our church’s “vital signs” based on the Finance Committee report and data from Church Community Builder (CCB). If you have questions about the information provided here, please reach out to our church office.

Annual Budget as of August 31: \$956,000	Attendance Averages for August
Revenue: \$961.043.63	Celebration Worship: 153
Expenses: \$940,420.54	Connexion Worship: 115
Difference: \$20,623.09	Sunday School: 197

NEWS AND EVENTS

Called Church Conference
We will hold a brief church conference today to vote on the panel of Deacon nominees.

Fall Festival
That crispness we feel in the air reminds us that it’s almost time for our annual Fall Festival at Tobesofkee Farm in Barnesville! Mark your calendar for the fun to be held on Wednesday, October 29th, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. when we come together as a church family for a chili cookoff, games, S’Mores, hay rides, Spookulele, and so much more! If you can help in any capacity (including competing for one of the Chili Cook Off medals), then please sign up online at fbcgriffin.org/fall-festival.

Wednesday Night Activities: Fall Break
Please note that this week is fall break for our local schools, so we will not be holding regular Wednesday night activities. For more information about our small group offerings and music groups, and the meal, please visit us online at fbcgriffin.org/wednesday-nights.

Advent by Candlelight
All ladies are warmly invited to celebrate the coming Christmas season by participating in the annual Advent by Candlelight — an evening of fellowship, reflection, and worship in anticipation of the Christmas season — to be held on Monday evening, December 1 in Morgan Hall. “Heavenly hors d’oeuvres” will be served between 6:00 and 6:40 p.m. prior to the event, which begins at 7:00 p.m. Reservations can be made online at fbcgriffin.org/advent-by-candlelight.

Piano Ensemble Concert: The Holly & The Ivories
On December 7th we will host 10 gifted pianists at 5 grand pianos for an evening of Christmas music you won’t want to miss. The Holly & The Ivories is free for the community. Families are welcome, but please note that we will not have childcare. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., so come early to get a good seat in the Sanctuary.

Giving
Your giving to the regular budget at FBC supports a wide range of ministries. If you would like to give, you may text “fbcgriffin” to 833-245-5264, scan the QR code to the right, place your donation in the offering plate, or mail your donation to FBC Griffin, P.O. Box 908, Griffin, GA 30223.



Floral Arrangements
The flowers in the Sanctuary and Morgan Hall are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 49th wedding anniversary of Janet and Chuck Prothro and the 10th wedding anniversary of Sallianne and Curtis Hardwick. If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary or Morgan Hall in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Brenda Goolsby or call the church office.

Ministers

Steven Norris SENIOR PASTOR	Seth Brown MINISTER OF STUDENTS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	Erin Clarke MINISTER OF MUSIC
Ellee Hilley MINISTER OF WORSHIP ARTS	Ron Murray MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE	Lori Welborn MINISTER TO CHILDREN & FAMILIES



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“Putting on the New”

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