



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

'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.

Ministry Monday

Our regular meetings of church committees will resume for the fall on September 26. 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!

Team A (6:30-7:15pm): Children, Congregational Care, Outreach and Fellowship, Personnel, Properties

Team B (7:30-8:15pm): Discipleship, Finance, Worship, Youth

Local Schools: How You Can Help

- 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.

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)
Mac Graham
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.

Order of Worship 14th 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 | *But the Lord is Mindful* | F. Mendelssohn

Welcome to Worship | Rev. Lauren Efird

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship (Psalm 84) | Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: My soul longs, indeed it faints for your courts;

Leader: My heart and my flesh

People: Sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home,

People: And the swallow a nest she may lay her young,

Leader: At your altars, O Lord of hosts,

People: My sovereign and my God.

Leader: Happy are those who live in your house,

People: Ever singing your praise.

Leader: Happy are those whose strength is in you,

People: In whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Leader: As they go through the valley of Baca

People: They make it a place of springs.

Leader: They go from strength to strength;

People: The God of gods will be seen in Zion.

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.

Invocation | *Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks*

† **Gathering Hymn** | *Here I Am, Lord* (pg. 7)

Offertory Prayer | *Steve Denning*

† **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. Spears-Newsome* 📖

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 king-
dom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

† **Hymn** | *Loving Spirit* (pg. 9)

Scripture Reading | *Acts 6:1-6* | *Rev. Dr. Stacks*

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

Thanks be to God.

Anthem | *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me* (pg. 6)

Deacon Testimony | *Carol Carter*

Deacon Ordination and Laying on of Hands 📖

Commissioning of the New Deacon Board

† **Hymn** | *Spirit of the Living God* (pg. 10) 📖

Benediction | *Rev. Efird*

Postlude | *Take My Life and Let It Be* | *arr. Labenske*

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.

Laying on of Hands

One of the most important moments in an ordination service is the laying on of hands. This is the time when the gathered congregation blesses the candidate and calls the Holy Spirit to fall upon them, and the candidate feels both the weight of their calling and the support they have from the community in their new role.

Final Hymn: An Invitation

During the final hymn, if you'd like to join our community at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, we invite you to come forward to the altar. When you come forward, you'll be greeted by a minister and a deacon who will then introduce you to the congregation after the hymn. Welcome!

Anthem Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me,
I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see,
I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal,
Thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek,
For Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me,
I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see,
I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear,
thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions neighborly,
Speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me,
I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly,
Make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would
And cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be
Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me,
I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow'r to see,
I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield,
Be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be,
Lord, thine the victory.

Here I Am, Lord

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,

My hand will save. they turn a - way. I, who made the stars of night,
 My hand will save. I will break their hearts of stone,
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear My
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak My
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give My

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 word to them. Whom shall I send?
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

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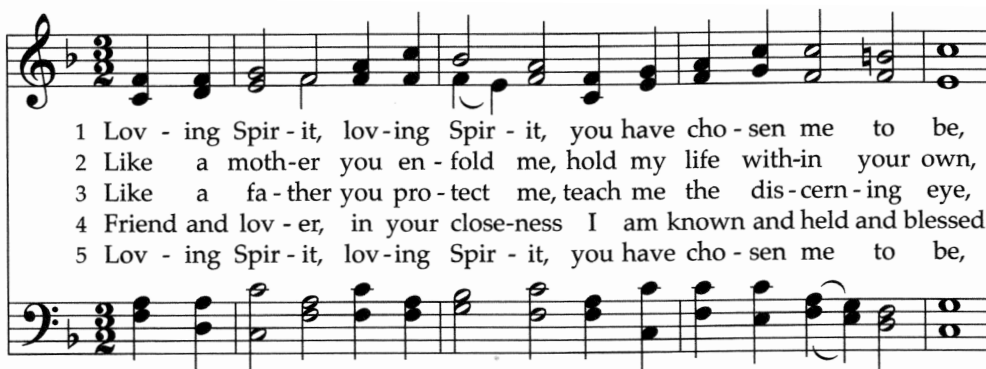
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You call - ing in the night. (in the night.)

