

**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  
*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*, arr. Larry Shackley

Call to Worship Seth Brown

✝ Hymn 203 BUNESSAN  
*Day of Arising*

Welcome Seth Brown

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 *Luke 24:13-35* Louisa Melton  
*(Pew Bible pages 860-61)*

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that

he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Pastoral Prayer Steven Norris

**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 200 GARDEN  
*In the Garden*

Offertory Prayer Sandra Burkhalter

Musical Offering Sanctuary Choir  
*God's Gifts*

*Fresh springs, mountain air, birds singing, beauty everywhere,  
 All of life so rich and free, God gave this because He loved me,*

*And I praise God for the mountains and the rivers deep and wide,  
 For the wonder of a sunset and the glory of the sky,  
 And I thank God for Christ Jesus and His wondrous love for me,  
 And I pray the Holy Spirit might now live and work through me,*

*Jesus came so we might see the love of God in the form of humanity.  
 At the cross from sin He set me free. God did this because He loves me.*

*Years ago I turned to Him; I repented, had forgiveness for my sin.  
 From that day, Christ has lived within. I sing now because I love Him.*

✝ 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 *Stories that Matter: Astounded* Steven Norris

✝ Hymn 576 MY SAVIOR'S LOVE  
*I Stand Amazed*

Opportunities for Continued Service

Benediction Steven Norris

Postlude Becky Mozo-Adams

**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

NEWS AND EVENTS

**Worst Case Scenario Children's Leader Training**

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. 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!**

Dr. Samuel Smith, Director of the History Graduate Program at Liberty University, will be with us on May 6th for both a lunch and learn talk and an evening lecture on the topic of Baptists and Religious Liberty in America. RSVP for the lunch at [fbcgriffin.org/guest-speaker](https://fbcgriffin.org/guest-speaker).

**Women's Ministry Annual Women's Retreat at Callaway Gardens**

Ladies, registration for the women's event of the year is open! 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](https://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>.

**Camp Fundraiser**

Please consider participating in our fundraiser to help send kids to summer camp. In the welcome areas, you will find envelopes with dollar amounts listed. Simply take an envelope, place your donation inside, and drop it off in the church office.

**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](https://fbcgriffin.org/childrens-ministry).

**Wednesday Nights**

The Wednesday fellowship meal on April 22nd will be shepherd's pie, green beans, yeast rolls, and cookies. Join us at 5:00 p.m. in Morgan Hall. Learn more & RSVP at [fbcgriffin.org/wednesday-nights](https://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>.

**Veterans' Information**

Help us celebrate our veterans this year! If you or your loved one affiliated with FBC are a veteran, then we want to recognize your service. Please complete the brief survey found at <https://bit.ly/fbcvets26>.

**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](https://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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*A community of grace.*

*Stories that Matter:*

*Astounded*

April 19, 2026

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**Floral Arrangements**

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.