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 — Alison Kirkland

Prelude — Instrumental Ensemble
All is Well, arr. Richard Kingsmore

Lighting the Advent Candle — Colleen Fryza

✢ Hymn 126 — REGENT SQUARE
Angels from the Realm of Glory

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 — Diane Lamb

Hebrews 6:13-20

13 When God made a promise to Abraham, because he had no one
greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, 14 saying, "I will surely
bless you and multiply you." 15 And thus Abraham, having patiently
endured, obtained the promise. 16 Humans, of course, swear by
someone greater than themselves, and an oath given as confirmation
puts an end to all dispute among them. 17 In the same way, when God
desired to show even more clearly to the heirs of the promise the
unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it by an oath,
18 so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible
that God would prove false, we who have taken refuge might be strongly
encouraged to seize the hope set before us. 19 We have this hope, a sure
and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine
behind the curtain, 20 where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has
entered, having become a high priest forever according to the order of
Melchizedek.

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 143 — GO TELL IT
Go Tell It On The Mountain

Offertory Prayer — Ann Walker

Musical Offering — Sanctuary Choir
Bread of Heaven

✢ 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 — Steven Norris
Anchor

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 114 — TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Opportunities for Continued Service — Steven Norris

Benediction

Postlude — Becky Mozo-Adams

Advent

The Season of Waiting and Preparation

Advent marks the beginning of the Christian liturgical year and encompasses the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin adventus, meaning "coming" or "arrival." This sacred season invites Christians to prepare their hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ.

The origins of Advent can be traced to the early centuries of Christianity. By the sixth century, Christians in parts of Europe observed a period of fasting, prayer, and spiritual preparation before Christmas. Over time, Advent developed into a four-week season emphasizing both the celebration of Christ's birth and the anticipation of God's promised future.

Advent invites us to look in three directions. We look backward, remembering the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and God's faithfulness throughout history. We look forward, anticipating the fulfillment of God's kingdom when Christ comes again. We also look around, recognizing the presence of Christ in our world today.

Traditionally, the four Sundays of Advent focus on hope, peace, joy, and love. Many churches mark these themes by lighting candles on an Advent wreath, a visible reminder that the light of Christ shines in the darkness.

In a culture eager to rush toward Christmas, Advent offers a different rhythm. It teaches us the spiritual disciplines of waiting, watching, and preparing. Rather than simply counting down the days until Christmas, we are invited to cultivate expectant hearts, trusting that the God who came to dwell among us continues to make all things new.

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MINISTER OF WORSHIP ARTS

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Sermon Notes

The Anchor
What Child Is This? (Part 2)
Hebrews 6:13–20
December 6, 2026 | Second Sunday in Advent

Because Jesus is the anchor of our hope, we can trust God's faithfulness even when life is uncertain. Our hope does not rest in the certainty of our circumstances, but in the faithfulness of our Savior.

1. **God Keeps God's _____** *(vv. 13–15).*
   God's faithfulness is not measured by how quickly our circumstances change.

2. **God's _____ Does Not Change** *(vv. 16–18)*
   Our circumstances may change and our confidence may fluctuate, but God's faithfulness remains.

3. **Jesus _____ Secure** *(vv. 19–20).*
   Our hope is anchored in Jesus Christ, who has gone before us into the presence of God.

Takeout Home: Remember the Anchor
When you face uncertainty this week, instead of asking only, "What is going to happen?" ask yourself, **"Whom can I trust, whatever happens?"**

Remember God's promises, trust God's faithfulness, and hold fast to the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

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.
Christmas Toy Shop Set Up Today: Our Christmas Toy Shop set up takes place in Morgan Hall today immediately following the Connexion worship service. If you would like to volunteer to help, please gather in Morgan Hall (or the Coffeehouse) at approximately 12:30 p.m.
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 today.
World Missions: During the month of December, First Baptist traditionally spotlights the work of long-term missionaries serving abroad. When you give to world missions, your gift provides resources for the gospel to be preached in hard-to-reach places. When making your gift, please be sure to mark your giving envelope or your online gift as "Offering for Global Missions." Learn more by visiting our website at fbcgriffin.org/world-missions.
End-Of-Year Giving: As 2026 draws to a close, this is a natural time to look back with gratitude at the way God has been faithful to us and the priorities that have guided us. Would you consider a gift to our regular budget or to designated ministry accounts to continue supporting the ongoing ministries of First Baptist Church? Alternatively, you may wish to give a gift to the First Baptist Church Endowment Foundation, Inc., which operates separately from the church, but in its best interests. You can learn more about your giving options at our website: fbcgriffin.org/give.
One Church Worship & Church Conference: We will gather once again as One Church in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 20th at 11:00 a.m. Our annual church conference will take place on Sunday, December 20th. Members are encouraged to join us for a special meal in Morgan Hall following our One Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary. The Church Conference will take place immediately following the meal.
Christmas Eve Service: Our traditional Christmas Eve service begins at 5:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. We celebrate the birth of our Savior through carols, Scripture, communion, and candlelight. The Christmas Eve choir is open to the community with rehearsal at 4:30 p.m. that evening. All resources are available online for anyone who would like to sing the Hallelujah Chorus with us that evening. Please visit https://fbcgriffin.org/choir-orchestra-resources for more information.
One Church Around the Grand: On Sunday, December 27th we will gather as One Church in Morgan Hall at 11:00 a.m. around the Grand Piano. Children are invited to wear their coziest pajamas and join their families in the Common Grounds Coffeehouse for donuts and coffee prior to the worship service.

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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