



185

YEARS

Revive us again

**ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF
GRIFFIN
MARCH 8, 2026**

**ONE CHURCH
11:00 A.M.
SANCTUARY**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*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 all who are able to stand.

Chiming of the Hour

Ellee Hilley

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy, arr. Curnow

Instrumental Ensemble
Max Hamilton, director

Welcome and Extinguishing of the Lenten Candle

Steven Norris

Community of Grace Call to Worship

Steven Norris

First Baptist Church of Griffin is a community rooted in Jesus,
empowered by the Holy Spirit,
committed to shaping lives for God's kingdom.

We gather as many. We worship as one.

Honoring all who are created in God's image —
young and old, male and female, rich and poor,
from every nation, language, culture, and hue —

We believe in a grace that welcomes openly.

From loud anthems to silent meditation,
shouts of praise to cries of lament,
from soaring organ strains to the strum of guitar strings,

We believe in a grace that worships authentically.

Shaped daily by the sanctifying work of God's Spirit,
formed in the likeness and image of Christ,
steadily increasing in knowledge, wisdom, and character,

We believe in a grace that grows continually.

Committed to embodying the Good News of Jesus,
to being a neighbor before worrying about one's worthiness,
and seeking the face of Christ in that of our brothers and sisters,

We believe in a grace that serves passionately.

Convinced that we serve a God of abundance
who can do exceedingly more than we ask or imagine,
and who has entrusted us with all the resources we need,

We believe in a grace that gives generously.

At First Baptist Church, we are a community of grace,
a family of faith, a missional people.

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+ Hymn 48

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 1:3-7

Ruth and Nathan Morgan

I am grateful to God — whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did — when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

+ Congregational Song

Goodness of God

Orietta Russom, soloist

During this song, children are invited to meet Lori at the piano door to attend Childrens Worship. Childen will return to the Sanctuary before the congregational photograph is taken.

Offertory Prayer

Brian McCartney

Musical Offering

Song for the Nations

One Church Choir

*May we be a shining light to the nations
A shining light to the peoples of the earth
Till the whole world sees the glory of Your name
May Your pure light shine through us*

*May we bring a word of hope to the nations
A word of life to the peoples of the earth
Till the whole world knows there's salvation through Your name
May Your mercy flow through us*

*May we sing a song of joy to the nations
A song of praise to the peoples of the earth
Till the whole world rings with the praises of Your name
May Your song be sung through us*

*May Your kingdom come to the nations
Your will be done in the peoples of the earth
Till the whole world knows that Jesus Christ is Lord
May Your kingdom come in us. Amen.*

Message

Bill Hardee

+ Congregational Song

Revive Us Again

REVIVE US AGAIN

*We praise Thee, O God for the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus who died, and is now gone above.*

*Hallelujah! Thine the glory. Hallelujah! Amen.
Hallelujah! Thine the gory. Revive us again.*

*We praise Thee, O God for Thy Spirit of light,
Who hath shown us our Savior, and scattered our night.*

Refrain

*All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who hath borne all our sins, and hath cleans'd ev'ry stain.*

Refrain

*Revive us again; fill each heart with Thy love;
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.*

Refrain

Opportunities for Continued Service

Steven Norris

Benediction

Steven Norris

*We invite you to remain in place for a special 185th anniversary congregational photograph.
Following the photograph, you are invited to enjoy a meal with us in Morgan Hall (located in the Family Life Center).*

News and Events

Easter Services

You are invited to join us on April 5th at 6:30 a.m. for our Community Sunrise Easter Service in the Sanctuary followed by a breakfast in our Family Life Center. Please join us after the breakfast, at 11:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary for FBC's Easter Worship Service featuring the One Church Choir and Instrumental Ensemble leading in worship. Remember to bring a flower from your garden to place on the Easter cross and gather your loved ones to take an Easter photo.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to make a contribution in honor or memory of someone that will go toward the expense of the Easter flowers, please place your gift of \$12.50 per listing and the name(s) of the person(s) being honored/remembered in the offering plate or see Leigh Ann Williams by March 22.

FBC Endowment Foundation

The FBC Endowment Foundation will accept nominations for the Board of Directors following each worship service on Sunday, March 15th. The following members will not be eligible for nomination because they have completed a term of service: Jeff Rooks, Alice Blake, Nic Bland, and Zeke Harvey.

Scholarships

Students who will be attending college or university this fall are encouraged to apply for scholarships offered by FBC. Applications and eligibility criteria can be found on our website: fbcgriffin.org/scholarships. The deadline for all materials to be received by the Scholarship Committee (at the church) is close of business on March 20, 2026.

Worst Case Scenario Children's Ministry Training

Runaway toddlers. Surprise fire drill. Bathroom emergencies. What now?! Join us for a fast-paced, interactive training where we tackle real-life ministry "uh-oh" moments and figure out the best way to respond—together. It's serious training... but we promise you'll have fun along the way! Come ready to think, laugh, collaborate, and leave feeling more prepared than ever to lead with excellence—even when the unexpected happens. Register for this training at <https://bit.ly/KidMinTraining26>.

Floral Arrangements

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 185th anniversary of this church. 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.

Giving

At First Baptist, we believe in a grace that gives generously. We believe, not in a God of scarcity, but a God of abundance — a God that can do “exceedingly and abundantly more than we could ask or imagine.” At God's table, there is room enough for all and we have no need to be stingy with the hope, love, and forgiveness that we have experienced in Christ. Our desire is to use the gifts that God has given us to bless the community around us.



Ministers

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



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