

Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

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Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church

**an inclusive
community
of faith**

Welcome

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 exactly as you are.

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REMINDERS



Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers. There is also a glider in the back of the sanctuary if you need to rock your little ones.



Hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the sanctuary along with a transcript of the sermon.



Services are livestreamed and you may end up on camera.



Gender-neutral, single-occupant bathrooms are located at the back of the sanctuary in the Narthex.



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Announcements Church Events and Updates

Charity Golf Tournament

You can register for our annual charity golf tournament (September 12) at gfbccary.org/golf. Sign up your team and come join us!

Please register and pay by September 5. Proceeds benefit the GFBC Organ Fund this year.

If you cannot play, but would like to become a sponsor for the event, please contact Rev. Stacks at stephen.stacks@gfbccary.org!

'22-'23 Teaching Series

We're excited to announced our slate of churchwide Faith Formation series for this year:

- The Gospels Book Club (October 2-23): An overview of the gospels and deep dive into each gospel's characteristics led by Rev. Bucky Sydnor.
- Coffeehouse Theology (January 8-29): Connecting 'secular' music and our spiritual lives led by Rev. Dr. Stacks.
- Stories of Vocation and Faith (August 6-27): Back by popular demand, we'll hear stories from our fellow church members about the intersection of faith and their work.



Deacon Ordination

On September 11, we will welcome our new Deacon Board and thank the outgoing deacons for their service to the church. We will ordain Carol Carter as a first time deacon in worship and the whole deacon board will go on an afternoon retreat following worship. Please be in prayer for our new church leaders!

Ministry Monday

Save the Date!

Our regular meetings of church committees will resume for the fall on September 26 in the evening. If you're on a committee that's meeting, you'll receive an email from your committee chair. We can't wait to begin the work of this new year!

Community Notes Prayer Requests and Giving



Please keep in prayer these members of our community and their friends and family. To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names rotate off and can be re-added upon request.

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)
Sharon Guenther
Karen Peter (Virgil and Gail Jones' friend)
Harold Ritter
Fred Seeger
Greg Upchurch
Nancy Watson
Marta Whitehouse (Al Whitehouse's mother)

Our partners at Ebenezer Baptist in Cuba



All of the ministries of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church are supported by members of our community like you. Thank you! Supporting us is easy. You can:

- Give online at gfbccary.org/give
- Place your gift in the offering plate before or after worship.
- Set up an automated bank draft through the church office.
- Set up a recurring gift through your bank's "bill pay" function.

A monthly finance update is available in the weekly church email. If you're not receiving our weekly email and would like to, please contact the church office.

Monthly Ministry Highlight:

Backpack Buddies

One of the children who receives food from us each week told his teacher that Friday is his favorite day because he gets his pack for the weekend. During this long period of hardship, you have made a difference in over 100 kids' lives each week. Consider becoming a Backpack Buddies recurring donor at gfbccary.org/give and selecting Backpack Buddies from the dropdown list. If you can help sustain this program with a \$5, \$10, or \$25 a month gift, we can keep helping this child's favorite day of the week happen.

What can you do for our neighborhood kids?

- Join a GFBC Backpack Buddies packing group on the first Tuesday of each month at 11am (masks required). Contact Judy Vaccaro at judyvaccaro@gmail.com if interested.
- Becoming a sustaining donor for Backpack Buddies by setting up a recurring donation at gfbccary.org/give, selecting Backpack Buddies in the funds list.
- Pray for our kids and their teachers as they go back to school this year.
- Fund classroom supplies for our neighborhood schools. Ask your nearest school if they have teachers with wishlists with supplies they still need.
- Start getting informed about the local school board race for our area schools (District 9). Candidates for our seat include Tyler Swanson and Michele Morrow. The election is in November.



Order of Worship 13th Sunday after Pentecost

✝ This icon indicates an invitation to stand or express reverence however you see fit.

📖 This icon indicates a worship aid is available in the righthand column.

