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Welcome to worship!

We are so glad you've chosen to join us this week. Greenwood Forest Baptist Church is an inclusive community of faith, which means we welcome, affirm, and include all God's people in their diversity of genders, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, ages, abilities, and backgrounds. We are each beloved by God and we are happy to welcome you to our church this morning exactly as you are.

- Today's color is red, the color of fire, for Pentecost. We remember the coming of the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire on the early church.
- Hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.
- Services are livestreamed and you may end up on camera.



Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude The Source Liz Vice

Come Holy Ghost Our hearts inspire Descend upon us from above Source of the old Prophetic fire Fountain of life, Fountain of love

Come Holy Ghost By you we see The prophets wrote and spoke, "In you we will believe" Unlock the truth Yourself the key Until the sacred book.

Till Jesus we receive

Expand thy wings Celestial dove Brood over our soul's night, replace it with your love On our troubled Spirits move And let them now be light, Replace the lies with truth

> Come Holy Ghost Till Jesus we can know If you within us shine, If you within us live And we say, with all the saints below. The depth of love divine That the world may know

> > We are yours!

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Welcome to Worship

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! People: Fill our hearts!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (adapted from Romans 8:14-17)

Rev. Dr. Stacks

Leader: Beloved—all who are led by the Spirit of God

People: are children of God.

Leader: We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,

People: but a spirit of adoption.

Leader: When we cry, "Abba! Father!"

People: it is that very Spirit bearing witness that we are children of God,

Leader: and if children.

People: then heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—

Leader: if we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

People: Praise God!

Invocation Rev. Dr. Stacks

Gathering Hymn Spirit on the Church Descending

(see page 4)

Offertory Prayer Chris Cook

Presentation of the Offering

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God all creatures here below! O praise God! Alleluia!

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

O praise God, O praise God!

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Prayers of the People

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

We affirm each prayer with the following response:

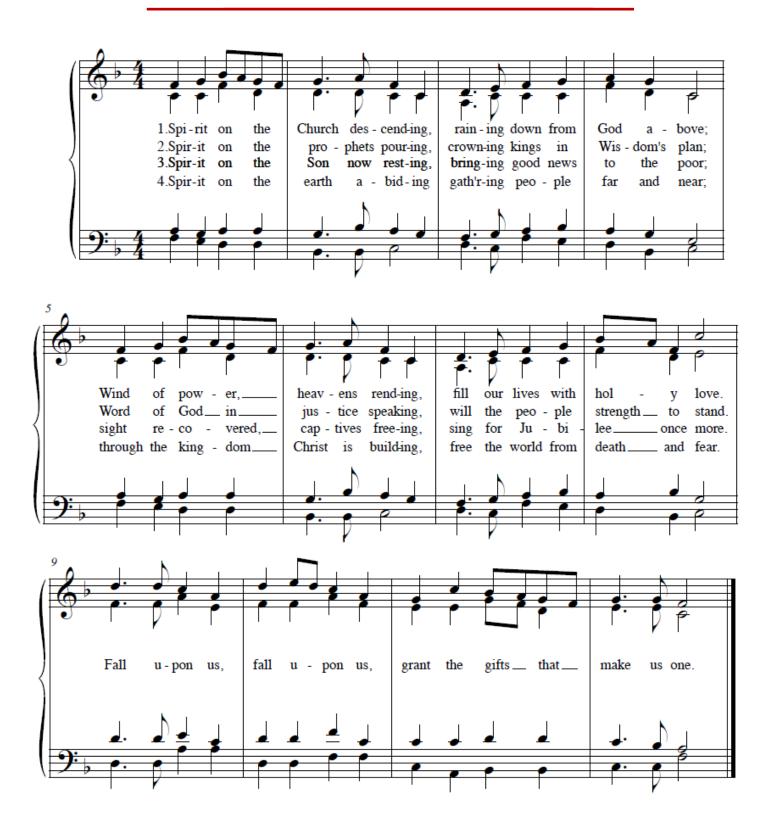
Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

We conclude the Prayers of the People with the Lord's 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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Spirit on the Church Descending



Hymn



Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Rev. Kadeisha Bonsu

We affirm the reading of Scripture with the following response:

