



Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

October 9, 2022



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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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

Fall Festival Returns!

Join us for a night of live music, games, food, and fun on October 30, beginning at 4pm. We will have The Golden Spoon Chili Cookoff, kids-oriented games, the children and youth cake baking competition, live music provided by our youth. In addition to the chili contest tasting, we will have dinner and cake available for all attendees. We can't wait to see you there! Sign up to join in the chili cookoff at gfbccary.org/chili!

Stewardship Update

We have an exciting year of ministry ahead of us at Greenwood Forest! In order to engage in all these activities, we will need to raise \$612,000 this year from congregational giving. We are asking every member who is not regularly giving to consider setting up a recurring gift. For everyone already giving, we're asking you to consider what 5-7% more would look like for you. Greenwood Forest is a deeply meaningful place to all of us who call it home and we hope to come together to keep it an open sanctuary for all.

Rev. Efird's Anniversary

From the Personnel Committee: October has two important anniversaries for GFBC. October 2 marks Rev. Lauren Efird's 11th year of service with GFBC and October 23 marks her 6th anniversary as our Senior Pastor. We'd like to say a big thank you for Lauren's leadership and care. Be sure to give Lauren a big thank you for all she does.

October Electoral Events

You can engage civic leaders directly in the leadup to this November's elections. Consider joining us at this assembly hosted by ONE Wake, the non-partisan community organization Greenwood Forest helped start with dozens of other Wake County organizations and communities of faith.

United States Senate Candidate Assembly

Hundreds of delegates from ONE Wake and similar NC organizations have combined forces to bring our concerns directly to Senate candidates Cheri Beasley and Ted Budd. **Come hear directly from them at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (Durham) on October 16 at 3pm.** More information at onewake.org.

Gospels Teaching Series

Join us for a churchwide Faith Formation series led by Rev. Bucky Sydnor! After an introduction to the gospels, we will take a one hour look at each gospel over four sessions. The class will draw out some of each gospel's character and seek to entice you to adopt one as a favorite dwelling place.

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.

Wayne Abbott
Richard Adair (Janice Medford's brother)
Nell Allen
Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)
Gilles Bikindou
Scott Davenport (friend of the Biser family)
Steve Denning
Isaac Efird
Vanna Fox
James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)
Mac Graham
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
- 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:

Youth Ministry

The youth of our church are involved in so many different places: they run our sound and livestream in worship, they pack for the Backpack Buddies Program, they volunteer for the Neighborhood Summer Program, and they meet for their own discipleship time (called Alpha & Omega) after worship each week. The spiritual formation and community service our youth bring to our church would not be possible without your support. Sign up to give at gfbccary.org/give today!

Order of Worship 18th 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

Welcome to Worship | Rev. Lauren Efird

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Stewardship Testimony | Anthony Warren

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship (Ps. 111) | Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord
with my whole heart,

In the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord,

Studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is God's work,

And God's righteousness endures forever.

The Lord has gained renown by wonderful deeds;

The Lord is gracious and merciful.

God provides food for those who fear the Lord;

God is ever mindful of the covenant.

The works of God's hands are faithful and just;

All God's precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever,

To be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

God sent redemption to the people;

Holy and awesome is God's name!

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

All who practice it have a good understanding.

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. Stacks*

† **Gathering Hymn** | *O For A Thousand Tongues (pg. 6)*

Offertory Prayer | *Sally Shaver*

† **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. 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** | *O God Beyond All Praising (pg. 7)*

Scripture Reading | *Luke 17:11-19* | *Rev. Dr. Stacks*

The word of God for us, the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem | *Great Are You Lord (pg. 10)*

Sermon | *Rev. Efird*

† **Hymn** | *All Creatures of Our God and King (vv. 1, 4, 5 pg. 9)* 📖

Benediction | *Rev. Efird*

Postlude

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!

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing



1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3. Je-sus, the name that calms my fears, that bids my sor-rows cease;
4. He breaks the power of can-celed sin, He sets the pris-oner free;
5. He speaks, and lis-tening to His voice, new life the dead re-ceive;
6. To God all glo-ry, praise, and love be ev-er, ev-er given



the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of His grace.
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of Thy name.
'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears; 'tis life and health and peace.
His blood can make the foul-est clean, His blood a-vailed for me.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.
by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heaven.



O God Beyond All Praising

Unison

1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship You to-day
 2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
 that we who know Your fa-vor may serve You as our King;

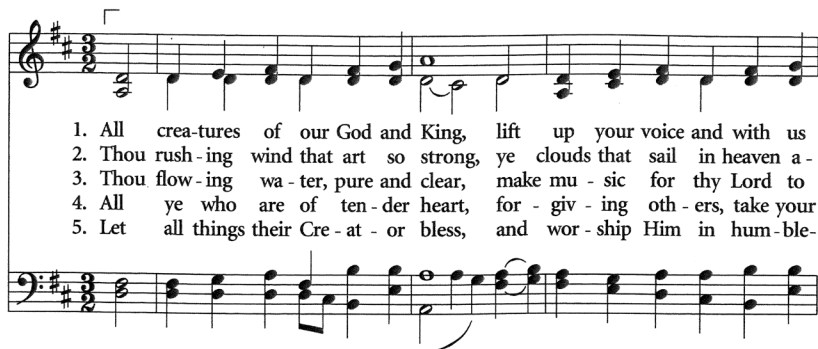
for we can on-ly won-der at ev-ery gift You send,
 and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end;
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless You still:

we lift our hearts be - fore You and wait up - on Your Word,
to mar - vel at Your beau - ty and glo - ry in Your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore You, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

