What child is this?



A service for the

Hanging of the Green

First Baptist Griffin
Sunday, November 29, 2026
9:00AM Celebration Service

Celebration Service

Chiming of the Hour — Ellee Hilley

Prelude — Jacob Joiner and Becky Mozo-Adams
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," arr. Molly Ijames

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Candle of Hope — The Heavener Family

+ Hymn #83 — HYFRYDOL
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Introduction to Hanging of the Green — Steven Norris

Musical Reflection — Jayne Widener
"Greensleeves"

A Light in the Darkness

Isaiah 9:2,6 — Jackie Brandon and Barbara Jo Cook
Lighting the Candles — Jan McLean and Louisa Melton

+ Hymn #87 — FESTAL SONG
"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

An Everlasting Throne

Isaiah 11:1-5 — Louisa Melton and Rosa Wegner
Hanging the Garland — Carol Potter, Carol Bohannon, and Suzanne Campbell

+ Hymn #79 — VENI EMMANUEL
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

An Eternal Path

Isaiah 40:3-8 — Peggy Smith and Betty Bryant
Hanging the Wreaths — Nancy Blake and Robin Weymueller

Musical Reflection — Sanctuary Choir

"With Great Anticipation"

With great anticipation we gather in this place
To bring our decorations to brighten up this space.
With candles all around us we sing the songs of Christmas
To greet the holiday, we hang the greens today.

We bring the outside inside: spruce, fir, pines.
The garlands are with bows tied and laced with ivy vine.
Fresh holly and poinsettias brought down the aisles before use.
To greet the holiday, we hang the greens today.

The branches bent in circles, the wreath's unending form.
The songs and hymns of Advent announce God's Son is born.
The star is hung to guide us; ahead, above, beside us.
To greet the holiday, we hang the greens today.

A Tender Shoot

Isaiah 53:2-5 — Annette Irvin and Carol Bohannon

Placing the Poinsettias — Jan McLean, Diane Moore, and Ann Imes

Musical Reflection — Erin Clarke

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

An Everlasting Promise

Isaiah 41:17-20 — Diane Lamb and Diane Moore

Decorating the Chrismon Tree — Charlotte Chambers and Brenda Goolsby

+ Hymn #124 — THE FIRST NOEL

"The First Noel"

Offertory Prayer

Musical Offering — Jayne Widener

Message — Steven Norris

"Shepherd's Crook"

+ Hymn #148 — GREENSLEEVES

"What Child Is This"

Opportunities to Serve

Benediction

A special "Thank you" to the Esther Sunday School Class for their leadership in our service today.

News & Events

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.

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 Candlelight 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 communith 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.