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Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

October 30, 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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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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Freedom Ride '23

In 2019, dozens of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church members went on our first Freedom Ride to central Alabama. The Freedom Ride is a spiritual pilgrimage to sites of freedom movements where participants will visit important locations, museums and memorials; serve alongside residents of the cities we visit; and learn from those continuing the fight for freedom.

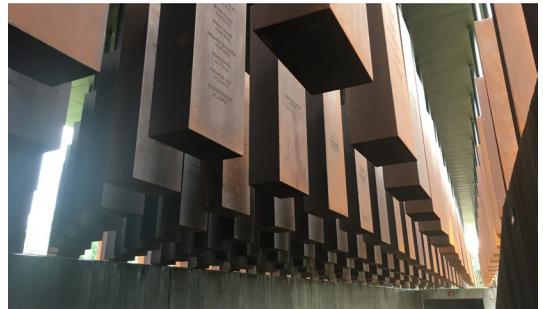
We'll be taking our second Freedom Ride on July 2-8, 2023!

The Freedom Ride is organized by our youth ministry, but it's an intergenerational, all-ages, and whole family-friendly trip. If you'd like to come with us on the Freedom Ride, you can register today using your Realm account at onrealm.org/GreenwoodForest. If you have any issues registering or questions about the trip, contact Rev. Spears-Newsome at wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org.

Cost is \$500 and includes transportation, hotel, and meals.



2019 Freedom Riders in Birmingham, Alabama



The National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama



Announcements Church Events and Updates

Fall Festival This Sunday!

This 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!

Souper Love Feast

Come one! Come all! To the 2022 Souper Love Feast! On November 20, following worship, we will gather for a potluck soup and salad lunch, after which we will make Advent wreaths and decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas season. RSVP at gfbccary.org/souper by signing up to bring one item to share.

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

Happy Anniversary to Helen Bishop

We celebrate Helen Bishop's 23rd year of being our organist on November 1st. We are so grateful for Helen's talent and dedication to our church's music program and worship. While we have had to wait for several months to enjoy her amazing organist talents while the organ is repaired, we have been able to continue to enjoy her variety of other great talents on the piano, flute, and singing. Be sure to thank Helen when you see her. Thank you, Helen, for all you do!

New Handbell Ensemble

If you any interest in playing with our new 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.

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
Helen Bishop
Louann Clarke (Felice Parent's sister)
Scott Davenport (friend of the Biser family)
Steve Denning
Elaine Dodson
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



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:

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. Lauren Efird*

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Stewardship Testimony | *Faye Beal*

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship (Ps. 32) | *Rev. Efird*

Happy are those whose transgression is covered!

Happy are those whose sin is covered!

Happy are those to whom the Lord ascribes no iniquity!

Happy are those in whose spirit there is no deceit!

While I kept silence, my body wasted away.

I sat in my groaning all day long.

Day and night your hand was heavy upon me.

My strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not

hide my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess to the Lord," and you forgave my guilt.

Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you.

In distress, the rush of mighty waters will not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

You surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

Invocation | *Rev. Efird*

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** | *There is a Balm in Gilead* (pg. 7)

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** | *Fix Me, Jesus* (pg. 8)

Scripture Reading | *Luke 19:1-10* | *Rev. Efird*

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

Thanks be to God.

Anthem | *And He Blessed My Soul* (pg. 10)

Sermon | *Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks*

† **Hymn** | *Will You Come and Follow Me?* (pg. 9) 📖

Benediction | *Rev. Dr. Stacks*

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!

There is a Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

Fine

Unison

1. Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged and think my work's in vain, but
2. If you can't preach like Pe-ter, if you can't pray like Paul, just

then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain.
tell the love of Je-sus, and say He died for all.

D.C.

Fix Me, Jesus

Refrain

Oh, fix me; Oh, fix me;
Je - sus Je - sus

fix me.
Oh, fix me, Lord. Fix me, Je - sus, fix me.
fix me.
fix me, Lord.

