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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 green to symbolize the creation and growth that takes place in the season after Pentecost.*

► *Hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.*

► *Services are livestreamed and you may end up on camera.*

Faces of our Faith

We're beginning a new series in worship today called **Faces of our Faith** that will take a look at specific characters in our Scriptures and ask what we can learn from them. Some of these characters will be familiar to you and others may be entirely new! We're excited to welcome this lineup of preachers during Rev. Lauren Efrid's sabbatical to share these stories with us.



Rev. Kadeisha Bonsu
Hagar (June 19)



Rev. Amanda Warren
Shiprah and Puah (June 26)
Mary Magdalene (July 24)



Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks
Daughters of Zelophehad
(July 3)



Rev. Bucky Sydnor
Shadrach, Meshach,
and Abednego (July 10)



Rev. Al Whitehouse
Jonah (July 17)
Peter and Paul (August 21)



Susan Meador
The Woman at the Well
(July 31)



Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome
Barrabas (August 7)



Rev. Marie Collins-Maingi
The Centurian (August 14)



Order of Worship

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone arr. Kendall

Welcome to Worship Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (Psalm 33:12-22) Anna Claire Jarrell

Leader: Happy are the people whose God is the LORD,

People: The people whom God has chosen.

Leader: The LORD looks down from heaven;

People: God sees all humankind.

Leader: From where God sits enthroned, God watches all the inhabitants of the earth—

People: The one who fashions the hearts of all, and observes all their deeds.

Leader: A king is not saved by his great army;

People: A warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

Leader: The war horse is a vain hope for victory,

People: And by its great might it cannot save.

Leader: Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear God,

People: On those who hope in God's steadfast love,

Leader: To deliver their soul from death,

People: And to keep them alive in famine.

Leader: Our soul waits for the LORD;

People: God is our help and shield.

Leader: Our heart is glad in the Lord,

People: Because we trust in God's holy name.

Leader: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,

People: Even as we hope in you.

Invocation Anna Claire Jarrell

Gathering Hymn (pg. 6) Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Offertory Prayer

Chris Cook

Presentation of the Offering

OLD HUNDREDTH

Transcendent God, we bless your name,
Incarnate Christ, the risen one,
The Spirit with us, Immanent,
The Source, the Word, the Breath of Life! Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Stacks

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.

Hymn (pg. 7)

He Looked Beyond My Fault

Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:15-23

Jazzmoné Sutton

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

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
That whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
But have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
But that the world through him might be saved.

Sermon

Barabbas

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Celebration of Communion

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Prayer of Confession: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be obedient disciples. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we've not loved our neighbors, and we've not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us for what we have done and for what we've left undone, and free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mystery of Faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Hymn (pg. 8)