🎵 Hymns and song lyrics are available in the songbook following the Order of Worship.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude | *God Will Take Care of You* | arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome to Worship | Rev. Lauren Efird

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship | Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: I appeal to you therefore,

People: To present your bodies as a living sacrifice,

Leader: Holy and acceptable to God,

People: Which is your spiritual worship.

Leader: Do not be conformed to this world;

People: Be transformed by the renewing of your minds,

Leader: That you may discern what is the will of God:

People: What is good and acceptable and perfect.

Leader: O Lord, you are our parent,

People: We are the clay,

Leader: And you are our potter;

People: We are all the work of your hand.

Invocation | Rev. Spears-Newsome

✝ **Gathering Hymn** | *All Our Work and All Our Being* (pg. 7)

Offertory Prayer | Steve Denning

Today's color is **green**, symbolizing the creation and growth that takes place in the season after Pentecost.

The Passing of the Peace

The passing of the peace is a symbolic enactment of the reconciling love and mercy of God in our midst. We express it through a peace sign, a handshake, a wave, or many other expressions of peace. Be mindful and considerate of others' desire for physical space or distance.

Prayer in Worship

We use many kinds of prayers in worship. The Call to Worship is a communal prayer using call and response. The Invocation is a single individual inviting (or invoking) God into our worship this morning. The Prayers of the People uses intercessory prayer to ask God to come to the world's aid. The benediction is a blessing offered over those gathered in worship.

† **Doxology** | *Tune: 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. Stephen Stacks* 📖
Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

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** | *Have Thine Own Way* (vv. 1, 2, and 3; pg. 8)

Scripture Reading | *Matthew 11:28-30* | *Rev. Spears-Newsome*
The word of God for us, the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem | *Have Mercy on Us* (pg. 10)

Sermon | *Rest for Your Souls* | *Rev. Efird*

Communion | *Rev. Efird* 📖

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** | *Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face* (vv. 1, 2, and 3; pg. 9)

Benediction | *Rev. Efird*

Postlude | *The Solid Rock* | *arr. Lynette Maynard*

The Prayers of the People

The Prayers of the People are when we ask God for help in our world. The prayer typically has five parts: a confession, prayers for the earth, prayers for the world, prayers for the church, and prayers for those with needs in our own community. You can find the list of people in need of prayer in the "Prayer" section of the bulletin.

Communion

During Communion, we gather around the table, as Christ showed us, to remember and give thanks for God's saving acts with bread and wine. We have an open table—all who wish to take Communion are invited to participate.

All Our Work and All Our Being



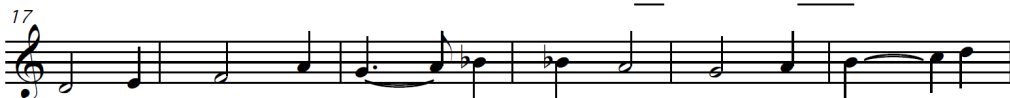
1. All our work and all _____ our be - ing come from
 2. Some may nur - ture those _____ who hun - ger, tend and
 3. Let us la - bor in _____ the know - ledge that no



you _____ most gra - cious Lord. Ev' - ry task which
 heal _____ the bro - ken heart; Set our flag - ging
 task _____ can be _____ too small; That our God who



lies _____ be - fore us is Cre - a - tor's will _____ out - poured.
 spir - its danc - ing, spark our vis - ion through _____ their art.
 stretched the heav - ens no less shaped _____ the least _____ of all.



