



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

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.

'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 (via Zoom)

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

Community Notes Prayer Requests and Giving



PRAY

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
Marta Whitehouse (Al Whitehouse's mother)

Our partners at Ebenezer Baptist in Cuba



GIVING

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 15th 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 | *O God Beyond All Praising (Jupiter)* | G. Holst

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 113) | Rev. Spears-Newsome

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord;

People: Praise the name of the Lord!

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord,

People: From this time on and forevermore.

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting

People: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

Leader: The LORD is high above all nations,

People: And God's glory is above the heavens.

Leader: Who is like the Lord our God, seated on high,

People: Who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

Leader: God raises the poor from the dust,

People: And lifts the needy from the ash heap,

Leader: To make them sit with leaders,

People: With the leaders among God's people.

Leader: God gives the barren woman a home, making her joyous.

People: Praise the Lord!

Invocation | Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

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.

† **Gathering Hymn** | *Take My Life And Let It Be* (vv. 1-2; pg. 6)

Offertory Prayer | *Chris Cook*

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

Hymn | *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* (pg. 7)

† **Scripture Reading** | *Luke 16:1-13* | *Rev. Spears-Newsome*

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

Thanks be to God.

Anthem | *His Eye is on the Sparrow* (pg. 9)

Sermon | *Cheating the Present Age* | *Rev. Efrid*

† **Hymn** | *Give Me Jesus* (pg. 8) 📖

Benediction | *Rev. Efrid*

Postlude | *Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him* | *arr. Lloyd Larson*

The Doxology

A “doxology” is a short hymn that usually praises the Trinity. We sing the doxology as we symbolically present our offerings back to God.

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.

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!

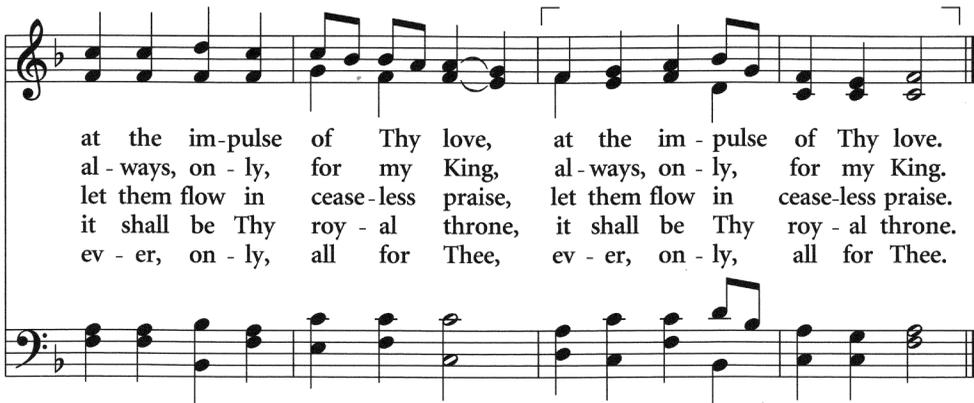
Take My Life and Let it Be



1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
2. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti -
3. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would
4. Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no
5. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its



Lord, to Thee; take my hands, and let them move
ful for Thee; take my voice, and let me sing
I with - hold; take my mo - ments and my days,
long - er mine; take my heart, it is Thine own,
treasure store. Take my - self and I will be



at the im-pulse of Thy love, at the im - pulse of Thy love.
al - ways, on - ly, for my King, al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
let them flow in cease-less praise, let them flow in cease-less praise.
it shall be Thy roy - al throne, it shall be Thy roy - al throne.
ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1. Je-sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild rest - less sea;
2. Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship of the vain world's gold - en store,
3. In our joys and in our sor-rows, days of toil and hours of ease,
4. Je-sus calls us: by Your mer-cies, Sav-ior, may we hear Your call,

day by day His sweet voice sound-eth, say - ing "Chris-tian, fol - low me!"
from each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing "Chris-tian, love me more."
still He calls in cares and plea-sures, "Chris-tian, love Me more than these."
give our hearts to full o - be - dience, serve and love You best of all.

