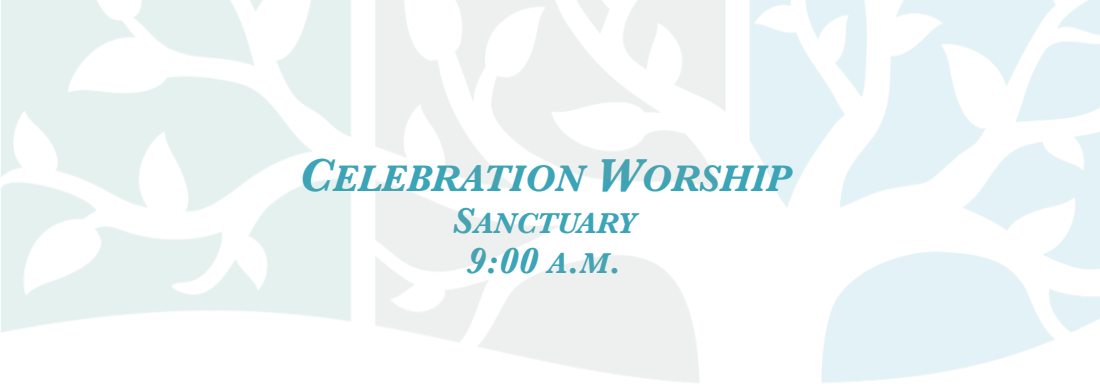




CELEBRATION WORSHIP
SANCTUARY
9:00 A.M.

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	Ruth Alexander
Holy, Holy, Holy / Hide Me in Your Holiness	
Call to Worship	Steven Norris

"Truly I tell you," says Jesus,
"whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
May we be bound with love.

To bind and to be bound —
We are confronted
With competing demands and expectations:
Aging parents,
Needy children,
Unplanned expenses
Friends navigating grief and pain
Demands at work, home, school, and church.
May we be bound with love.

Gathered here in this place —
For worship,
For fellowship,
And to fix our eyes
On the One who created us, sustains us,
And redeems us through love.
May we be bound with love.

What shall we carry with us into eternity?
Our treasures?
Our schedules?
Our accomplishments?
Our politics?
Our relationships?
According to Jesus, our earthly choices
Will have heavenly consequences.
May we be bound with love.

✝ Hymn 52 O Worship the King LYONS

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 Julie Joiner
Matthew 18:15-20 (pew Bible pages 799-800)

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

Pastoral Prayer Lori Welborn

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 272 ST. BRENDAN’S
They’ll Know We Are Christians

Offertory Prayer Evans Millican

Musical Offering Sanctuary Choir
Bread of Heaven

Holy Bread of Heaven, come and feed our souls,
Come and quench our thirst and make us whole,
For our hunger for justice and hope has brought us here.
Come and soothe our suffering and our fear.

Holy Bread of Heaven, come and bring us life.
Come and quell all violence and all strife.
For our thirst for compassion and love has brought us here.
Come and bid all conflict disappear.
Come and soothe our suffering and our fear.

Holy Bread of Heaven, come and bring your light.
Come and fracture hopelessness and night.
For our hunger for healing will ever bring us here,
Welcoming your children, far and near.
Come and bid all conflict disappear.
Come and soothe our suffering and our fear.

✝ 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 Conflict Resolution, The Jesus Way Steven Norris

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 267 Blest Be the Tie DENNIS

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

SERMON NOTES

Conflict Resolution, the Jesus Way

Matthew 18:15–22

Conflict is an inevitable part of life together, even within the church. Jesus does not promise a community without disagreement, hurt, or failure; instead, he teaches his followers how to respond when relationships are broken. Because we belong to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called neither to ignore conflict nor to weaponize it, but to pursue one another with truth, humility, grace, and a desire for reconciliation. And in the difficult work of repairing relationships, Jesus promises that we do not work alone: Christ is present among us.

1. We _____ to One Another

Matthew 18:1–15; 1 Corinthians 12:12–27

2. We _____ One Another

Matthew 18:15–17; Ephesians 4:15; 2 Corinthians 5:18–20

3. Christ _____ in the Work

Matthew 18:18–20; Matthew 1:23; Matthew 28:20

This Week: Take One Step Toward Repair

As you reflect on Jesus’ teaching, prayerfully consider:

- **Where have I allowed resentment, avoidance, or gossip to replace love?**
- **Is there someone I need to speak to directly rather than continue speaking about?**
- **Is there something someone has been trying to tell me that I need the humility to hear?**

Then take **one faithful step toward repair** this week: offer an apology, begin a conversation, listen without becoming defensive, seek wise help, establish a healthy boundary where necessary, or begin praying for someone from whom you have become estranged.

The goal is not to resolve every relationship in one week. The goal is to take one step in the way of Jesus.

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.

Tell Us Your “Live Generously” Story

Throughout 2026, we have been celebrating one of our church’s core values with the theme "Live Generously." Now, we want to hear your stories. As you think back over the past several months, where have you seen generosity at work? Maybe someone gave their time when you needed help. Perhaps you shared a talent, offered encouragement, passed along something you knew, met a practical need, or experienced unexpected kindness yourself. Where have you been on the giving—or receiving—end of generosity? Big or small, your story matters. It doesn’t need to be polished or lengthy. A sentence or two is enough! We simply want to hear how generosity is making a difference in the lives of people in our church and community. Your story might even inspire someone else to discover a new way to **Live Generously**. Send your story to publications@fbcgriffin.org.

Journey in Grace

Do you have questions about faith? Would you like to know more about First Baptist Church? Join us today in the Heritage Room (in the Welcome Center) to get your questions answered by a minister. Light refreshments will be served.

UNITE Worship

Join members of our faith community at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Park on 6th in Griffin for a special night of worship. This event unites us with other brothers and sisters in Christ through praise and sharing of the Word of God.

Holiday Closure

We wish you and your loved ones a very happy Labor Day. Please note that our administrative offices will be closed on Monday in observance of the holiday.

Wednesday Night Activities

Join us Wednesday night this week (September 9) starting at 5:00 p.m. for a taco bar and cookies. You will find all of this information on our website (fbcgriffin.org/wednesdays) or on the FBC app.

XYZ & WOM

The next XYZ senior adult meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 8th at 11:30 a.m. The menu will be Salisbury steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, and apple cobbler. The Tuesday chapter of Women on Mission meets again on September 8th at 1:00 p.m. in the Hardee Hospitality Room. Our program will focus on State Missions, and Jenny Flowers will be our speaker. For our September project, please bring fresh fruits and vegetables to donate to the Christian Women’s Center.

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.

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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