Help us as we build _____ your king - dom, know we la - bor
 Oth - ers teach and of - fer coun - sel, bear life's bur - dens,
 Give us strength, Lord, to _____ ac - com - plish what you set _____ our



not in vain; Give _____ us sure and deep _____ con - vic - tion
 ease its care; Strive _____ for jus - tice, peace, _____ and free - dom
 hands to do, That _____ by serv - ing those _____ a - round us,

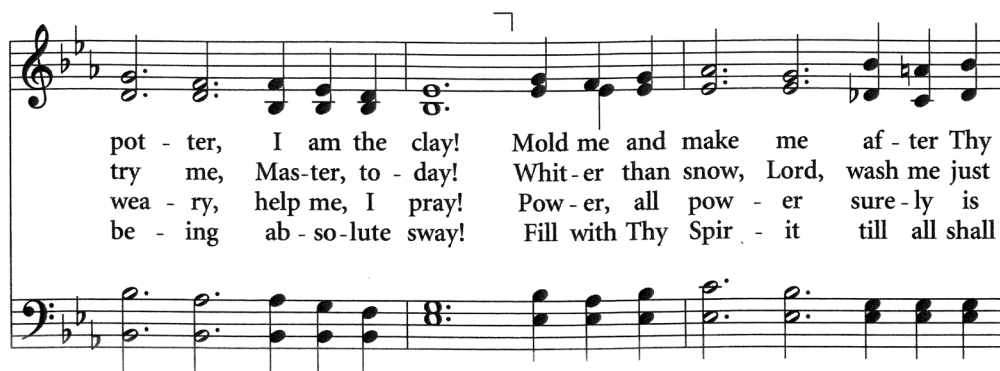


for _____ the tasks _____ that you or - ry - dain.
 for _____ the all peo - ple ev' - ry - where.
 we _____ re - turn _____ the gift to you.

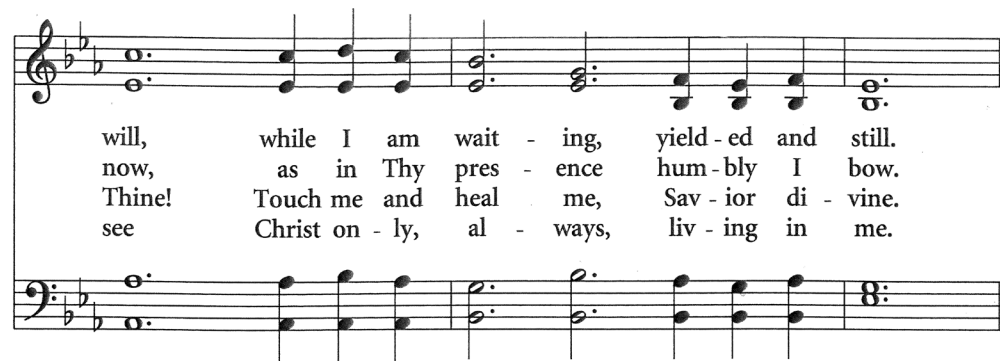
Have Thine Own Way



1. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the
 2. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and
 3. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wound-ed and
 4. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my



pot - ter, I am the clay! Mold me and make me af - ter Thy
 try me, Mas - ter, to - day! Whit - er than snow, Lord, wash me just
 wea - ry, help me, I pray! Pow - er, all pow - er sure - ly is
 be - ing ab - so - lute sway! Fill with Thy Spir - it till all shall



will, while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
 now, as in Thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
 Thine! Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine.
 see Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me.

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

1. Here, O my Lord, I see You face to face;
 2. This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 3. Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
 4. Too soon we rise; the sym - bols dis - ap - pear;
 5. Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by;

here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread for me;
 here drink a - new the roy - al wine of heaven;
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
 yet, pass - ing, points to that glad feast a - bove,

here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro - long
 here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 The bread and wine re - move; but You are here,
 giv - ing sweet fore - taste of the fes - tal joy,

and all my wea - ri - ness up - on You lean.
 the hour of fel - low - ship so rich and free.
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.
 the Lamb's great bri - dal feast of bliss and love.

Anthem Have Mercy on Us

Porter's Gate

The goodness of the Lord is the kindness of the Lord
with ev'ry breath we take, the gift of life and grace.
The power of the Lord is the meekness of the Lord
who bore humanity with brave humility.

