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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



Fall Festival Next Week!

Next week is our annual Fall Festival! We'll be gathered in and around the Fellowship Hall to enjoy:

- Live Music
- Games and Activities for Kids
- The Golden Spoon Chili Cookoff
- Baking Contest for Children & Youth

Come join us next Sunday (October 30) beginning at 4pm! The Golden Spoon Award up for grabs this year: sign up at gfbccary.org/chili to take your shot.

We can't wait to see you there!

New Handbell Ensemble

The Greenwood Forest Baptist Church Handbell Ensemble is beginning again! If you any interest in playing with our handbell ensemble (whether you've ever played before or not!), please contact B.J. Facemire (bjfacemire@msn.com) to learn more and receive updates. Rehearsal times will be determined by all those interested in playing.

Teaching Series Ends

Today is the final session of the Gospels Teaching Series. Thank you, Rev. Bucky Sydnor, for leading us through the Gospels these past four weeks! The next teaching series will begin January 8 and run through January 29.

Save the Date: Ministry Monday

Save the date for the next Ministry Monday, our meeting time for church committees. We'll be getting together on the evening of November 14 via Zoom. You'll hear from your committee chairs prior to that date.

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
Helen Bishop at the death of her father, Wayne Abbott
Louann Clarke (Felice Parent's sister)
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
Elaine Whisnant
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 20th 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. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Stewardship Testimony | Evan Owoc-Edwards

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship (Ps. 84) | Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

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

My soul longs, indeed it faints for your courts;

My heart and my flesh

Sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home,

And the swallow a nest she may lay her young,

At your altars, O Lord of hosts,

My king and my God.

Leader: Happy are those who live in your house,

Ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you,

In whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca

They make it a place of springs.

They go from strength to strength;

The God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Invocation | Rev. 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** | *O Savior in this Quiet Place* (pg. 6)

Offertory Prayer | *Tim Carr*

† **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** | *No, Not One* (vv. 1-2; pg. 7)

Scripture Reading | *Luke 18:9-14*

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

Anthem | *Lay Me Low* (pg. 10)

Sermon | *Rev. Spears-Newsome* 📖

† **Hymn** | *Jesus Loves Me* (pg. 9)

Benediction | *Rev. Spears-Newsome*

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.

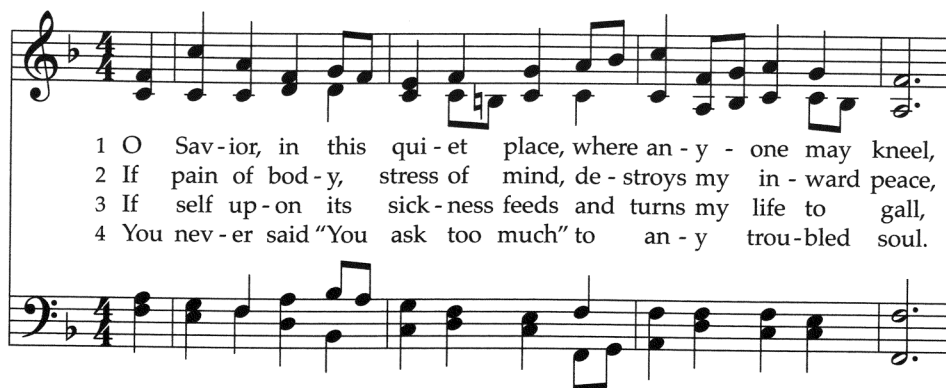
You can find the list of people in need of prayer in the “Prayer” section of the bulletin.

Final Hymn: An Invitation

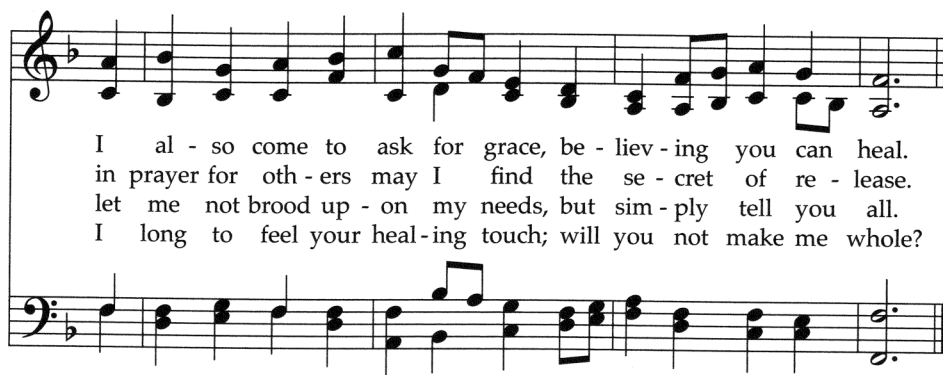
During the final hymn, if you'd like to join our community at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, we invite you to come forward to the altar. When you come forward, you'll be greeted by a minister and a deacon who will then introduce you to the congregation after the hymn. Welcome!