Verses

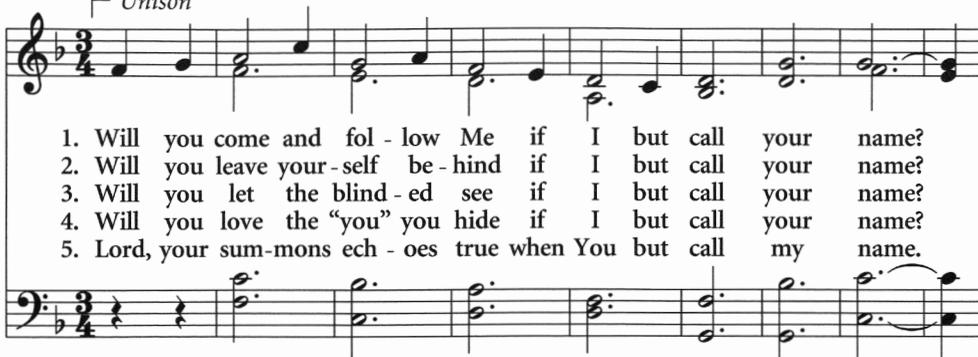
1. Fix me for my long, white robe; Fix me, Je - sus, fix me.
2. Fix me for my jour - ney home; Fix me, Je - sus, fix me.

D.C.

Fix me for my star - ry crown; Fix me, Je - sus, fix me.
Fix me for my dy - ing bed; Fix me, Je - sus, fix me.

Will You Come and Follow Me?

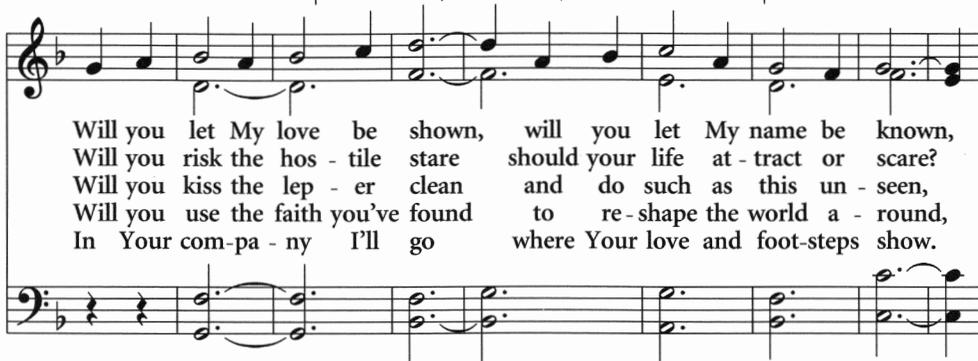
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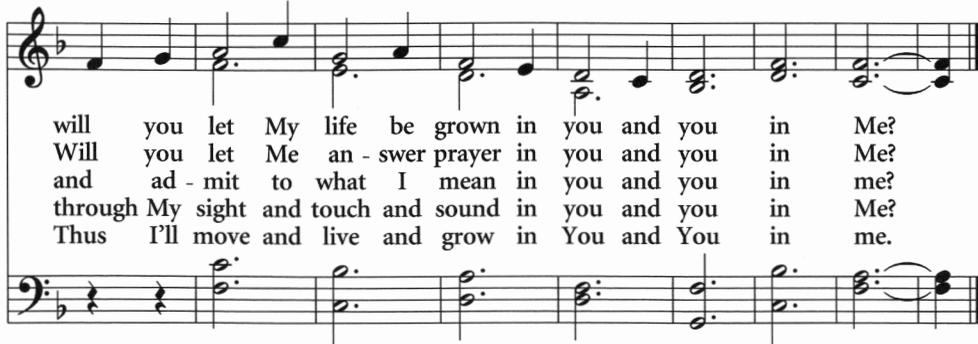
1. Will you come and fol - low Me if I but call your name?
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when You but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low You and nev - er be the same.



Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known,
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
In Your com - pa - ny I'll go where Your love and foot-steps show.



will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?
Will you let Me an - swer prayer in you and you in Me?
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?
Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

Anthem And He Blessed My Soul

arr. Anita Watkins-Stevens

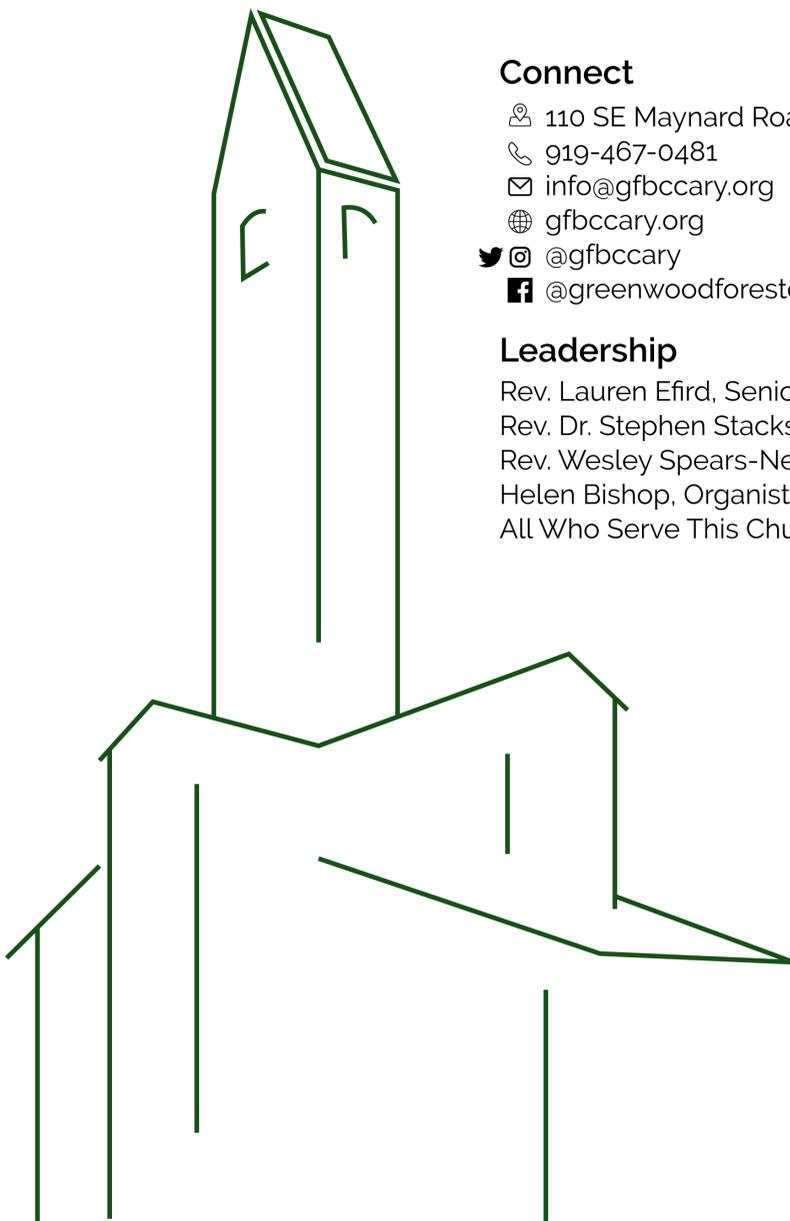
Soloist: Randy Palmer

One look
Just one look
One look at Jesus
And my cares will all pass away
Only one look, was all I needed
Now my life, will be forever changed
Then I saw him, yes, I saw him
And he blessed my soul
And he blessed my soul
And he blessed my soul
Without a word

Jesus, has always made a way
Jesus, He's in my heart to stay

Do you know this man of Galilee?
Come to Earth to set the captive free?
Yes, I know the man! Yes, I know the man!
Yes, I know the man, I know the man!

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