

# 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 Gemma Hess

Prelude *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Call to Worship Seth Brown

✦ Hymn 395 SCOTT  
*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Welcome Lori Welborn

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 Louisa Melton  
*Colossians 4:2-6*

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

Time of Prayer Sanctuary Choir  
*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

*Lord, listen to your children praying  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place  
Lord, listen to your children praying  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

- I. Time of Confession
- II. Time of Intercession
- III. Time of Thanksgiving

**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 409 CONVERSE  
*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Offertory Prayer John Joiner

Musical Offering Becky Mozo-Adams  
*Be Thou My Vision*, arr. by Lloyd Larson

✦ 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.*

Parent-Child Dedication Steven Norris  
Gemma & Lucca Hess

Message Steven Norris  
*Plugged In: Living a Prayerful Life*

✦ Hymn 412 SWEET HOUR  
*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Recognition of Alonzo Walker, 25 Years Steven Norris

Opportunities for Continued Service

Benediction Steven Norris

Postlude Becky Mozo-Adams

## Floral Arrangements

The flowers in the Sanctuary and Morgan Hall are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rosemary Lokey by Kevin Lokey, Nunnally Lokey, and their families. 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.

## Giving

Your giving to the regular budget at FBC supports a wide range of ministries. If you would like to give, you may text “fbegriffin” 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 30224.



## YOUR GIVING IN ACTION

*Behind the Scenes, Ahead of the Need*

Each Sunday morning, as we gather for worship—greeting friends, finding seats, singing hymns, and listening to the Word—there is a quiet ministry at work among us. You may not always notice them, but their presence brings comfort, care, and peace of mind. Our Safety and Security Team, supported through your generous giving to our regular church budget, serves faithfully to ensure that everyone who enters our doors feels welcome and protected.

This dedicated team of volunteers monitors our campus during worship services, Wednesday night activities, and special events. Some serve from our security room, watching cameras that cover entrances, hallways, and gathering areas. Others walk the corridors and parking areas, offering a friendly wave or stopping for a quick conversation. Their work is not meant to be intrusive—it is meant to be reassuring. They are here to help, guide, and respond when needed.

In addition to our trained volunteers, we also partner with paid law enforcement officers each week to provide an added layer of support. This combination of professional security oversight and servant-hearted volunteers allows us to be both prepared and welcoming.

But perhaps the most meaningful thing to know is this: the Safety and Security Team is ministry. These volunteers care deeply about our congregation, our children, our guests, and our mission. They serve with humility and kindness, staying alert so that the rest of us can worship freely and joyfully.

So the next time you notice one of these friendly faces in the hallway, take a moment to offer a “thank you.” Their quiet vigilance is one of the many ways we care for one another—and your continued support makes their work possible.

*Your Giving in Action is a monthly installment that celebrates the ministries of FBC that are supported by your giving to the regular budget. If you would like to read more stories like this, we invite you to visit our website: [fbegriffin.org/your-giving-in-action](http://fbegriffin.org/your-giving-in-action).*

## VITAL SIGNS

Annual budget and expenses reported for September:

Annual budget: \$1,075,500  
Budget received: \$1,080,133.12  
Expenses: \$1,061,161.59  
Difference: \$18,971.53

Average attendance reported in worship and Sunday school in September:

Celebration Worship: 150  
Connexion Worship: 120  
Sunday school: 191

## SERMON NOTES

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### **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](http://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. for seating before the concert, which begins at 6:00 p.m.

### **Surviving the Holidays**

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please consider signing up for our special one-night program, Surviving the Holidays. More than just practical tips, GriefShare Surviving the Holidays is a community of people who know what it’s like to walk through the holidays in grief. You will find connection and comfort in knowing you’re not alone this season. People who have attended repeatedly share how helpful this is. We will hold this event on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Education Room 301 at First Baptist Griffin. The event is open to all. We ask that you register so we can have enough materials on hand for all attendees. Call the church office or visit [fbcgriffin.org/griefshare](http://fbcgriffin.org/griefshare) to register.

### **Christmas Decorations**

If you would like to make a contribution in memory or in honor of someone to go toward the expense of Christmas poinsettias and other Christmas decorations placed throughout the church, then please place your gift of \$15.00 per listing and the name(s) of the person(s) you are remembering or honoring in the offering plate or see Leigh Ann Williams no later than Sunday, December 7, 2025.

### **Christmas Toy Shop Volunteer Sign Up**

It’s the most wonderful time of the year — time to sign up to help during the Christmas Toy Shop event! Learn more and sign up online at [fbcgriffin.org/christmas-toy-shop](http://fbcgriffin.org/christmas-toy-shop).

### **Morgan Hall Decorating Party**

Help us decorate Morgan Hall for the Christmas season! On November 23, immediately following the Connexion Worship Service (at approximately 12:30 p.m.), we will gather in Morgan Hall to put up the Christmas tree and many other beautiful decorations that make the space so inviting for the holidays. We will serve pizza, and children will have the opportunity to decorate Christmas cookies. Please RSVP using the QR code to help us plan the food for the event.



### **Wednesday Meal**

Won’t you join us for our Wednesday night supper in Morgan Hall at 5:00 p.m.? We are having chicken pot pie and dessert. You can RSVP at our website: [fbcgriffin.org/wednesday-nights](http://fbcgriffin.org/wednesday-nights).

### *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



# First Baptist *Griffin*

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## *A community of grace.*

***Colossians:***  
**Held Together in Christ**

*Plugged In: Living a Prayerful Life*

November 9, 2025

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