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

Prelude Instrumental Ensemble

Sweet Hour of Prayer, arr. Jeff Cranfill

Call to Worship Lori Welborn

+ Hymn 443 HENDON

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

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

Sally Hartman

Erin Clarke

Colossians 4:2-6

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer Steven Norris

+ Hymn 427 MESSAGE

We've a Story to Tell

Offertory Prayer Scott Bailey

Musical Offering Sanctuary Choir

Celtic Laud

For fruit of the vine, for harvest of wheat, For bread and for wine, the gift of Your feast, The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise, O Lord of my living, my love and my praise. For dove in the sky, for wind in the trees, For coal in the fire, Your Spirit in me, The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise, O Lord, of my living, my love and my praise.

For springtime's green earth, for morning's first light, For every new birth, for grace and for life, The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise, O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

+ Presentation of the Offering: The Doxology

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Steven Norris

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

Walk Wisely

+ Hymn 431 LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

Jesus Is Lord of All

Opportunities for Continued Service

Benediction Steven Norris

Postlude Becky Mozo-Adams

Floral Arrangements

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Len Bythewood, Tony Perry, Joanne Bythewood, and Seth Owen 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 contact Brenda Goolsby or call the church office.

A Prayer for Walking by Douglas Kaine McKelvey

Gracious God, as you walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the day, walk with me.

Holy Spirit, as you walked with Enoch and Abraham, guiding them to their next destinations, walk with me.

Lord Jesus, as you walked with your disciples through valleys and hills, walk with me.

As I open my front door, remind me that I follow in the footsteps of others who have kept their eyes fixed on you.

As I walk down my front steps, remind me that you have put me in this particular place for just a time as this.

As I turn up my block, mind wandering ahead to where I might go, remind me of the places you've gifted your people to call home...

Faithful One, I ask that you would tune my heart and sharpen my sight to see what you have placed in my way:

the sparrow on the wire—a reminder to trust you to provide for my needs and my daily bread;

the stump of a chopped down tree—a reminder that Jesus was the Shoot of Jesse; fences covered with ivy—a reminder that Christ is the True Vine;

my neighbor sweeping their front step a reminder of your image in us all and your call to love my neighbor as myself.

Amen.

(Prayer adapted from Every Moment Holy, Vol. 3)

SERMON NOTES

The Apostle Paul summarizes the main idea of the letter to the Colossians by instructing the followers of Jesus to pay attention to the way they "walk." In this context, walking is a metaphor for the kind of life that they are living. (This passage bears a close resemblance to a fuller passage in Ephesians 5:1-20.) Here, Paul gives three primary instructions about the way they are to walk:

Ministers

Steven Norris SENIOR PASTOR

Seth Brown
MINISTER OF STUDENTS
& COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Ellee Hilley Ron Murray
MINISTER OF WORSHIP ARTS MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE

Erin Clarke
MINISTER OF MUSIC

Lori Welborn
MINISTER TO CHILDREN & FAMILIES

NEWS AND EVENTS

Employee Recognition

We are grateful to Leigh Ann Williams, our Church Administrator, and recognize her today for fifteen years of faithful service to First Baptist Church. Leigh Ann's steady, calm, and capable presence through the years has ensured that bills and employees get paid, that facilities are maintained, that voices are heard, that individuals are recognized, and that people know they are loved. As a worship leader, her passion for the Lord resounds in praise from the stage. We acknowledge Leigh Ann's excellence in her work today.

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. for seating before the concert, which begins at 6:00 p.m.

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.

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 Night

Won't you join us for our Wednesday night supper in Morgan Hall at 5:00 p.m.? We are having roasted turkey breast, cornbread dressing, sweet potato souffle, green beans, rolls, and brownies a la mode. You can RSVP online at fbcgriffin.org/wednesday-nights 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 "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 30224.



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