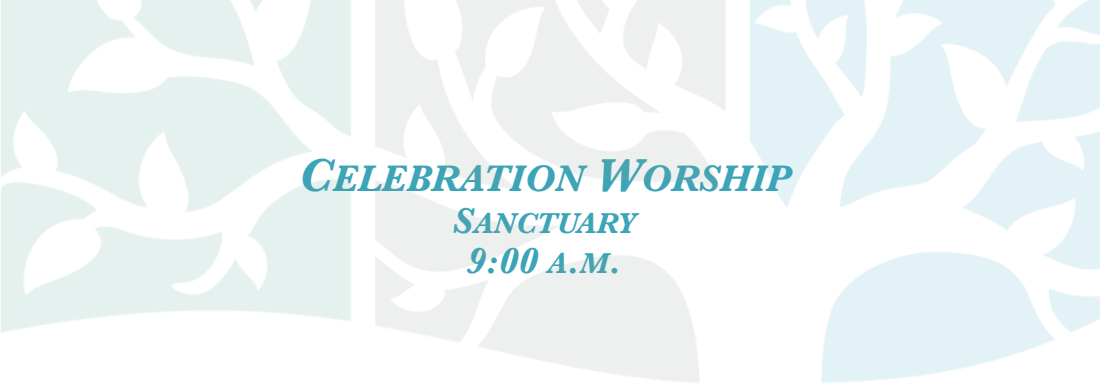




CELEBRATION WORSHIP
SANCTUARY
9:00 A.M.

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

Prelude Jacob Joiner & Becky Mozo-Adams
This Is My Father’s World, arr. James Koerts

Call to Worship Lori Welborn

✙ Hymn 545 PROMISE
In the Bulb

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 Liz Jester
1 Peter 2:2-10 (pew Bible page 984)

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” ⁸ and “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

Pastoral Prayer Steven Norris

At the conclusion of the prayer:
**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 641 HIGHER GROUND
Higher Ground

Offertory Prayer Alice Blake

Musical Offering Sanctuary Choir
More About Jesus
*More about Jesus would I know,
More of His grace to others show;
More of His saving fullness see,
More of His love who died for me.*

*More about Jesus let me learn,
More of His holy will discern.
Spirit of God, my Teacher be,
Showing the things of Christ to me.*

*My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*More, more about Jesus;
More, more about Jesus;
More of His saving fullness see,
More of His love who died for me.*

*In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown upon my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

✙ 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 A Grace-Shaped Life Grows Continually Steven Norris

✙ Hymn 509 TRUST AND OBEY
Trust and Obey

Special Presentation Bob Long

Opportunities for Continued Service

Benediction Steven Norris

Postlude Ruth Alexander

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.

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

SERMON NOTES

Spiritual growth is the lifelong process of learning to live inside the story grace tells about us, until that story reshapes what we desire, who we are together, and what our lives proclaim about God.

Growing disciples develop a deeper _____ for God.

1 Peter 2:2–3

Growing disciples are _____ together.

1 Peter 2:4–5

Growing disciples learn to tell _____ with their lives.

1 Peter 2:9–10

This week, pay attention to three things:

For what are you hungering?

Who is helping shape you?

What story is your life telling about God?

NEWS AND EVENTS

Congregational Survey: The FBC Vision Team asks for your participation in a church-wide listening activity. Your responses help the team build an honest, current picture of FBC church life today, including your perspective on what FBC does well, what needs FBC should consider, and the areas where FBC may need to adapt. The Vision Team values your hopes, ideas, dreams, and prayers for the future of our church. Please take time to complete the Vision Team’s Congregational Survey, which must be submitted no later than October 17 at midnight. The Vision Team asks that you complete the survey online if possible; it can be found at:

<https://first-baptist107.cls.co/survey>

Once you open the online survey, please be prepared to complete it in one sitting. As there are several discursive questions on the survey, you may find it helpful to see the questions in advance. The Vision Team has provided a “PreWork, or Study Sheet” that gives you the opportunity to prepare for the questions before opening the survey. Pick one up in the Welcome Center or visit <https://fbcgriffin.org/survey> to download a copy. If you are unable to take the survey online, a paper copy will be available for you to pick up in the Welcome Center during the week.

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Giving Tracks

Starting October 1, First Baptist will be offering two giving tracks for regular budget giving. If you have questions about these options, please join us for the Town Hall meeting following the Connexion worship service today in Morgan Hall or reach out to Leigh Ann Williams in the church office during regular business hours.

Playground Renovations

Beginning Monday, September 28, the playground will be closed for renovation. The team anticipates completion of the playground before Christmas.

Wednesday Night Activities

Join us Wednesday night this week (September 30) starting at 5:00 p.m. for chili, cornbread, and strawberry shortcake. You may pay for your meal online or at the door. You will find all of this information on our website (fbcgriffin.org/wednesdays) or on the FBC app.

Veterans’ Tributes

We want to honor the service of veterans in a special printed tribute this Veterans’ Day. If you are a member or an active participant at FBC, and you are a veteran, please share your information with us so that we may include you in our printed program. You may share information by dropping it off at the church, emailing us at publications@fbcgriffin.org, or by accessing our form online. For assistance, please contact 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.



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