



# Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

November 6, 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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# 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](https://onrealm.org/GreenwoodForest). If you have any issues registering or questions about the trip, contact Rev. Spears-Newsome at [wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org](mailto: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

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## ***Poinsettias for Sale***

The Advent and Christmas seasons are right around the corner, which means we will be decorating the sanctuary soon! If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for the sanctuary adornment and a dedication listed in the bulletin, please visit [gfbccary.org/poinsettias](http://gfbccary.org/poinsettias). Poinsettias and dedications are \$15. Any profits from poinsettia sales will go to the Organ Fund.

## ***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](http://gfbccary.org/souper) by signing up to bring one item to share.

## ***New Handbell Ensemble***

If you any interest in playing with our new handbell ensemble (whether you've played before or not!), please contact B.J. Facemire ([bjfacemire@msn.com](mailto:bjfacemire@msn.com)) to learn more! Rehearsal times will be determined by all those interested in playing.

## ***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.

**Team A (6:30-7:15pm):** Children, Personnel, Properties, Youth

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

## ***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!

# 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)  
Elaine Dodson  
Adam Efird  
Vanna Fox  
James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)  
Karen Peter (Virgil and Gail Jones' friend)  
Harold Ritter  
Fred Seeger  
Richard Whisnant at the death of Elaine  
Michael Yates  
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](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:

### Congregational Care

*In the early church, one of the first ministries the community established was one of caring for one another. Church members visit and care for each other through the Congregational Care Ministry, seeing each other in hospitals, homes, and elsewhere. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Carol Carter on the Deacon Board. This ministry and many others would not be possible without your support. Sign up to give at [gfbccary.org/give](http://gfbccary.org/give) today!*

# Order of Worship All Saints Sunday

† 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 Efirid

Leader: The Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

### Passing of the Peace 📖

### Call to Worship (Ps. 149) | Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,  
**Sing praise in the assembly of the faithful.**

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

**Let the children of Zion rejoice in their king.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord with dancing,

**Making melody to God with tambourine and lyre.**

For the Lord takes pleasure in God's people;

**God adorns the humble with victory.**

Let the faithful exult in glory;

**Let them sing for joy!**

### Invocation | Rev. Spears-Newsome

† **Gathering Hymn** | *Come, Ye Thankful People (pg. 8)*

### Offertory Prayer | Andy Jarrell

† **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.

Today's color is **white**, symbolizing the light and glory of the resurrection.

November is Native American Heritage Month. This month, we'll be reading from the First Nations Version of the New Testament, a translation of Scripture done by indigenous scholars and leaders.

### 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.

## 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 | *O God, Our Help* (pg. 9)

Scripture Reading | *Ephesians 1:11-23* | *Rev. Spears-Newsome*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem | *You Carried Me* (pg. 9)

Sermon | *Sacred Family* | *Rev. Efird*

Communion | *Rev. Efird* 📖

**Prayer of Confession: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be obedient disciples. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we've not loved our neighbors, and we've not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us for what we have done and for what we've left undone, and free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Mystery of Faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

† Hymn | *For All the Saints* (pg. 10)

Benediction | *Rev. Efird*

Postlude

## The Prayers of the People

This 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. During the Prayers of the People on All Saints Sunday, we have a special time of honoring all the saints of Greenwood Forest who have died in the past year. We will speak their names, ringing a bell after each as we remember and give thanks for them.

## Communion

During Communion, we gather around the table, as Christ showed us, to remember and give thanks for God's saving acts with bread and wine. We have an open table—all who wish to take Communion are invited to participate.

We are practicing communion by means of intinction, which means you receive a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. A gluten-free option is available on the altar.

# All Saints Commemoration

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*"They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

*Revelation 7:16-17 (NRSV)*



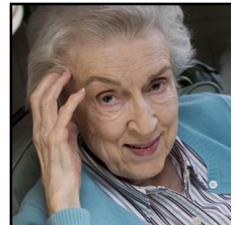
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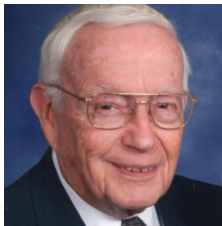
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***Frank Decker***



