



# Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

October 16, 2022



**Greenwood Forest**  
Baptist Church

**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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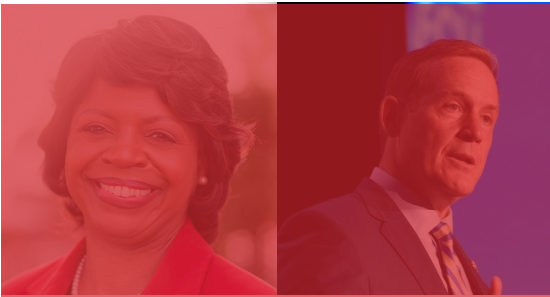


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# Announcements Church Events and Updates



## Senate Candidates Event

The US Senate campaign in North Carolina has been postponed due to court rulings by both candidates, nevertheless, both the Budd and Beasley campaigns are committed to an assembly put together by ONE Wake (our community organizing group) and other community organizations across North Carolina. At this assembly, we will be able to ask both candidates about what their commitments are and if they will commit to the agenda ONE Wake has, especially concerning housing policy.

**You are invited to hear from candidates at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Durham this Sunday, October 16, at 3pm.** You can register to let us know you're coming at [onewake.org](http://onewake.org), but if you haven't registered you can still attend.

The 2022 Election covers races from the municipal level up to the federal level, including everything from school board to senator in North Carolina. Election Day is November 8 and early voting begins on October 20 (ends November 5).



## 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, games for kids, 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](http://gfbccary.org/chili)!**

## 4th Annual Cary Big Sing

**The Concert Singers of Cary will host their 4th annual "Cary Big Sing" on Monday, Oct. 17, from 7:30-8:30pm at GFBC.** The Big Sing is a free and open rehearsal. Singers will enjoy some of the hymns and folk songs that will be performed in the Nov. 5 concert. Guests sit amongst the choir members and sing along as much as they would like. Songs will include: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need, Softly and Tenderly, Saints Bound For Heaven, Shenandoah, Poor Wayfarin' Stranger, and more. Masks required.



# YOUTH FALL RETREAT



*Greenwood Forest Youth in one of the ruins at Fort Caswell. Thank you to Lou and Evan Owoc-Edwards for helping chaperone this trip!*



*Youth took part in a photo scavenger hunt that took us all across the campus.*



For the first time since before the pandemic, our youth were able to go on a Fall Retreat together last weekend! We went to Fort Caswell with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina with other youth groups from across the state.

We shared meals together, played putt putt and gaga ball, went on a scavenger hunt, watched a movie, spent time in worship and Bible study, and so much more! All of our youth had a blast at the event and had some wonderful reflections on what was said and done at the retreat.

Our worship and Bible study focused on the story of Esther and her example of faith and determination to do what was right with the support of her community.

If you'd like to get more involved with our youth ministry, contact Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome at [wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org](mailto:wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org). You can also support the work of the church with young people by giving at [gfbccary.org/give](https://gfbccary.org/give).

*During Bible Study, we talked about the importance of supportive community. We each made sand art that represented ourselves in individual cups and shared what the colors meant to us. Then, we combined all of our art into a single container representing our community. We added some stones and sticks from Caswell to remind us of where we had built that community together.*

# 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 (Helen Bishop's father)

Richard Adair (Janice Medford's brother)

Nell Allen

Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)

Gilles Bikindou

Scott Davenport (friend of the Biser family)

Steve Denning

Adam Efird

Vanna Fox

James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)

Mac Graham

Karen Peter (Virgil and Gail Jones' friend)

Harold Ritter

Fred Seeger

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:

### 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](http://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** | *Prayer* | *Beethoven*

**Welcome to Worship** | *Rev. Lauren Efird*

Leader: The Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

**Stewardship Testimony** | *Susan Beck*

**Passing of the Peace** 📖

**Call to Worship (Ps. 121)** | *Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome*

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where  
will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord, who made  
heaven and earth.**

The Lord will not let your foot be moved;

**God, who keeps you, will not slumber.**

God, who keeps Israel,

**Will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;

**The Lord is your shade at your right hand.**

The sun shall not strike you by day,

**Nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil;

**God will keep your life.**

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in

**From this time on and forevermore.**

**Invocation** | *Rev. Spears-Newsome*

✝ **Gathering Hymn** | *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (pg. 7)*

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.

