



Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

November 13, 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

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. 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 by signing up to bring one item to share.

Ministry Monday

Ministry Monday is this week, November 14! This is our meeting time for church committees. Ministry Monday is conducted 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

Advent and Christmas at Greenwood Forest

Mark your calendar for all of these community gatherings this holiday season:

Dec. 4: Youth Advent Party

Our youth gather for a fun time of fellowship and holiday games!

Dec. 14: Service of Lament (6pm)

A time reserved to acknowledge the grief and sadness that can come in around the holidays.

Dec. 18: Christmas Breakfast (9:45am)

Potluck breakfast in the Fellowship Hall for the whole church!

Dec. 18: Lessons & Carols (11am)

Traditional service of readings and Christmas Carols on Sunday morning.

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve

Children's Christmas Eve (11am)

A kids-oriented service where we assemble a nativity together!

Candlelight Christmas Eve (8pm)

Our traditional Christmas Eve service.

Dec. 25: Christmas Day Livestream

A special online event for us to enjoy with our families on Christmas morning!

Community Notes Prayer Requests and Giving



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
Vanna Fox
James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)
Karen Peter (Virgil and Gail Jones' friend)
Harold Ritter
Fred Seeger
Ray and Joyce Spencer (Leta Huntsinger's parents)
Our partners at Ebenezer Baptist in Cuba

Thank You from Helen Bishop

Dear GFBC Family, Thank you so much for your kind words, actions, prayers, notes of comfort and support, and hugs at the death of my father, Wayne Abbott. The warmth and love you've extended have been felt during these past very difficult weeks, and will continue to sustain us as we work through the grief of this sudden loss, towards the wonderful memories he helped create for us.

With love -- Helen Bishop and family



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:

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 today!

Order of Worship Lay Leadership 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. Randy Palmer

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship | Ella Biser

O sing to the LORD a new song,

For God has done marvelous things.

God's right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

God has revealed God's vindication in the sight of the nations.

God has remembered steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen God's victory.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

Make a joyful noise before the king, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

The world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands;

Let the hills sing for joy at the Lord's presence,

For God is coming to judge the earth.

With righteousness, and with equity.

Today's color is **green**, symbolizing the creation and growth that takes place in the season after Pentecost.

This Sunday is Lay Leadership Sunday where we emphasize the historic Baptist belief in the priesthood of all believers.

Prayers, music, readings, and more will be led today by members of the church.

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 | *Ella Biser*

† **Gathering Hymn** | *Rejoice the Lord is King (pg. 7)*

Offertory Prayer | *Steve Denning*

† **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 | *Dr. Lydia Hoyle* 📖

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 Day of Peace (pg. 8)*

Scripture Reading | *Isaiah 65:17-25* | *Diana Morde*

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

Anthem | *They That Shall Endure to the End (pg. 10)*

Reflection | *Donna Scott*

Poem of the People | *Rev. Amanda Warren*

Reflection | *Nathan Bullock*

† **Hymn** | *Sing a New World into Being (pg. 9)*

Benediction | *Felice Parent*

Postlude | *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* | *arr. Mary McDonald*

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

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.

Thank You to our Lay Leaders!

Thank you to everyone who helped lead us in worship this morning. A special thank you to Rev. Amanda Warren for coordinating, Rev. Lee Webb for leading hymns and the choir, and for Teri Edwards and Addie Smith serving as pianists.



Flower Dedication

The flowers are given today in memory of Jennifer Denning by Steve and Vivian Denning.