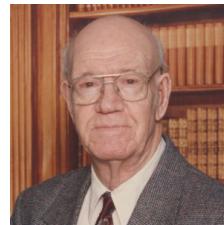
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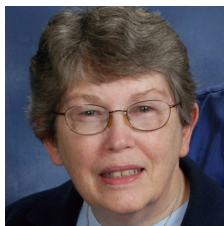
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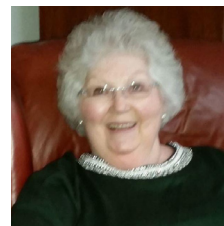
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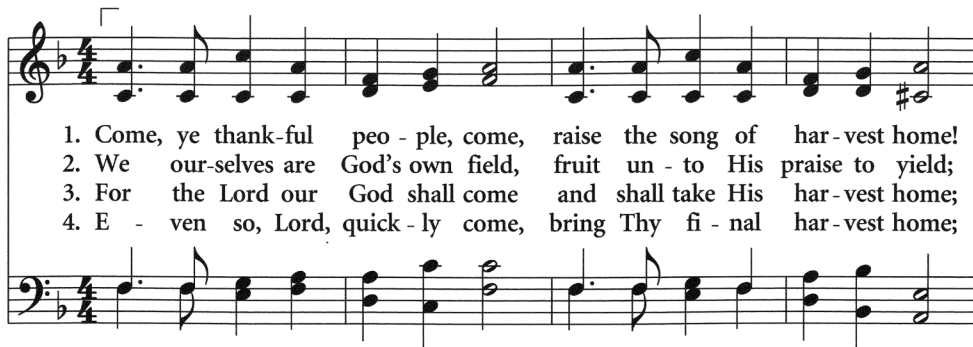
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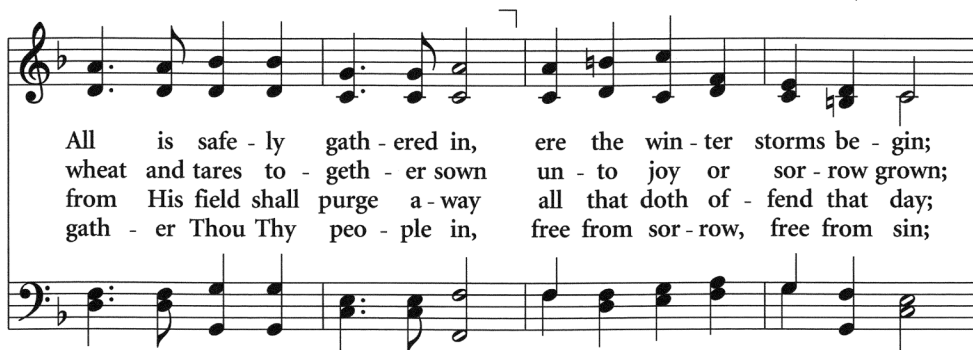
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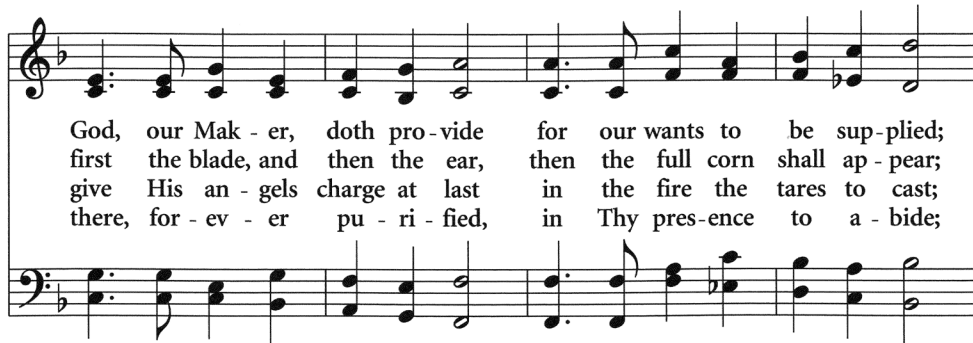
# Come, Ye Thankful People



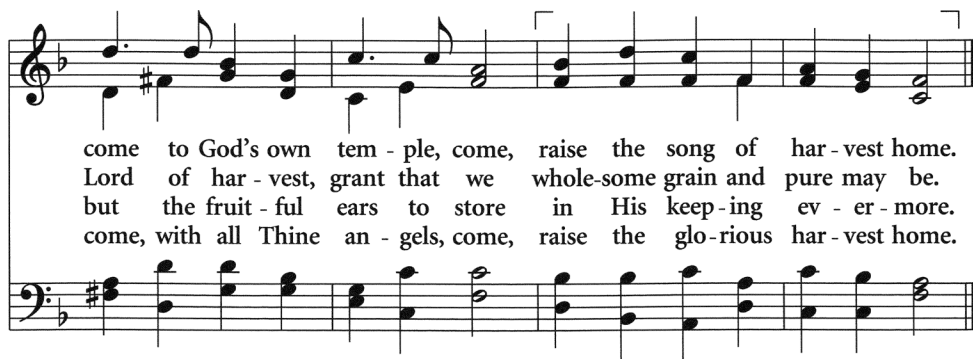
1. Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home!  
2. We our-selves are God's own field, fruit un - to His praise to yield;  
3. For the Lord our God shall come and shall take His har - vest home;  
4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come, bring Thy fi - nal har - vest home;