**Offertory Prayer** | *Anthony Warren*

† **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** | *What a Friend We Have in Jesus (pg. 8)*

**Scripture Reading** | *Luke 18:1-8 | Rev. Spears-Newsome*

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

**Anthem** | *Precious Lord (pg. 10)*

**Sermon** | *Rev. Efird*

† **Hymn** | *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* 📖  
(pg. 9)

**Benediction** | *Rev. Efird*

**Postlude** | *When We Walk with the Lord | arr. Harlan*

## **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!

## **Flower Dedication**

The flowers are placed today in honor of Vivian Denning by her husband Steve in honor of their 36th wedding anniversary.



# Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er -  
2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er -  
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er -

last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

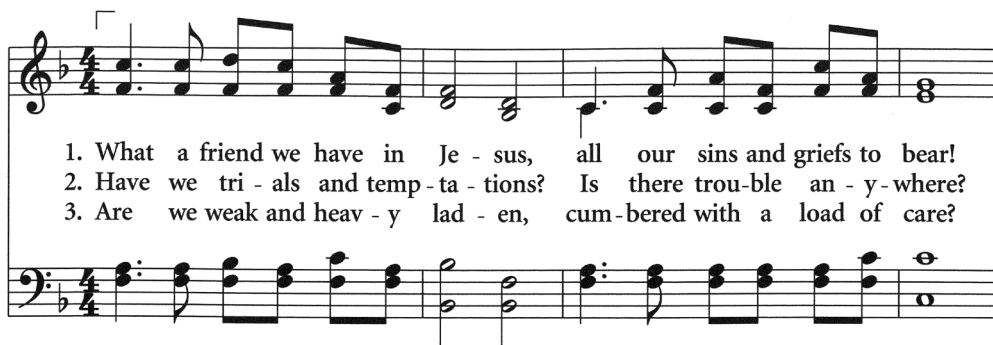
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lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing on Je - sus,  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean - ing,  
lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on Je - sus,



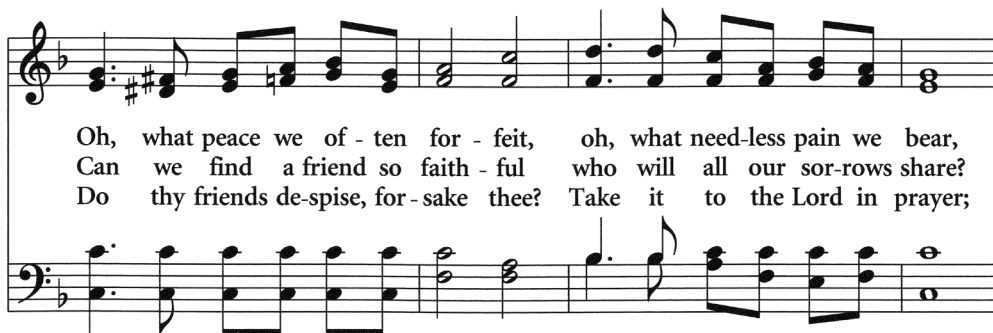
# What a Friend We Have in Jesus



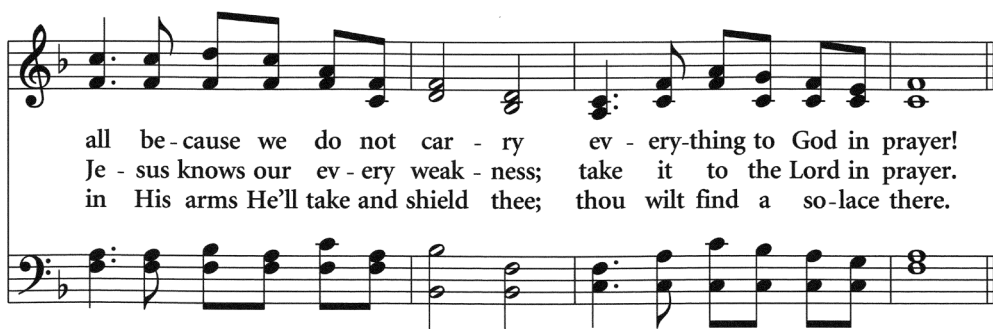
1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer.

