

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 Ellee Hilley

Prelude Becky Mozo-Adams
Christ the Lord is Risen Today, arr. Heather Sorenson

Call to Worship Erin Clarke

✠ Hymn 622 ACKLEY
He Lives

Welcome Lori Welborn

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 John 20:19-31 Randy Peters

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed

because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer Seth Brown

**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 281 BEECHER
Lord Divine, All Loves Excelling

Offertory Prayer Alice Blake

Musical Offering Sanctuary Choir
We Walk By Faith

*We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from Christ,
who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe Him near.*

*We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on You when You are near and seek where You are found:*

*That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
we may behold You as You are, with full and endless sight*

✠ 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.*

Message Steven Norris
*Stories that Matter:
See for Yourself*

✠ Hymn 570 TRUST IN JESUS
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Opportunities for Continued Service

Benediction Steven Norris

Postlude Becky Mozo-Adams

SERMON NOTES

Floral Arrangements

The Easter flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory and in honor of loved ones at FBC. You may view the list of names online at this address: <https://bit.ly/fbceasterflowers26> or contact the church office for a print copy.

The rose on the altar honors the birth of Millie Hayes Plageman to Kaydie and Parker Plageman on April 2.

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
& 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

YOUR GIVING IN ACTION

Encourage One Another

Last Tuesday afternoon, Margaret sat in her favorite chair by the window, the quiet of the day stretching a little longer than she liked. Recovering at home has its challenges, and some days feel especially still. But that day, the mailbox held something different.

Among the usual, impersonal advertisements and envelopes was a handwritten card.

Inside were simple words—“You are missed. You are loved. We are praying for you.”—but to Margaret, they carried extraordinary weight. In that moment, she felt remembered. Connected. Not alone.

Stories like Margaret’s unfold every week through the faithful work of our card writing team. With each handwritten note, they reach members in hospitals, nursing homes, college dorm rooms, and in living rooms where the downtrodden wonder if they have been forgotten. These are not mass-produced messages, but thoughtful expressions of care—each one prayerfully written, each one uniquely personal.

While the church provides support through postage and supplies, many on this team go beyond—purchasing their own cards and stamps out of love for those who will receive their notes.

What may seem like a small gesture becomes something much greater. A card arrives on a difficult day. A name is remembered. A heart is lifted.

And in ways we may never fully see, these simple acts of love remind each recipient: you are still part of this family. We are for you. We are with you.

Our community thrives when ministries like the Card Writing Team respond to the call to live generously with their time, talents, and resources. Your support of our regular budget is part of this bigger picture, part of our community of grace.

Each month, we highlight a ministry supported by the regular budget as part of our Your Giving in Action series. You can read more stories like this online at fbcgriffin.org/your-giving-in-action.

VITAL SIGNS

As part of our Your Giving in Action series, at the end of each installment, we report on average attendance and financial information available since the last report.

The Numbers through February 2026

Budget: \$245,000
Budget received: \$239,543.88
Expenses: \$228,005.96
Difference: \$11,537.92

Attendance Averages for February 2026

Celebration: 143
Connexion: 121
Sunday School: 168

NEWS AND EVENTS

Men’s Ministry Masters Watch Party

Watch the final round of the Masters Tournament with us at Chappell Mill Tree Farm TONIGHT. We will enjoy Fresh Air Barbecue, corn hole, and fellowship together starting at 5:00 p.m.

Women’s Ministry Annual Women’s Retreat at Callaway Gardens

Ladies, registration for the women’s event of the year opens tomorrow, April 13th. Get away with us to Callaway Gardens from October 23-25, 2026 (with an optional day on October 22). Learn more about the retreat at our website: fbcgriffin.org/womens-retreat.

Graduate Recognition

Is someone in your household (associated with FBC) graduating this year? We want to celebrate with you! Please let us know by completing a brief questionnaire at <https://bit.ly/fbcgraduate26>.

Worst Case Scenario Children’s Leader Training

Runaway toddlers. Surprise fire drill. Bathroom emergencies. What now?! Join us on April 25th 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. Registration is open online at <https://bit.ly/KidMinTraining26>.

Guest Speaker Coming to FBC: Invite your Friends!

Mark your calendar for May 6th when Dr. Samuel Smith, a renown scholar in early American religious history and Director of the History Graduate Program at Liberty University, will be with us for both a lunch and learn talk and an evening lecture on the topic of *Baptists and Religious Liberty in America*. Explore how the early Baptists shaped the American founding through revival, dissent, and an uncompromising commitment to freedom of conscience. Trace American Baptist roots from the colonial and revolutionary eras and learn about leaders who argued that religious liberty was essential to a republican form of government. Learn more at fbcgriffin.org/guest-speaker.

VBS Registration

Kingdom Quest Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 8 through 11th from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. Registration is open online at fbcgriffin.org/childrens-ministry.

Wednesday Night Resumes

The Wednesday fellowship meal April 15th will be a choice of chicken Alfredo or lasagna, garlic bread, caesar salad, and cookies. Join us at 5:00 p.m. in Morgan Hall. Learn more & RSVP at fbcgriffin.org/wednesday-nights.

Sign Up to Help in the Community Garden

The Community Garden is ready for action, and we need your help to tend it through the growing season. You can sign up for a week at this link: <https://bit.ly/fbcgarden26>.

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.



First Baptist Griffin

A community of grace.

Stories that Matter:

See for Yourself

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