



**Greenwood Forest**  
Baptist Church

December 18, 2022



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**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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# 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.*

Nell Allen  
Bess Averre  
Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)  
Gilles Bikindou  
Louann Clarke (Felice Parent's sister)  
Scott Davenport (friend of the Biser family)  
Elaine Dodson  
Teri Edwards  
Vanna Fox  
James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)  
Annie Poe  
Jerry Poe  
Dick Reinert  
Harold Ritter  
Fred Seeger

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:**

### **Neighborhood Partnership**

*For many years, Greenwood Forest Baptist Church has been in a partnership with the Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church to serve alongside our neighbors. The Backpack Buddies Program, Neighborhood Summer Program (a feeding and summer enrichment program), and more activities all support the children and families that live near our churches.*

# *Poinsettia Dedications*



*The poinsettias in the sanctuary are dedicated by members of our community in memory or in honor of those they love and cherish.*

Ruth Allsbrook in memory of Paul Allsbrook

Dave and Elise Atkins in memory of Katherine Taylor  
and in memory of Delores Atkins

Faye Beal in memory of Don Beal

The Brewer Family in memory of Luther Brewer

Tom and Pat Brooks in honor of their children and grandchildren  
and in memory of their parents

Carolyn Camp in memory of Ray Camp

Carol Carter in honor of the Congregational Care Ministry

Greg and Carol Carter in honor of their children and grandchildren

Bill and Monty Coleman in memory of Jennifer Denning

Alice Curti and the Beck Family in memory of Bob Curti

Vivian and Steve Denning in honor of Marc, Morgan, and Ellery Denning;  
in memory of Jennifer Denning;  
and in memory of their parents

B.J. Facemire and Michael Yates in honor of the Facemire and Yates Families.

David Floyd, Nancy, Greg, Evan, Eric, and Emily Long in memory of Edwin and  
Marjorie Floyd

Scot and Leanne Glasgow in memory of William Webb Glasgow

Jane Griffin in memory of Ann Griffin Clawson

Jean Harris in memory of Jerry Harris

Fred and Jean Haynie in memory of Elaine Whisnant

The Jarrell Family in honor of the GFBC church staff

Virgil and Gail Jones in memory of Gerald and Anna Jones  
and in memory of Ford and Dorothy Mastin

Janice and Randy Medford in memory of Vida and Deroy Adair  
and in memory of Dorothy and Howard Beard

Colleen Miller in memory of Susan Miller, who loved flowers

Harold and Gerry Ritter in memory of Dean Ritter,  
in memory of E. T. and Geneva Parham,  
in memory of Walter and Ruther Ritter,  
and in honor of Scott, Denise, Ava, and Erica Ritter

Sally Shaver in memory of Mildred and Wheeler Shaver

Hazel Tudor and Leland Decker in memory of Frank and Jean Decker

Greg and Karen Upchurch in memory of their parents

Judy and Vincent Vaccaro; Julie, Michael, and Addison Mulawka in honor of  
Jean Harris and in memory of Jerry Harris

Lee and Patti Webb in honor of the Congregational Care Ministry

Lisa Ayres Whisnant and David Whisnant in memory of Elaine Whisnant

Kathy Whisnant Bogue and Chuck Bogue in memory of Elaine Whisnant

Richard Whisnant in memory of Elaine Whisnant

Wayne and Jenny Williams in memory of John and Marion Williams  
and in memory of Sol and Marvel Wahrman



Christmas Eve Children's Service - 4pm


Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 8pm

Christmas Day Livestream Event - 11am

*Come join us to celebrate Christmas!*

# Order of Worship Fourth Sunday of Advent

† This icon indicates an invitation to stand or express reverence however you see fit.

 Hymns and song lyrics are available in the songbook following the Order of Worship.

## Chiming of the Hour

† **Processional** | *Once in Royal David's City* (pg. 7)

v. 1: Solo (Ella Riddick), v. 2: Sanctuary Choir

v. 3-4: Congregation

**Welcome and Bidding Prayer** | *Rev. Lauren Efird*

Leader: The Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

**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.**

**Preparation for Worship** | *Wexford Carol* | *arr. Collinsworth*

**Lighting of the Love Candle** | *Ella Biser, Anna Claire Jarrell, and Emily Nuss*

**Lesson 1** | God promises Adam that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.

*Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Carol** | *The Invitation* | *The Followers* (pg. 12)

**Lesson 2** | God promises Abraham that his offspring shall bless all the nations.

*Alyssa Medford*

† **Carol** | *My Soul Proclaims with Wonder* (pg. 8)

**Lesson 3** | Isaiah foretells the coming of the Savior.

*Zelma Palmer*

**Carol** | *A Boy Was Born* | *Benjamin Britten* (pg. 12)

**Lesson 4** | Isaiah foretells the peace Christ will bring.

*Isaac Efird*

**Carol** | *Keep Your Lamps* | arr. Randi Grundahl Rexroth (pg. 12)

**Lesson 5** | The Angel Gabriel blesses the virgin Mary.

*Rev. Amanda Warren*

**Carol** | *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* | arr. Sufjan Stevens (pg. 13)

**Lesson 6** | Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

*Rev. Lauren Efird*

**Carol** | *Still, Still, Still* | arr. Mack Wilberg (pg. 13)

**Lesson 7** | The shepherds go to the manger.

*Carolyn Camp*

† **Carol** | *In the Bleak Midwinter* (v. 1-3; pg. 9)