Nancy Whelan is our pianist
this morning.

O Savior in this Quiet Place



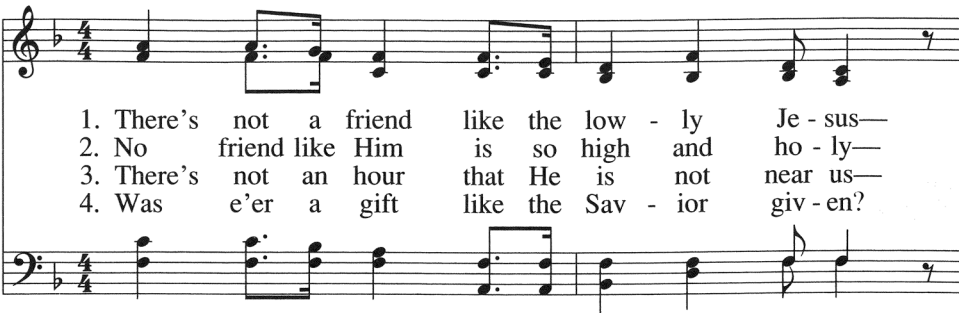
1 O Sav-ior, in this qui-et place, where an - y - one may kneel,
2 If pain of bod-y, stress of mind, de-stroys my in-ward peace,
3 If self up-on its sick-ness feeds and turns my life to gall,
4 You nev-er said "You ask too much" to an - y trou-bled soul.



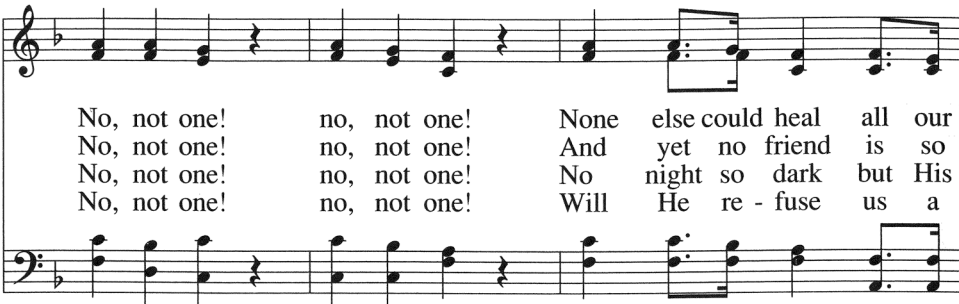
I al-so come to ask for grace, be-liev-ing you can heal.
in prayer for oth-ers may I find the se-cret of re-lease.
let me not brood up-on my needs, but sim-ply tell you all.
I long to feel your heal-ing touch; will you not make me whole?

- 5 But if the thing I most desire
is not your way for me,
may faith, when tested in the fire,
prove its integrity.
- 6 Of all my prayers, may this be chief:
till faith is fully grown,
Lord, disbelieve my unbelief,
and claim me as your own.

No, Not One



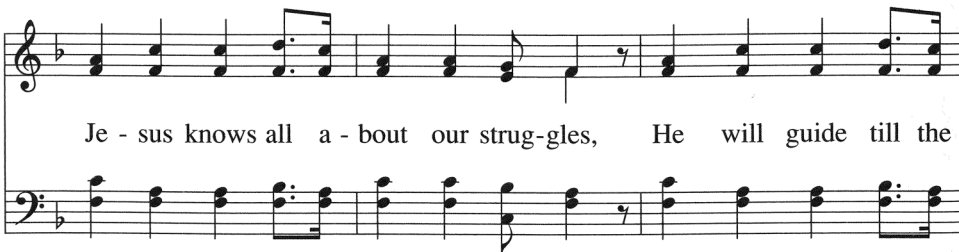
1. There's not a friend like the low - ly Je - sus—
 2. No friend like Him is so high and ho - ly—
 3. There's not an hour that He is not near us—
 4. Was e'er a gift like the Sav - ior giv - en?



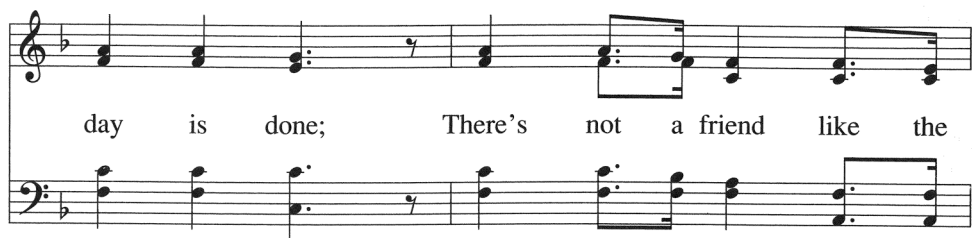
No, not one! no, not one! None else could heal all our
 No, not one! no, not one! And yet no friend is so
 No, not one! no, not one! No night so dark but His
 No, not one! no, not one! Will He re - fuse us a



