



**Greenwood Forest**  
Baptist Church

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**an inclusive  
community  
of faith**

# Welcome

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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

## *Ministry Monday (9/26)*

Our regular meetings of church committees will resume for the fall **this Monday (9/26)**! 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, Personnel, Properties, Youth

**Team B (7:30-8:15pm):** Congregational Care, Discipleship, Finance, Outreach and Fellowship, Worship

## *'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.



## *Backpack Buddies: 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](mailto:judyvaccaro@gmail.com) if interested.
- Becoming a sustaining donor for Backpack Buddies by setting up a recurring donation at [gfbccary.org/give](https://gfbccary.org/give), selecting Backpack Buddies in the funds list.

# 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  
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](http://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](http://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 16th 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** | *All Glory Be to God on High* | Walther

**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 146)** | Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

**We will sing praises to our God all our life long.**

Do not put your trust in princes,

**In mortals, in whom there is no help.**

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

**On that very day their plans perish.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

**Whose hope is in the Lord their God,**

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

**Who keeps faith forever;**

Who executes justice for the oppressed;

**Who gives food to the hungry.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

**The Lord loves the righteous.**

The Lord watches over the strangers;

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.

**God upholds the orphan and the widow.**

The Lord will reign forever.

**Praise the Lord!**

**Invocation** | *Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks*

† **Gathering Hymn** | *Take My Life And Let It Be* (vv. 1, 3; pg. 6)

**Offertory Prayer** | *Carol Carter*

† **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. Wesley 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

† **Hymn** | *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* (pg. 7)

**Scripture Reading** | *Luke 16:19-31* | *Rev. Dr. Stacks*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** | *Poor Man Lazarus* (pg. 9)

**Sermon** | *The Great Chasm* | *Rev. Efird*

† **Hymn** | *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* (pg. 8) 📖

**Benediction** | *Rev. Efird*

**Postlude** | *My Faith, It is an Oaken Staff* | *arr. Mendoza*

## **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.

## **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,  
 trea - sure 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.

# The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/2 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

1. The church of Christ can - not be bound by walls of wood or stone.  
2. True faith will o - pen up the door and step in - to the street.  
3. True love will not sit i - dly by when jus - tice is de - nied.  
4. If what we have, we free - ly share to meet our neigh - bor's need,

Where char - i - ty and love are found, there can the church be known.  
True ser - vice will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.  
True mer - cy hears the home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.  
then we ex - tend the Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.

# Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1. Lord, You give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and preach the word."  
 2. Lord, You call us to Your ser-vice: "In my name bap-tize and teach."  
 3. Lord, You make the com-mon ho-ly: "This My bod-y, this My blood."  
 4. Lord, You show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa-ther, what they do, for-give."  
 5. Lord, You bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you to the end."

Lest the church ne-glect its mis-sion, and the gos-pel go un-heard,  
 That the world may trust Your prom-ise, life a-bun-dant meant for each,  
 Let us all, for earth's true glo-ry, dai-ly lift life heav-en-ward,  
 Yet we hoard as pri-vate trea-sure all that You so free-ly give.  
 Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing, may we serve as You in-tend,

help us wit-ness to Your pur-pose with re-newed in-teg-ri-ty;  
 give us all new fer-vor, draw us clos-er in com-mu-ni-ty;  
 ask-ing that the world a-round us share Your chil-dren's lib-er-ty;  
 May Your care and mer-cy lead us to a just so-ci-e-ty;  
 and, a-mid the cares that claim us, hold in mind e-ter-ni-ty;

with the Spir-it's gifts em-power us for the work of min-is-try.

# **Anthem** Poor Man Lazarus

Jester Hairston

Poor man Lazarus, sick and disabled,  
dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue,  
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!  
He had to eat crumbs from the rich man's table  
dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue,  
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!

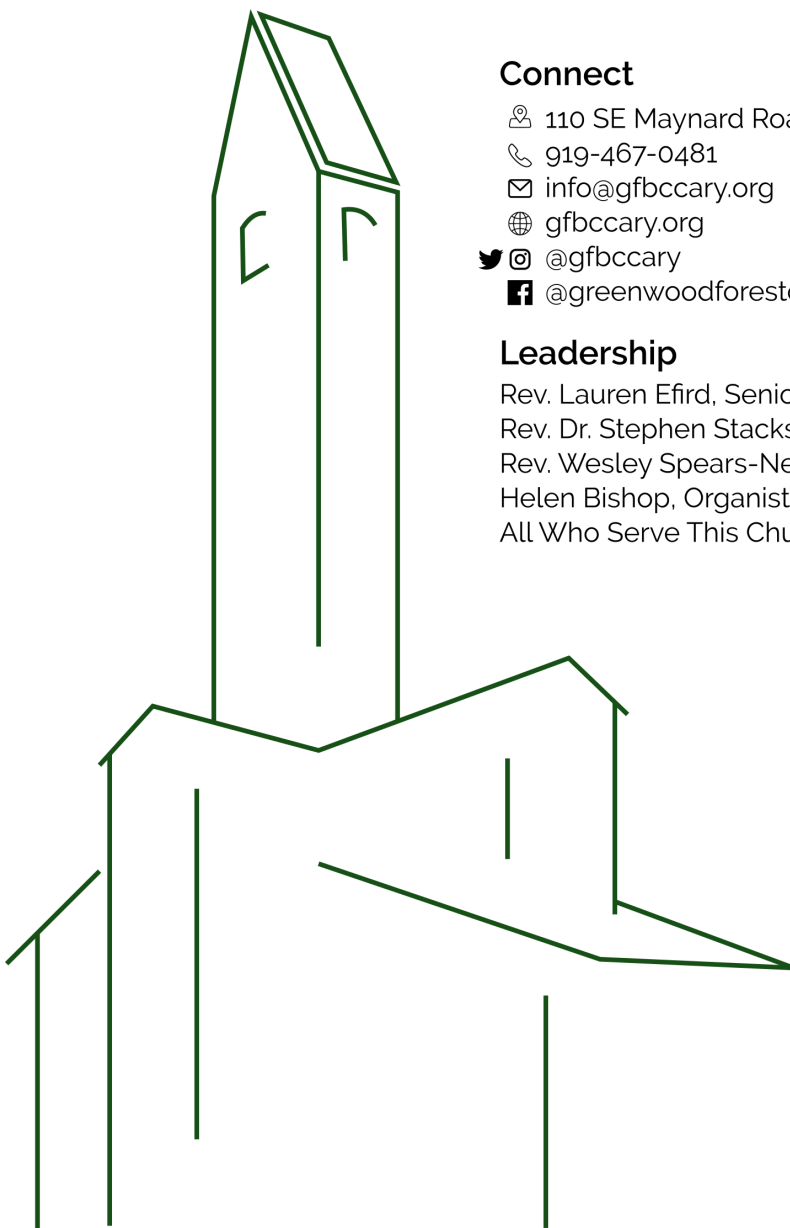
I'm tormented in the flame!  
I'm tormented in the flame!  
Dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue,  
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!

Rich man Divies, he lived so well.  
Dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue,  
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!  
And when he died, he went straight to hell.  
Dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue,  
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!

I love to shout, I love to sing.  
Dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue,  
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!  
I love to praise my heavenly King.  
Dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue,  
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!

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All Who Serve This Church