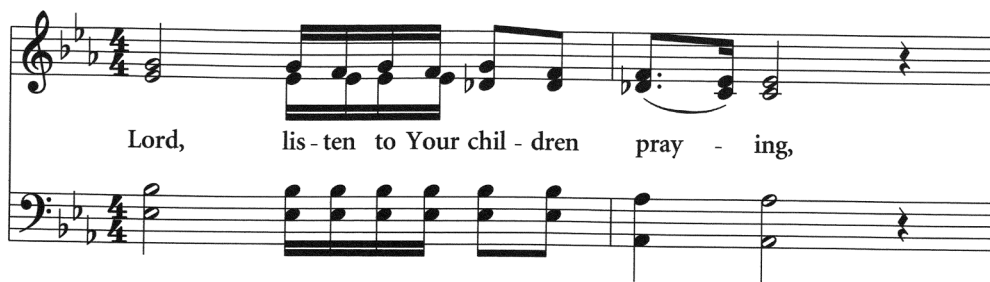


Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 in His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

# Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren pray - ing,

The first line of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the melody.



Lord, send Your Spir-it in this place; Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren

The second line of music continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are placed below the melody.



pray - ing, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

The third line of music concludes the phrase. The lyrics are placed below the melody.

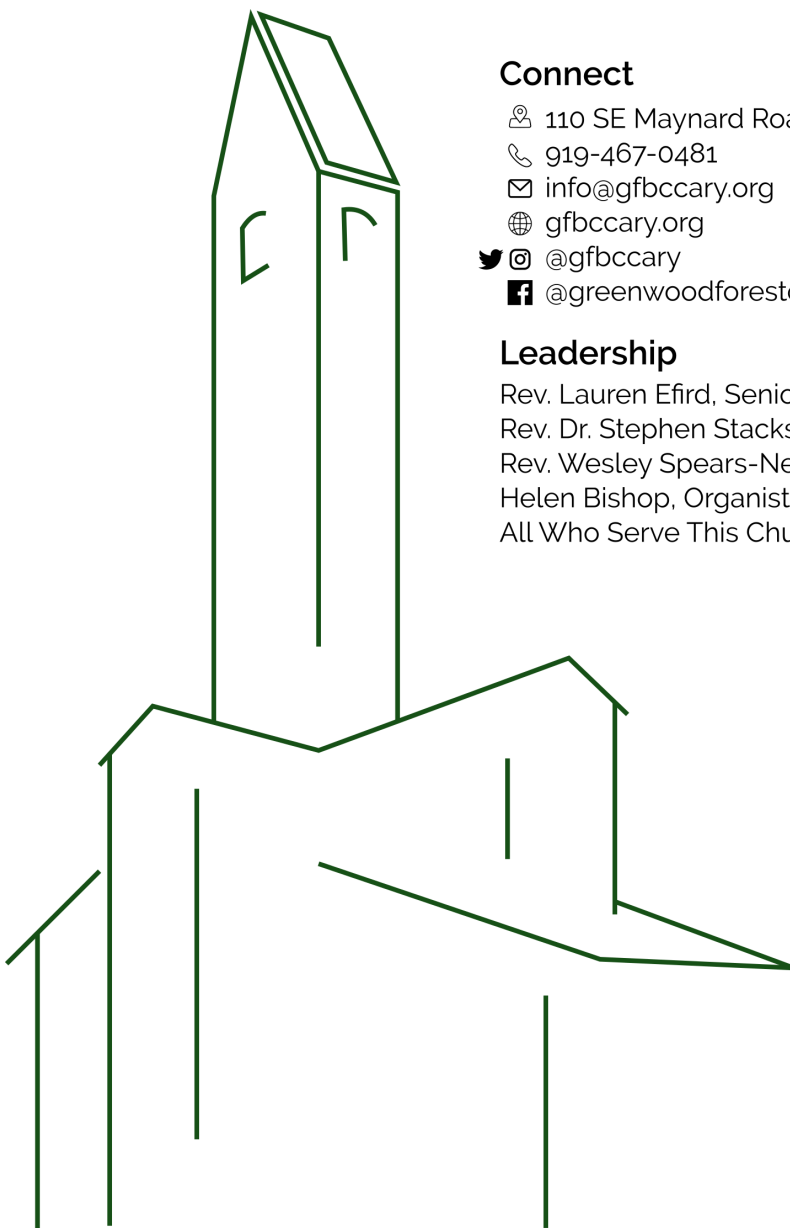
# **Anthem** Precious Lord

arr. Arnold Sevier

Precious Lord, take my hand  
Lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night  
Lead me on to the light:  
Take my hand, Lord,  
And lead me home.

When my way grows drear  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
At the river, Lord, I stand,  
Guide my feet and hold my hand:  
Take my hand, Lord,  
And lead me home.

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