Give Me Jesus

1. In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
2. Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
3. And when I am a - lone, and when I am a - lone,
4. And when I come to die, and when I come to die,

in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
and when I am a - lone, give me Je - sus.
and when I come to die, give me Je - sus.

Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus,

you may have all this world, give me Je - sus.

Anthem His Eye is on the Sparrow

Charles Gabriel

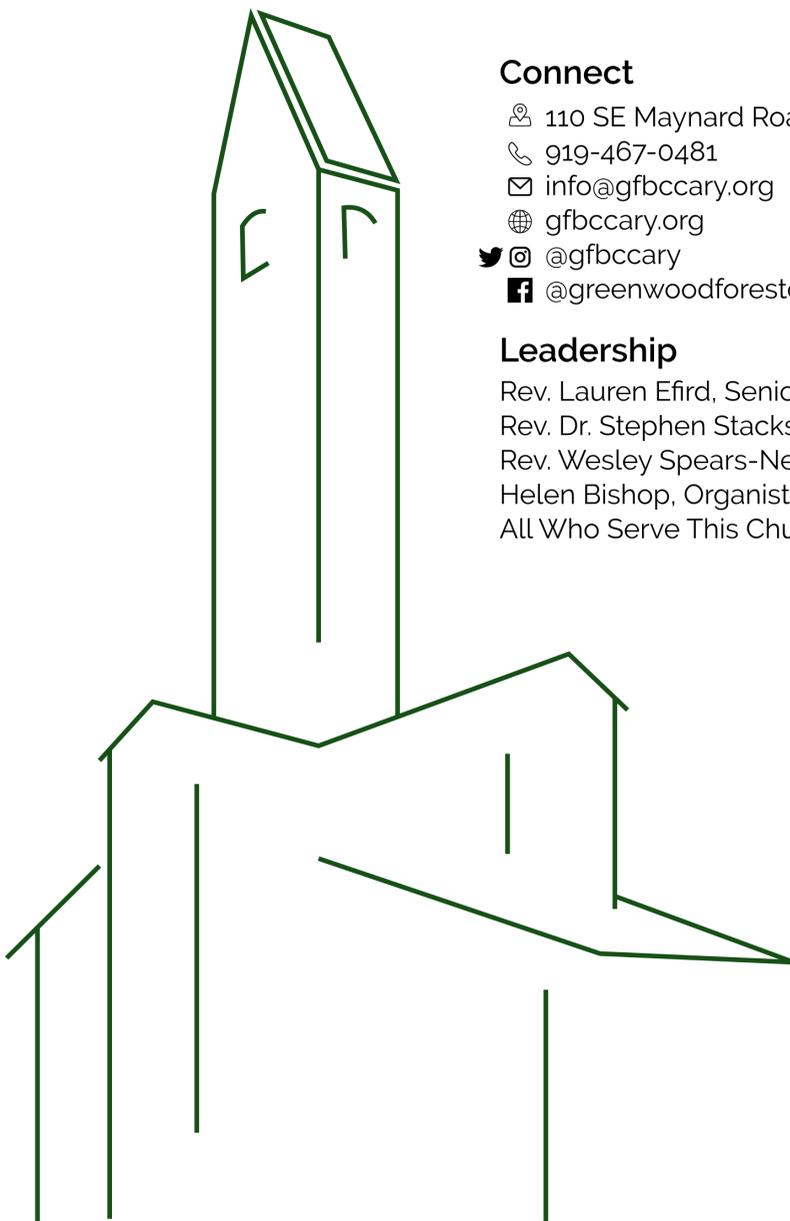
Why should I feel discouraged,
Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely,
And long for heav'n and home;
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant Friend is he;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled,"
His tender word I hear,
And resting on his goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path he leadeth,
But one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.

Whenever I am tempted,
Whenever clouds arise;
When songs give place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him,
From care he sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.

*I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free;
For his eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.*

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