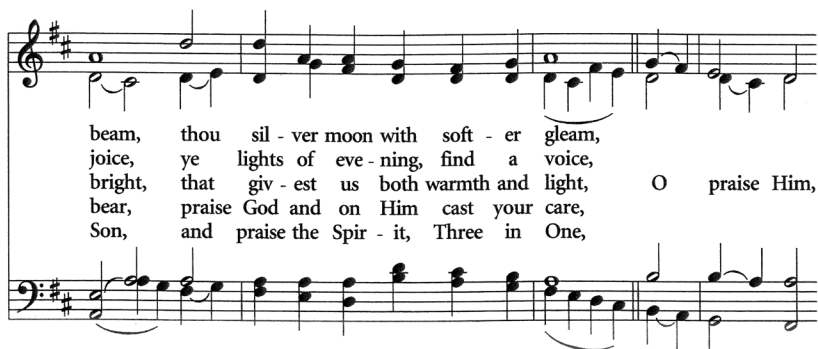
All Creatures of Our God and King



1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven a-
 3. Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for thy Lord to
 4. All ye who are of ten-der heart, for-giv-ing oth-ers, take your
 5. Let all things their Cre-at-or bless, and wor-ship Him in hum-ble-



sing Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Thou burn-ing sun with gold-en
 long, O praise Him, al-le-lu-ia! Thou ris-ing morn-ing, in praise re-
 hear, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Thou fire so mas-ter-ful and
 part, O sing ye, al-le-lu-ia! Ye who long pain and sor-row
 ness, O praise Him, al-le-lu-ia! Praise, praise the Fa-ther, praise the



beam, thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam,
 joice, ye lights of eve-ning, find a voice,
 bright, that giv-est us both warmth and light, O praise Him,
 bear, praise God and on Him cast your care,
 Son, and praise the Spir-it, Three in One,



O praise Him, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Anthem Great Are You Lord

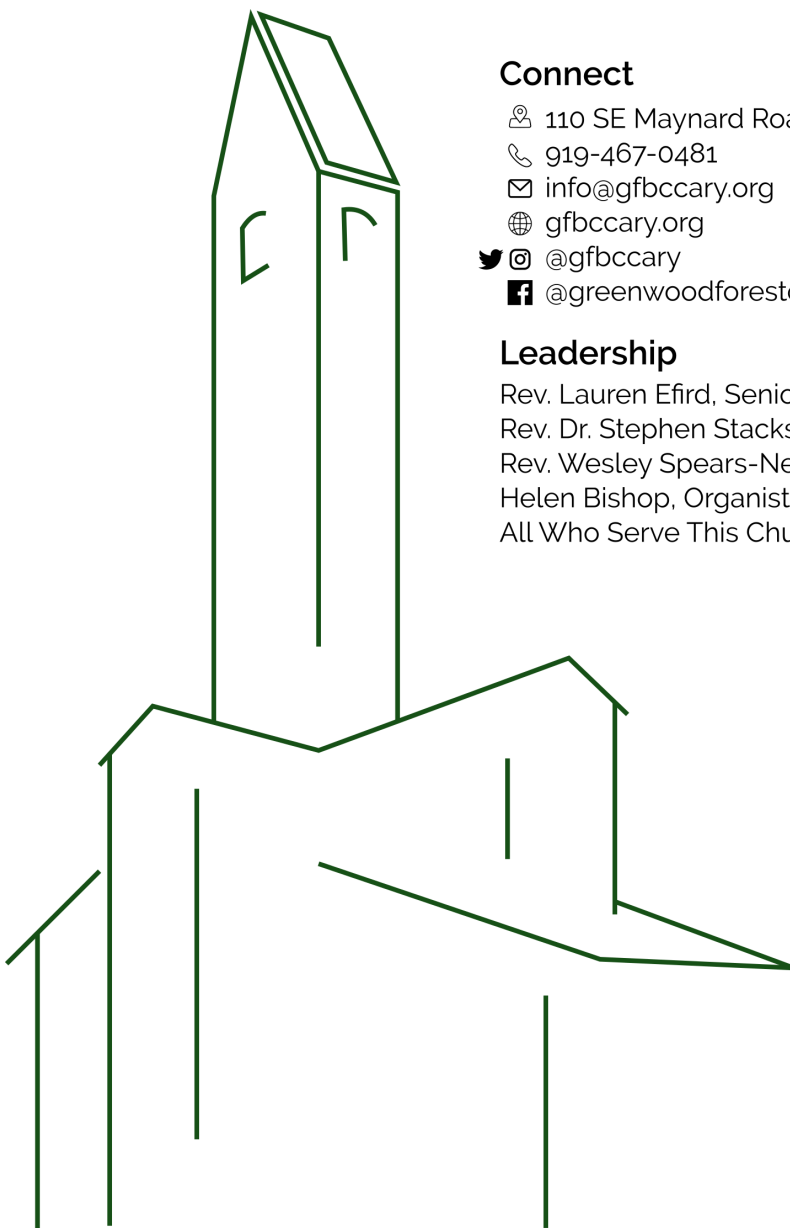
All Sons and Daughters

You give life, you are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore
Every heart that is broken
And great are you, Lord

*It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to you only*

You give life, you are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore
Every heart that is broken
And great are you, Lord

And all the earth will shout your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are you, Lord



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