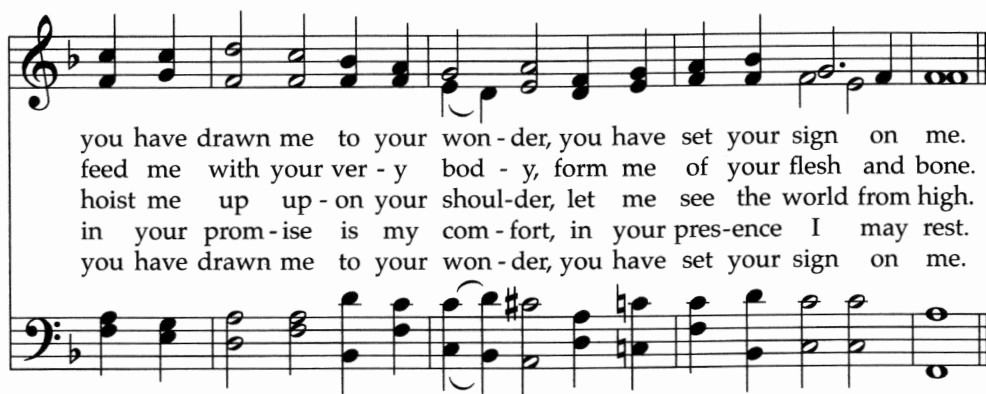
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.

Loving Spirit



1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,
2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

Spirit of the Living God

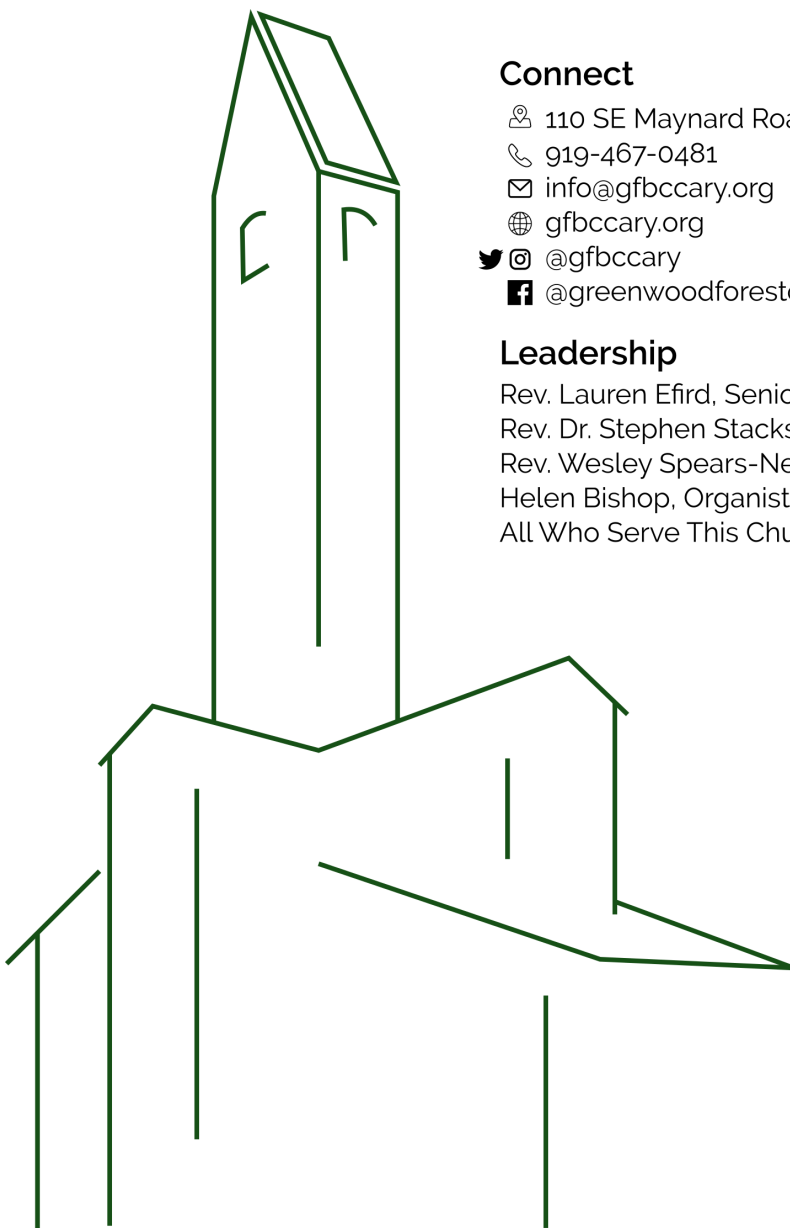
The musical score is written for a four-part vocal ensemble (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me; Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The score ends with a double bar line.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me; Spir - it of the

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fill me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

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All Who Serve This Church