Rejoice the Lord is King

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore!
2. Je - sus, the Sav - ior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules both earth and heaven;
4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come

Re - joice, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
when He had purged our stains, He took His seat a - bove:
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given:
and take His ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home:

lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies



fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's
shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of



grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.
peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Sing a New World into Being



1. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and
 2. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der,
 3. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less
 4. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient

hope - ful theme. Find a tune for sil - ent yearn - ings.
 class and race brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors
 find a home, where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger
 proph - ets' cry for a time of health and plen - ty

Lend your voice and dare to dream:
 to God's lim - it - less em - brace;
 but are filled in God's sha - lom;
 when all tears have been wiped dry;

dream a church where all who wor - ship
 where the lines that once di - vid - ed
 where all peo - ple work for jus - tice,
 when com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters,

find their lives and loves be - long. Sing a new world
 form in - stead the ties that bind. Sing a new world
 where all hate and ven - geance cease. Sing a new world
 pour - ing balm for all who grieve. Sing a new world

in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!
 in - to be - ing: risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!
 in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.
 in - to be - ing: live the prom - ise you be - lieve!

Words: Mary Louise Bringle

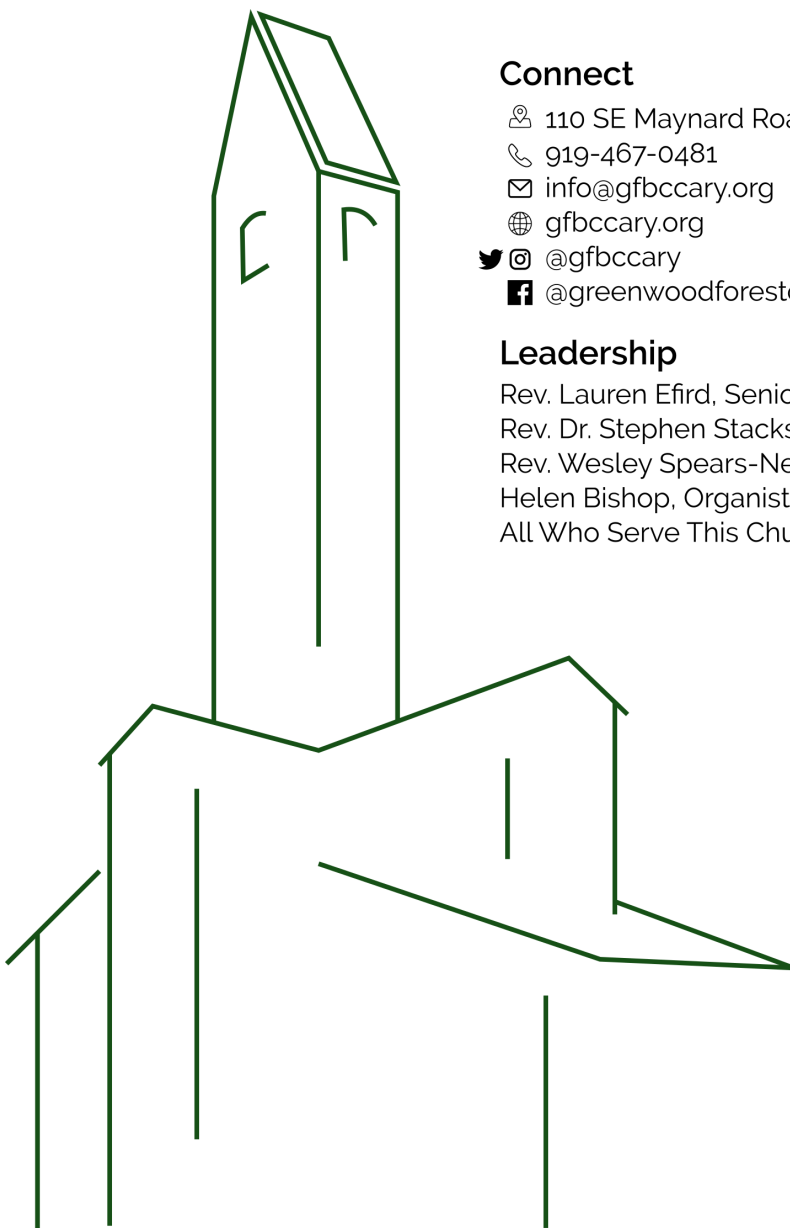
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Anthem They That Shall Endure to the End

Felix Mendelssohn

They that shall endure to the end
Shall be saved.

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