

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 Ruth Alexander

Prelude Becky Mozo-Adams
Amazing Grace, arr. Lee Dengler

Call to Worship Erin Clarke

✠ Hymn 12 *God, Our Father, We Adore Thee* BEECHER

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 *Ephesians 2:8-10* Vivi Benefield
(Pew Bible pages 950)

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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 490 *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated* HENDON

Offertory Prayer Evans Millican

Musical Offering Sanctuary Choir
Behold the Lamb (The Communion Hymn)

*Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
 Slain for us: and we remember:
 The promise made that all who come in faith
 Find forgiveness at the cross.
 So we share in this Bread of life,
 And we drink of His sacrifice,
 As a sign of our bonds of peace
 Around the table of the King*

*The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
 Torn for you: eat and remember
 The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
 Paid the price to make us one.
 So we share in this Bread of Life,
 And we drink of His sacrifice
 As a sign of our bonds of love
 Around the table of the King*

*The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
 Shed for you: drink and remember
 He drained death’s cup that all may enter in
 To receive the life of God.
 So we share in this Bread of Life,
 And we drink of His sacrifice,
 As a sign of our bonds of grace
 Around the table of the King*

*And so with thankfulness and faith
 We rise to respond: and to remember
 Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
 As His body here on earth.
 As we share in His suffering,
 We proclaim: Christ will come again!
 And we’ll join in the feast of heaven
 Around the table of the King*

✠ 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 *Live Generously* Steven Norris
What Do I Have to Offer?

Communion

At First Baptist, we believe that Jesus’s invitation to the Lord’s Table is for all His followers. Anyone who proclaims, “Jesus is Lord,” may take part. Gluten free options will be designated on each tray. Grapes, a sign of potential and God’s promise, are available for anyone not taking the

bread and the cup; parents are encouraged to help their children decide how to partake at today’s Table.

✠ Hymn 504 *I Am Thine, O Lord* I AM THINE

Blessing for Sabbatical Brad Glass

Jesus said, “Come away by yourselves to a quiet place and rest.” Today, we hear that invitation as a sacred journey. As our pastor enters this sabbatical, he goes not only to rest, but to walk—to pray, to listen, and to be renewed.

Steven, we bless you as you go. May Christ meet you on the path and walk beside you every mile.

**May God’s strength uphold you,
 God’s wisdom guide you,
 God’s eye watch over you,
 God’s word speak to you,
 God’s hand guard you,
 and God’s shield protect you.**

Let us pray:
 Gracious God,
 be his guide and his strength,
 and the joy along the way.
 Speak in the silence,
 shine in creation,
 and refresh his spirit in You.
 Keep him in your care,
 and bring him home to us renewed.

We entrust our pastor to your care, O God—the One who meets us on the journey.

For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace.
 Christ with you,
 Christ before you,
 Christ behind you,
 Christ within you.
 Amen.

Opportunities for Continued Service

Benediction Steven Norris

Postlude Ruth Alexander

SERMON NOTES

To be guided by a commitment to God's generosity involves taking inventory of all the resources that God has given to us and making them available to God. It is built on the foundation of God's grace, by which we are saved (vs. 8). Therefore, we see God's plan for generosity as a response to that grace spelled out in Ephesians 2:10.

We are _____.

We were created _____.

These were prepared _____.

How do we determine what that is?
What do I _____?

What can I _____?

How can I _____?

Floral Arrangements

The flowers in the church services are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Myra Daniel. 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

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 Church Griffin
Regular Budget
May 2026 04/2026/2026

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

Benevolence Offering

Our tradition at First Baptist is to extend the Lord's Table by providing a special offering to benefit the Benevolence Ministry. You may give to this offering by placing it in an envelope, marking "Benevolence Fund" and placing it in the offering plates at the door as you exit.

Journey in Grace

Do you have questions about FBC or about faith in general? We invite you to join us today at 10:15 a.m. in the Heritage Room (in the Welcome Center). A minister will be available to answer your questions about walking the Way of Jesus and to provide an overview of our church. Light refreshments will be served.

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.

National Day of Prayer

You are invited to join with numerous Pastoral staff and community leaders while we share in the mighty things that unite us as Believers. The ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 7, 2026 from Noon to 12:45 pm and will include prayer, songs of worship and a brief message. Arrive early and grab a seat and enjoy the pre-service worship music. If there will be inclement weather, the event will be moved next door to Journey Church at 210 E Solomon Street.

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.

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>.

May Mission Offering

Each year during the month of May, we encourage giving to our Church Mission Offering. This offering supports a variety of local ministries. One of those ministries is the Spalding Samaritans, which serves people in our community living on the edge of poverty — particularly senior citizens, those on fixed incomes, those who have lost their job, and those who cannot work. Please pray about your support of our Church Mission Offering, which serves many vital ministries in our community. You may give by marking "Church Mission Offering" on your giving envelope or by visiting our website (fbcgriffin.org/give) and indicating "Church Mission Offering."

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 <https://bit.ly/KingdomQuest26>. If you can volunteer to serve during VBS, please let us know at <https://bit.ly/fbcvbsvolunteer26>.

Wednesday Nights

The Wednesday fellowship meal on May 6 will be chicken enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, 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>.

Veterans Recognition

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>.



First Baptist Griffin

A community of grace.

Live Generously:

What Do I Have to Offer?

May 3, 2026

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