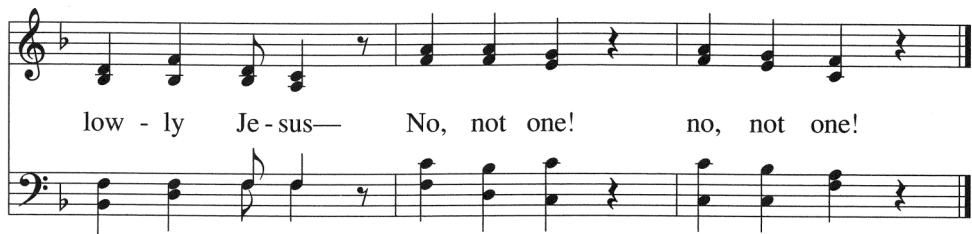
soul's dis - eas - es— No, not one! no, not one!
 meek and low - ly— No, not one! no, not one!
 love can cheer us— No, not one! no, not one!
 home in heav - en? No, not one! no, not one!



Je - sus knows all a - bout our strug - gles, He will guide till the



day is done; There's not a friend like the



low - ly Je - sus— No, not one! no, not one!

Jesus Loves Me

1. Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2. Je - sus loves me! this I know, as He loved so long a - go,
 3. Je - sus loves me still to - day, walk - ing with me on my way,
 4. Je - sus loves me! He will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to Him be - long; they are weak, but He is strong.
 tak - ing chil - dren on His knee, say - ing, "Let them come to Me."
 want - ing as a friend to give light and love to all who live.
 if I love Him, when I die He will take me home on high.

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,
 yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

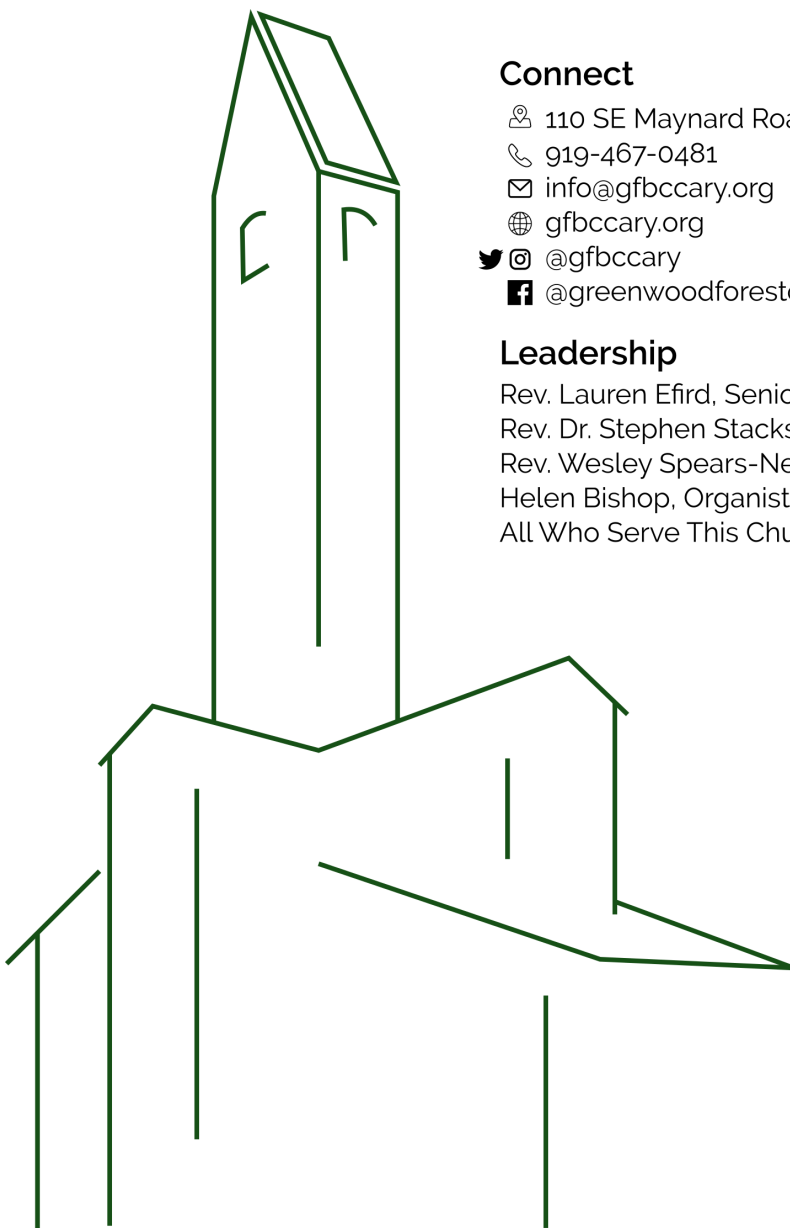
Anthem Lay Me Low

arr. Kevin Siegfried

Lay me low,
Lay me low,
Lay me low.

Where the Lord can find me,
Where the Lord can own me,
Where the Lord can bless me.

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