Jesus at Your Holy Table

Benediction

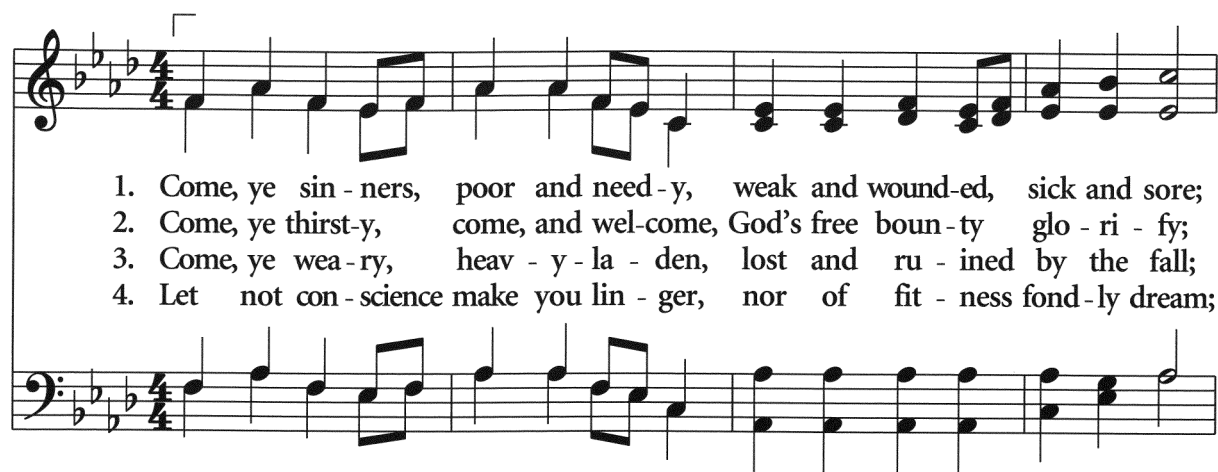
Rev. Spears-Newsome

Postlude

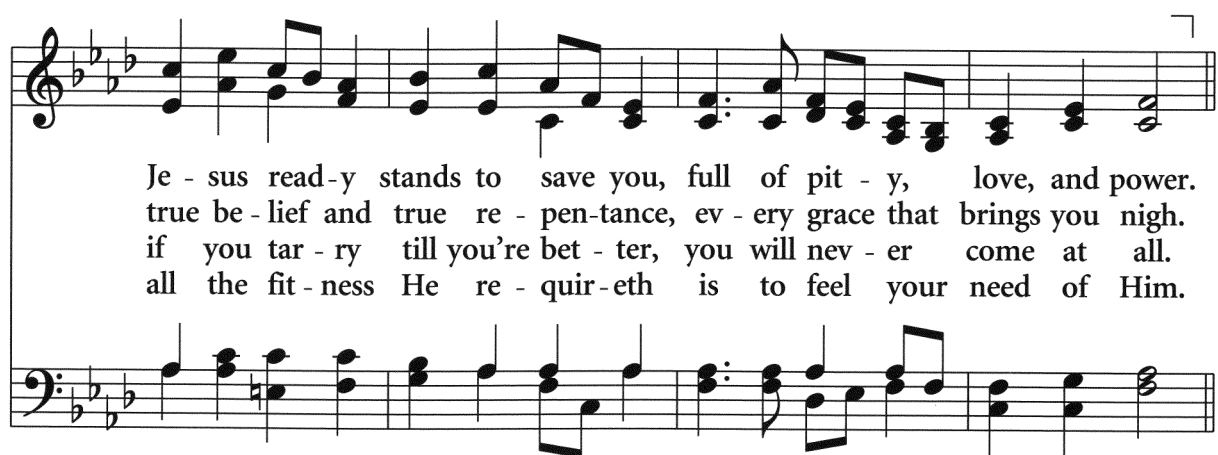
Teri Edwards is our pianist this Sunday.

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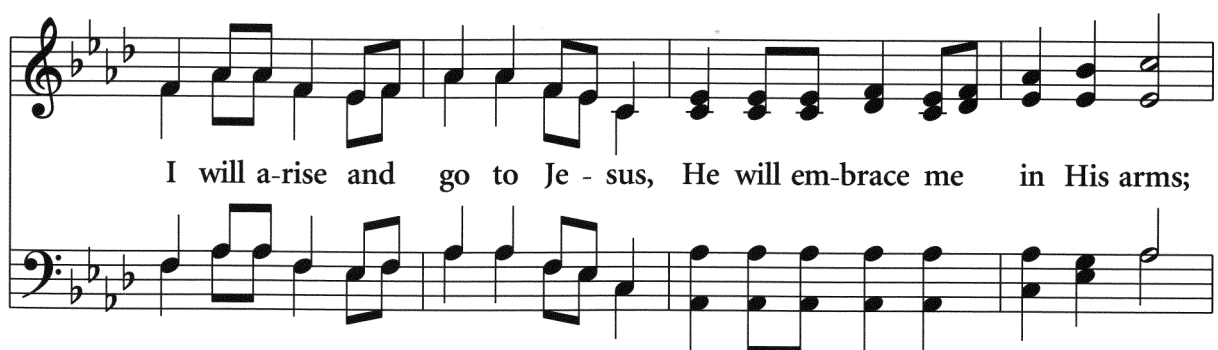
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy



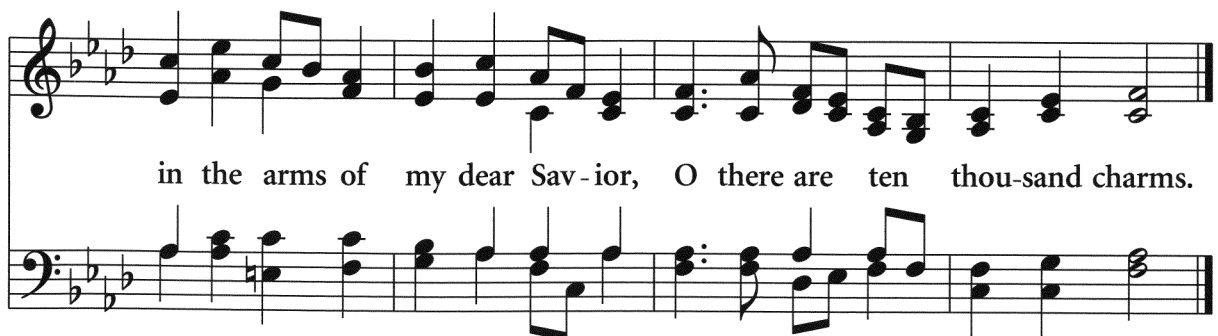
1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;
2. Come, ye thirst - y, come, and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y - la - den, lost and ru - ined by the fall;
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;



Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and power.
true be - lief and true re - pen - tance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.
all the fit - ness He re - quir - eth is to feel your need of Him.