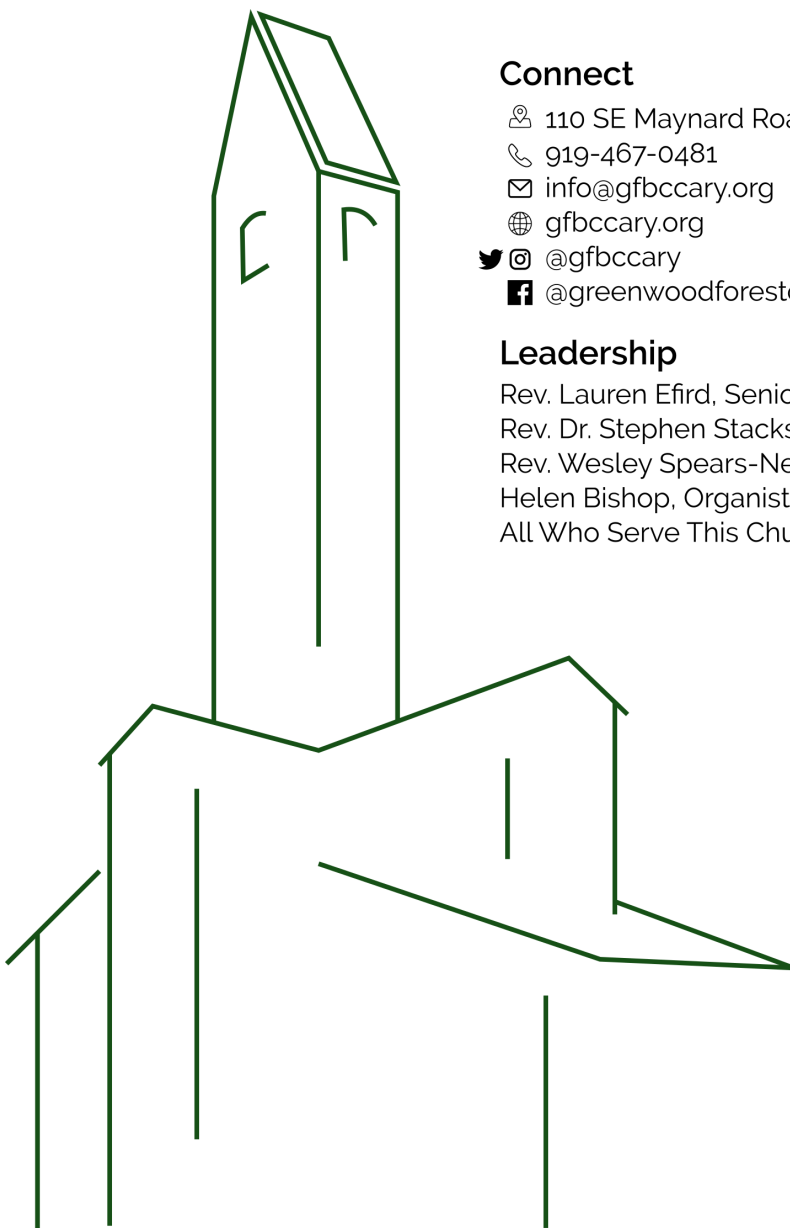
Let your mercy flow through us, your mercy, your mercy.

The beauty of the Lord is the suff'ring of the Lord,
is Christ upon a tree, stripped of dignity.
The glory of the Lord is the mercy of the Lord,
gives life for us to see a new humanity.

When they see us, may they see your mercy.
When they know us, may they know your mercy.

Bless the hands and feet of those who serve in need,
of the broken and ashamed
Bless the weary soul, the Lord will make us whole;
God, speak peace to those afraid!
May the words we speak build a bridge for peace—
Your lovingkindness shows the way!
Open up our doors, giving refuge for all the weary and afraid.

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