



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 HourEllee Hilley

PreludeBecky Mozo-Adams
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, arr. James Koerts

Call to WorshipSeth Brown

✝ Hymn 263WEBB
To Worship, Work, and Witness

WelcomeSteven Norris

Prayer for Illumination

**Gracious God,
As we read your word,
give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts,
to receive what you reveal
and do what you command.
From your abundance, teach us generosity
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✝ Scripture Reading (*pew Bible page 816*)Diane Lamb
Mark 5:14-20

The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵ They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. ¹⁶ Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. ¹⁷ Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. ¹⁸ As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. ¹⁹ But Jesus refused, and said to him, “Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you.” ²⁰ And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

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

Pastoral PrayerLori Welborn

**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 607HYFRYDOL
I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

Offertory PrayerBonnie Brown

Musical OfferingSanctuary Choir
Tell the Good News

*Christ was born in a distant land
Tell the good news, tell the good news
Lived on earth for the good of man
Tell the good news tell the good news*

*Refrain:
Tell the good news, tell the good news
Tell the good news that Christ has come
Tell the good news, tell the good news
Tell the good news to everyone*

*Christ became a man on earth
Tell the good news, tell the good news
Gave His life for man's rebirth
Tell the good news, tell the good news*

*Christ arose and to heaven went
Tell the good news, tell the good news
All may follow who repent
Tell the good news, tell the good news*

*Christ still lives in the world today
Tell the good news, tell the good news
Giving strength to all souls who pray
Tell the good news, tell the good news*

✝ *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 ChildrenLori Welborn

MessageSteven Norris
The Way-Maker

✝ Hymn 520AZMON

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

Opportunities for Continued Service

BenedictionSteven Norris

PostludeBecky Mozo-Adams

SERMON NOTES

NEWS AND EVENTS

FBC Family & Friends Get Away!

Adventure is calling once again! Round up your friends and book a cabin at Tugaloo State Park for February 14-17. (You can come earlier or stay later than those dates.) We will have a worship service on Sunday morning led by Ron Murray and Ellee Hilley, as well as a meal after service. Don't wait any longer to book your stay! Learn more and find the registration at fbcgriffin.org/camping-glamping-trip.

5K Fun Run/Walk to Benefit Amani Sasa

Over the past year, we have been talking about walking the way of Jesus. Our ministry partner, Amani Sasa, is holding a "virtual 5K" to raise money to support their ministry to refugees in Uganda. While you can participate virtually (anytime/any place), we invite you to join our group on this fun run/walk together at 5:00 p.m. on March 7th. When we finish our route back at FBC, we enjoy a light pizza supper and fellowship. Please use this link to register for our team: <https://bit.ly/5KAmaniSasa>.

Scout Chick-n-que Today

The Troop 2 Boy Scouts will have a drive-thru set up at the Scout Lodge from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. today to deliver Chick-n-que meals to those who have purchased tickets.

Wednesday Night Small Groups

Children, students, and musicians meet regularly on Wednesday nights. Adult small groups resume on January 28th following the January book conversation (which will have its final meeting on January 21). The meal for January 21st will be baked chicken, dressing, Mac and cheese, sweet potato casserole, cookies, and brownies. Details for Wednesdays, including the RSVP for supper, are online at <https://fbcgriffin.org/wednesday-nights>.

What Does an Offering of Service Look Like?

You may not have realized it, but an incredible group of women spent about a half a Monday (maybe more) taking down and carefully packaging the Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary, the welcome areas, and in Morgan Hall. Thank you, ladies!



Pastor Steven's Doctoral Project

How does First Baptist Church embody its commitment to "a grace that welcomes openly" as it relates to the addicted person? How do we work with other providers (counselors, rehab centers, and support groups) to help fill our piece of the puzzle as it comes to recovery for addicted persons? How can we be the hands and feet of Jesus to offer healing and restoration to a hurting segment of our larger population? These are the questions that I am seeking to address in my doctoral work through Fuller Theological Seminary. Over the next few months, you will hear more about this research as I implement my project here at FBC Griffin. I am currently looking for a small group of individuals who feel a "calling" to support addicted individuals to participate in an educational workshop. This eight-week educational workshop will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00 at the church and we will look at the experience of addiction through the lens of faith. If you are interested in participating, please contact me at stevennorris@fbcgriffin.org, by calling the church office, or by tearing off the portion of the bulletin below and leaving it with me or an usher as you leave today. Thank you for your prayers and support!

I am interested in this project. Please contact me:

Name: _____ Phone or Email: _____

Giving

When you give to First Baptist Griffin, you positively impact the lives of people throughout your community and around the world. Giving can take many forms in our church — gifts of time, talents, presence, service, prayer, as well as financial resources. If you choose to give a monetary gift, we invite you to leave your gift in the offering plate, mail it to FBC Griffin, P.O. Box 908, Griffin, GA 30224, or consider giving online at our website: fbcgriffin.org/give. You may also text "fbcgriffin" to 833-245-5264 or scan the QR code to give. Thank you for choosing to support the church and its ministries, both here and abroad.



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Floral Arrangements

The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John William Cummings by his family. If you would like to place flowers in the church in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Alice Blake or call the church office.

Ministers

Steven Norris
SENIOR PASTOR

Seth Brown
MINISTER OF STUDENTS
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MINISTER OF MUSIC

Ellee Hilley
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