# *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 — Erin Clarke

Prelude — Ukulele Ensemble & Sanctuary Choir

*I Bowed On My Knees and Cried Holy*

Call to Worship — Seth Brown

✢ Hymn 562 — SOON AND VERY SOON

*Soon and Very Soon*

Welcome — Steven Norris

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 — Peggy Smith

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about
those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have
no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so,
through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this
we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who
are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those
who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with
the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend
from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are
alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to
meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever.
18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Special Music — Ukulele Ensemble & Sanctuary Choir

*The King is Coming*

Pastoral Prayer — Ellee Hilley

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 573 — VILLE DU HAVRE

*It Is Well with My Soul*

Offertory Prayer — Dan McLean

Musical Offering — Ukulele Ensemble & Sanctuary Choir

*The Cross Medley:*
*The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power*
*I Believe in a Hill Called Mt. Calvary*
*The Old Rugged Cross*

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,*
*The emblem of suffering and shame;*
*And I love that old cross where the dearest and best*
*For a world of lost sinners was slain.*

[Refrain] *So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,*
*Till my trophies at last I lay down;*
*I will cling to the old rugged cross,*
*And exchange it some day for a crown.*

*In that old rugged cross stained with blood so divine*
*A wondrous beauty I see.*
*For twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died*
*To pardon and sanctify me.*

*To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,*
*Its shame and reproach gladly bear;*
*Then he'll call me some day to my home far away,*
*Where his glory forever I'll share.*

✢ 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.*

Special Music — Erin Clarke & Michelle Norris

*We Shall Behold Him*

Message — Steven Norris

*Grieving with Hope*

✢ Hymn

*There's Just Something about that Name*

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus*
*There's just something about that name*
*Master, Savior, Jesus*
*Like the fragrance after the rain*
*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus*
*Let all Heaven and Earth proclaim*
*Kings and kingdoms will all pass away*
*But there's something about that name*

Opportunities for Continued Service — Steven Norris

Choral Benediction — Ukulele Ensemble & Sanctuary Choir

*The Family of God*

## 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*

### Grieving with Hope

The Good News About Death (Part 2)
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Grief is a natural expression of love, and Christian faith does not require us to deny or minimize the pain of losing someone we love. Because Jesus Christ died and rose again, we can face the profound mystery of death with confidence in God's faithfulness, trusting that death will not have the final word. This resurrection hope invites us to respond to death with hope and compassion that acknowledges sorrow while pointing toward the promises of Christ.

**1. We _____ Honestly**
*1 Thessalonians 4:13–14*

**2. We _____ Confidently**
*1 Thessalonians 4:14–17*

**3. We _____ Graciously**
*1 Thessalonians 4:18*

**Invitation to Respond**
This week, consider how resurrection hope shapes your response to grief —both your own and that of others. Give yourself permission to grieve honestly, trust God's faithfulness amid life's mysteries, and choose words of encouragement that acknowledge sorrow without explaining it away.

**We don't have to choose between the honesty of our grief and the confidence of our hope. Christian faith gives us room for both.**

## *News and Events*

**GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays:** If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, we invite you to attend this special GriefShare event at FBC on November 18 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 301. Contact Jackie Lee with questions at 678-603-0703. You can register online by visiting fbcgriffin.org/griefshare.

**Called Church Conference:** We will hold a brief, Called Church Conference following both worship services on Sunday, November 22 to elect Deacons.

**Advent by Candlelight: A Ladies' Event**
All ladies are invited to join us for a memorable evening of friendship and testimonies. The annual Advent by Candlelight event takes place on Monday, November 30th in Morgan Hall. Come early (6:00-6:30 p.m.) to enjoy O' Holy Bites (appetizers) in the Coffeehouse. Doors to Morgan Hall will open at 6:30 p.m. for ladies to greet one another and admire the beautifully decorated tables. At 6:45 p.m., Bowls of Blessings will be served (an Advent soup supper) prior to the beginning of the program at 7:00 p.m. To make your reservation (to attend or to host a table), just TEXT "abc" to (678) 940-6177 or visit our page online at fbcgriffin.org/womens-ministry no later than November 20th.

**Christmas Toy Shop Volunteers & Donations Needed:** Our Christmas Toy Shop ministers to families in our community before the Christmas holiday. If you would like to volunteer for this event, or if you are willing to shop for a toy donation, please visit our website for links and details: fbcgriffin.org/christmas-toy-shop. Set up will take place on December 6 after the Connexion worship service and the Toy Shop will be open on Monday, December 7 for those registered to participate.

**Christmas Decorations:** If you would like to contribute to the decoration of our church during the Christmas season in honor or in memory of a loved one, please place your donation of $15 per acknowledgement (along with the name(s) of the individual(s) being acknowledged) in the offering plate or give it to the church office no later than December 6.

**Morgan Hall Christmas Tree Decorating:** Tis the season to start decorating! Mark your calendars for November 22 to help us get Morgan Hall ready for the Christmas season! Plan to stay after the worship service, enjoy some pizza, and help us set up the Christmas tree and lights. Kids are invited to decorate cookies with Lori in the Hardee Hospitality Room. If you will join us for pizza and cookie decorating, then please help us plan by texting RSVP to (678) 940-6177 to sign up.

**Floral Arrangements**
The flowers in the Sanctuary and Morgan Hall are given to the glory of God and in honor of Katty Strong by Matt and Anne Krepps Neuber. 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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*A community of grace.*

November 8, 2026

*Grieving with Hope*
Steven Norris preaching

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