All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;  
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown un - to joy or sor - row grown;  
from His field shall purge a - way all that doth of - fend that day;  
gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;  
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear;  
give His an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;  
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in Thy pres - ence to a - bid;



come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
but the fruit - ful ears to store in His keep - ing ev - er - more.  
come, with all Thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

# O God, Our Help

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2. Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears mor - tals all a - way;  
6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!  
suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.  
be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

## **Anthem** You Carried Me

Will Reagan and United Pursuit

Holy, God of our faith  
You are welcome in this place  
You are welcome in this place  
Holy, God of our faith  
You are welcome in this place  
You are welcome in this place

Come fill our hearts up  
Come fill our hearts up  
With your presence

Sweet Lord, sustain us.

Come fill our hearts up  
Come fill our hearts up  
With your presence

# For All the Saints



1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
2. Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;  
3. O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
4. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
5. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,



who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

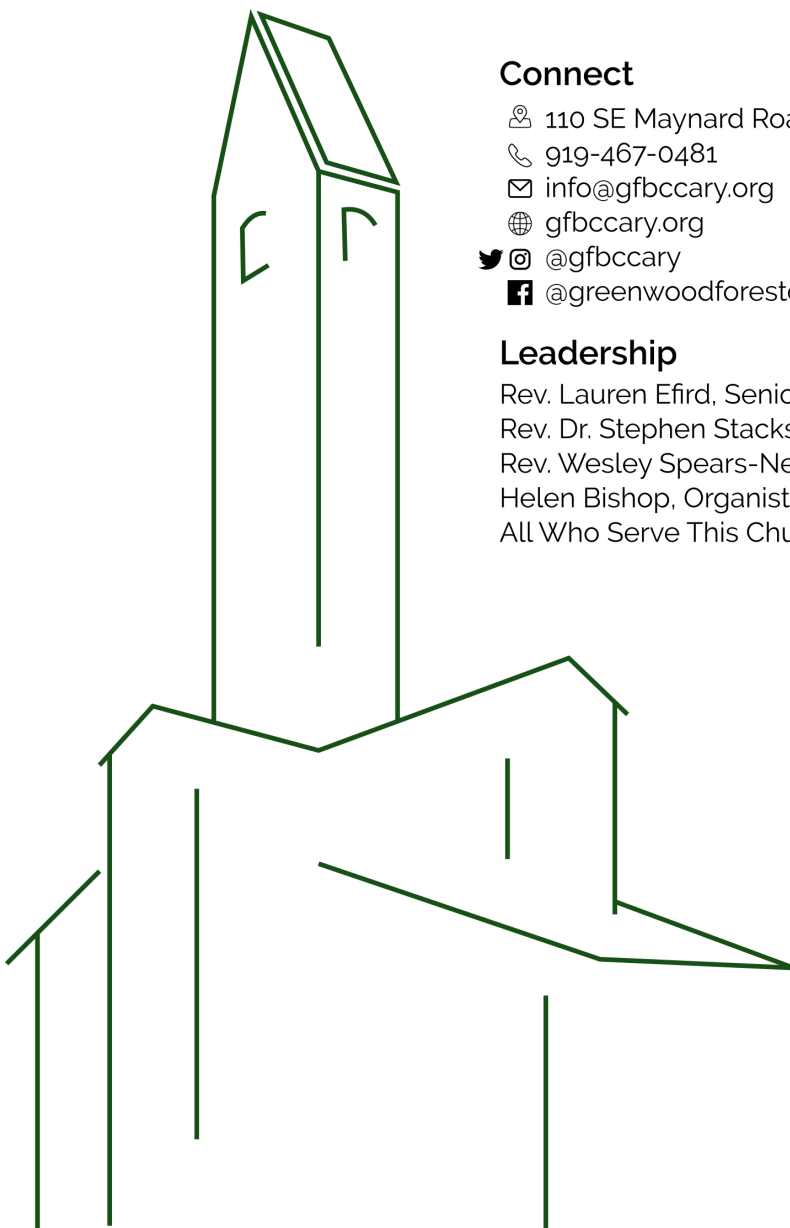


Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Thou in the darkness drear their one true light.  
yet all are one in Thee, for all are thine. Al -  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!





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All Who Serve This Church