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an inclusive community of faith

► 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 colors are white and gold. White and gold symbolize divine light, the joy of resurrection, and the glory of God.*
- *Hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.*
- *Services are livestreamed and you may end up on camera.*



Order of Worship

Trinity Sunday | Graduation Sunday

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude My Faith Has Found a Resting Place arr. David Hamilton

Welcome to Worship Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Recognition of Graduates and Presentation of Gifts Rev. Spears-Newsome

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (Psalm 8)

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign,

People: How majestic is your name in all the earth!

Leader: You have set your glory above the heavens.

People: Out of the mouths of babes and infants,

Leader: You have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

People: To silence the enemy and the avenger.

Leader: When I look to your heavens, the work of your fingers,

People: The moon and the stars that you have established;

Leader: What are human beings that you are mindful of them,

People: Mortals that you care for them?

Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God,

People: And crowned them with glory and honor.

Leader: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

People: You have put all things under their feet,

Leader: All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

People: The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea.

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign,

People: How majestic is your name in all the earth!

Invocation

Gathering Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

(see page 3)

Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide Thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see;
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
on - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Presentation of the Offering

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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, Alleluia!

Hymn

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
 2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
 3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who

earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
 mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
 seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,

for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
 full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
 bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -

path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
 root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
 come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

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

Abide with Me

arr. Sara Groves

Performed by Lou and Evan Owoc-Edwards

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile
And through rebellious and perverse meanwhile
Thou has not left me though I oft left thee
On to the close, Lord, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting, Death? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold out thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Thy morning breaks and earthly shadows flee
In life and death, Lord, abide with me.

Sermon

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

(see page 7)

Graduate Commissioning

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Leader: You are God's child,

People: Gifted with dreams and visions.

Leader: Upon you rests the grace of God like flames of fire.

People: Love and serve the Lord in the strength of the Spirit.

Leader: May the deep peace of Christ go with you,

People: The strong arms of God sustain you

Leader: And the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you

People: In every way. Amen.

Benediction

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Postlude

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

arr. Cindy Berry

Hymns come from Celebrating Grace and Glory to God.

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Our hymn leader today is Rev. Lee Webb.

Be Thou My Vision

Unison

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom and Thou my true word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise,
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and Thou my high tower,
 Thou and Thou on - ly first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 raise Thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH CELEBRATES

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THE CLASS OF 2022

Morounfolu “Folu” Ogundipe
Cary Academy
High School Diploma

Jason Brooks
Appalachian State University
Bachelor of Science in Anthropology

Erica Dean Ritter
The University of North Carolina, Asheville
Bachelor of Science in Health and Wellness Promotion

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▶ 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 May, we have spent \$32,808 more than we've received and we are also \$86,694 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!



▶ Stories of Vocation and Faith

Our Faith Formation Series on vocation continues this week with Jazzmoné Sutton sharing about her work and faith. Rick Chappell will share on June 19; Mary Whitehouse on June 26.

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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.

▶ Yarn Donations Needed

Marlen Ruegg is working with the Neighborhood Summer Program again this year to provide an activity for the mothers of participating children. We could use donations of any chunky yarns to use with hoop kits to support this activity. You can bring donations by the church office on Sunday mornings throughout the summer, but we especially need some over the next few weeks to get started.

▶ Blood Drive Success!!

Thank you to all who donated at the Blood Drive. We saved up to 60 lives! Thank you especially to Susan Beck for organizing this drive each year.

▶ 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.*

▶ 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 gfbccary.org/give.

▶ May 2022 Finance Update

Updated when the previous months' books close.

	May 2022	YTD
Congregational Giving	\$51,654	\$423,236
Congregational Giving Target	\$63,750	\$509,930
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$12,096)	(\$86,694)
Other Receipts	\$12,793	\$93,909
Total Giving and Receipts	\$64,447	\$517,145
Total Disbursements	\$57,202	\$549,953
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	\$7,245	(\$32,808)
Together We Build Giving	\$5,800	\$161,397



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Leadership

Rev. Lauren Efird, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church