I will a - rise and go to Je - sus, He will em - brace me in His arms;



in the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

He Looked Beyond My Fault

A - maz - ing grace shall al - ways be my song of praise,
For it was grace that bought my lib - er - ty;
I do not know just why Christ came to love me so,
He looked be - yond my fault and saw my need.
I shall for - ev - er lift mine eyes to Cal - va - ry,
To view the cross where Je - sus died for me;
How mar - vel - ous the grace that caught my fall - ing soul,
He looked be - yond my fault and saw my need.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 2/2 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The accompaniment consists of chords in the bass line. The score is divided into eight systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: 'A - maz - ing grace shall al - ways be my song of praise,' 'For it was grace that bought my lib - er - ty;' 'I do not know just why Christ came to love me so,' 'He looked be - yond my fault and saw my need.' 'I shall for - ev - er lift mine eyes to Cal - va - ry,' 'To view the cross where Je - sus died for me;' 'How mar - vel - ous the grace that caught my fall - ing soul,' 'He looked be - yond my fault and saw my need.'

Jesus, at Your Holy Table

Unison

1. Je - sus, at Your ho - ly ta - ble, may our hearts u - nit - ed be.
2. Christ, re - mind us of Your pas - sion, of Your pre - cious life out - poured,
3. Lift your hearts and raise your voic - es, cel - e - brate this won - drous love.

Bind us with Your grace and pres - ence that re - deem and set us free.
of the love which none can fath - om, and our vic - tory ev - er - more.
Join the cho - rus with all Chris - tians, and with saints who live a - bove.

Cru - ci - fy our pride and ha - tred, light the path on which we walk.
Bread of heav - en, wine of prom - ise, feed us with Your ho - ly Word.
Si - lent lips now sing with glad - ness, blind - ed eyes are filled with sight.

Teach us how to love each oth - er, in the way that You have taught.
Nour - ish us with Your strong pres - ence, ris - en Sav - ior, on - ly Lord.
Je - sus' love has pierced our dark - ness, brought us home to peace and light.

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► GFCC Is Hiring!

The Greenwood Forest Children's Center still has a few openings for the next school year! If you or anyone you know is interested in a part-time teaching position at the GFCC, please contact Elizabeth Wolber at gfccdirector@gmail.com. Here are positions that need filled:

- Tots Class (8:45-12:45, Tues/Thurs) at \$13-14/hr
- Twos Class Floater (9:00-12:50, Mon/Wed/Fri) at \$13/hr
- 3s Lead Teacher (8:30-1:00, Tues/Thurs) at \$14/hr
- 4s Teacher (8:40-1:50, Mon/Wed/Fri) at \$14-15/hr
- 4s Teacher (8:40-1:50, Mon thru Fri) at \$14-15/hr

► Business Meeting on August 21

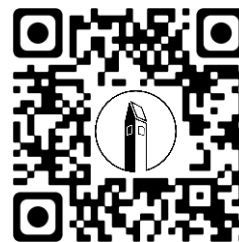
There will be a regular business meeting via Zoom on August 21 at 2pm, the primary focus of which will be votes on the 2022-2023 budget and nominating slate. Please plan to be in attendance!

► GFBC Golf Tournament Returns

You can register for our annual charity golf tournament (September 12) at gfbccary.org/golf. Sign up your team and come join us! Proceeds benefit the GFBC Organ Fund this year.

► 2022-2023 Nominating Process

We are close to finalizing the 2022-2023 Nominating Process for leadership positions in the upcoming church year. If you receive an email from anyone on the committee, please respond as promptly as you can—and if you haven't been able to figure out where you can serve, contact Rev. Spears-Newsome at wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org.



Scan to give!

PRAYPRAYPRAYPRAY

► Prayer List*

Richard Adair (Janice Medford's brother)
 Nell Allen
 Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)
 Gilles Bikindou
 Scott Davenport (friend of the Biser family)
 Elaine Dodson
 Vanna Fox
 James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)
 Angela Nevils-Harris (Martha Soyars' cousin)
 Jennie Pegram
 Karen Peter (Virgil and Gail Jones' friend)
 Harold Ritter
 The Smith Family at the death of Leon Smith
 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.*

GIVEGIVEGIVEGIVE

► 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.

► June 2022 Finance Update

Updated when the previous months' books close.

	June 2022	YTD
Congregational Giving	\$41,921	\$465,157
Congregational Giving Target	\$51,000	\$560,930
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$9,079)	(\$95,773)
Other Receipts	\$4,654	\$98,562
Total Giving and Receipts	\$46,575	\$563,719
Total Disbursements	\$67,187	\$617,140
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	(\$20,612)	(\$53,421)
Together We Build Giving	\$7,065	\$168,462



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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