Reader: The word of God for us, the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

arr. Mark Hayes

Lord, listen to your children praying Lord, send your Spirit in this place Lord, listen to your children praying Send us love, send us power, send us grace

Something's gonna happen
Like the world has never known
When the people of the Lord get down to pray
Doors are gonna swing open

And the walls come a-tumbling down When the people of the Lord get down to pray

God's gonna take over
God's gonna take control
When the people of the Lord get down to pray
God's gonna move that mountain
Gonna make the waters roll
When the people of the Lord get down to pray

You're gonna know it

When the Lord stretches out his hand

When the people of the Lord get down to pray

God's gonna be a brand new song

of victory in the land, yeah

When the people of the Lord get down to pray

Sermon Rev. Randy Palmer

Hymn Revive Us Again

(see page 7)

Benediction Rev. Palmer

Postlude Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart arr. Albert Mendoza

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Neighborhood Summer Program

Every summer, we join with other area churches in hosting a summer program with nutrition assistance and educational enrichment for neighborhood children. The program runs from 9:00-12:30 on Thursdays during the summer. If you can volunteer for any Thursday morning between June 23 and August 18, email Rev. Spears-Newsome (wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org) to sign up. We need folks who can work in the kitchen and who can play with elementary-school-aged kids. GFBC kids are also welcome to attend the program.

Help us Close the Gap!

Unfortunately, this year saw continued disruption for many of us because of the pandemic. That's been true for our financial life as a church, too. As of the end of April, we have spent \$27,073 more than we've received and we are also \$74,598 behind in projected congregational receipts. We can still fully subscribe this year's budget and close the gap between our spending and receipts. Can you help us achieve that goal? Don't forget your church over the next few travel-heavy months and we can end this fiscal year strong!



Churchwide Faith Formation Series Begins: Stories of Vocation and Faith

Each week we will hear a lay person reflect on the intersection of their faith lives and their vocational/work lives. This will be an exciting way to learn more about your fellow church members and to connect what we do in church with our lives during the week. This round of vocational reflections will feature Elizabeth Biser (June 5), Jazzmoné Sutton (June 12), Rick Chappell (June 19), and Mary Whitehouse (June 26).



Let us know if you're graduating!

Every year on Graduation Sunday (this year, June 12), we like to list everyone in our community who is graduating (high school/GED and above) or has graduated since last summer. If that's you, we'd like to celebrate you in the bulletin for that week!

Email the following information to Rev. Spears-Newsome (wesley.spears -newsome@gfbccary.org):

- Name of Graduate (as you wish it to appear in the bulletin)
- Graduating Institution
- Degree

We're excited to recognize this milestone for members of our community!

PRAYPRAYPRAY

Prayer List*

Richard Adair (Janice Medford's brother) Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend) Gilles Bikindou

Scott Davenport (friend of the Biser family)

Elaine Dodson

David Floyd

Ed Floyd

Vanna Fox

James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)

Sylvia Morgan

Angela Nevils-Harris (Martha Soyars' cousin)

Harold Ritter

Fred Seeger

Greg Upchurch

Marta Whitehouse (Al Whitehouse's mother)

Our partners at Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba

*To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names rotate off and can be re-added upon request.

Thank You

Thank you to my Greenwood Forest family for all of the prayers, phone calls, and visits during my recent hospitalization and recuperation. I am so grateful!

- Jennie Pegram

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Ways to Tithe

- Set up an automated bank draft by filling out a form requested from the church office, attaching a voided check, and mailing it back to the church office.
- Set up auto pay through your bank using the "Bill Pay" function. Then, your bank will mail a check to the church weekly or monthly.
- Give online through the church website at <u>afbccary.org/give</u>.

April 2022 Finance Update

Updated when the previous months' books close.

	Apr. 2022	YTD
Congregational Giving	\$45,626	\$371,582
Congregational Giving Target	\$51,000	\$446,180
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$5,374)	(\$74,598)
Other Receipts	\$3,463	\$81,116
Total Giving and Receipts	\$49,089	\$452,698
Total Disbursements	\$62,029	\$492,751
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	(\$12,940)	(\$40,053)
Together We Build Giving	\$7,650	\$155,597