**Offertory Prayer** | Carol Carter

† **Doxology** | Tune: CRANHAM

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,

If I were a wise man I would do my part,

Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

**Lesson 8** | The magi are led by the star to Jesus.

*Greg Upchurch*

† **Carol** | *What Child is This* (pg. 10)

**Lesson 9** | John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation.

*Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks*

**Carol** | *Gloria from Missa Kenya* | Paul Basler (pg. 14)

**Collect and Benediction** | Rev. Efird

† **Recessional Hymn** | *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (pg. 11)

Be sure to check out  
the Youth Ministry's  
Live Nativity in the  
Narthex as you leave!

# Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a  
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is  
 3. For He is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by  
 4. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

low - ly cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her  
 God and Lord of all, and His shel - ter was a  
 day on earth He grew; He was tempt - ed, scorned, re -  
 ox - en stand - ing by, we shall see Him, but in

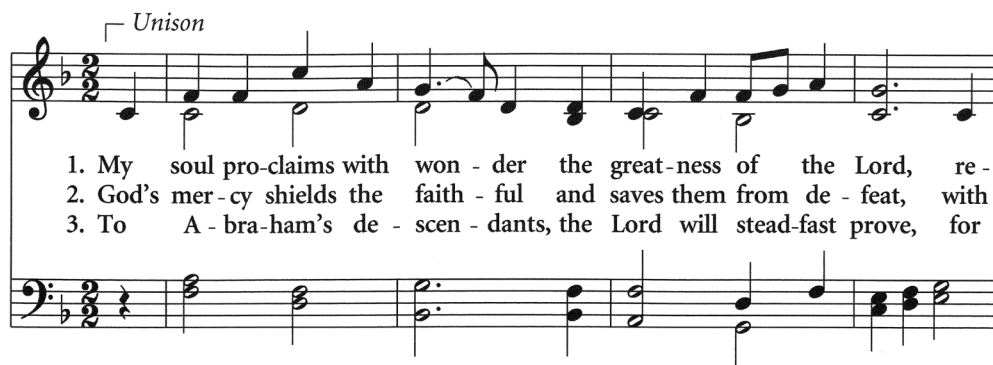
ba - by in a man - ger for His bed. Ma - ry  
 sta - ble, and His cra - dle was a stall. With the  
 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us He knew. Thus He  
 heav - en set at God's right hand on high; when like

was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.  
 poor and meek and low - ly lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 feels for all our sad - ness, and He shares in all our glad - ness.  
 stars His chil - dren crowned, robed in white shall gath - er round.

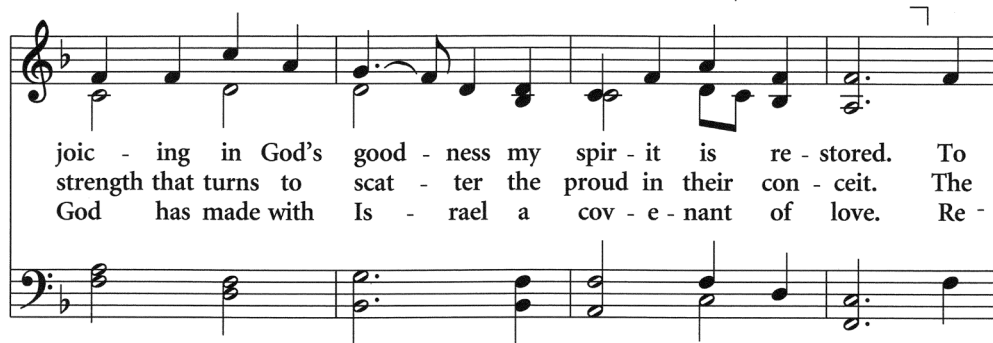


# My Soul Proclaims with Wonder

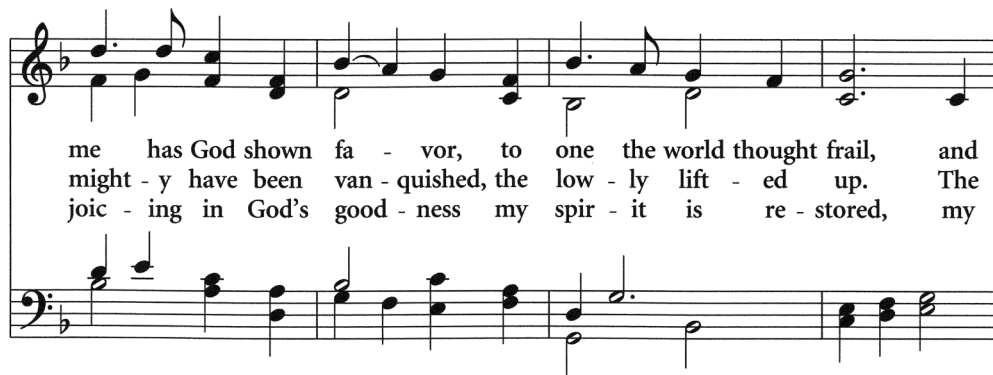
*Unison*



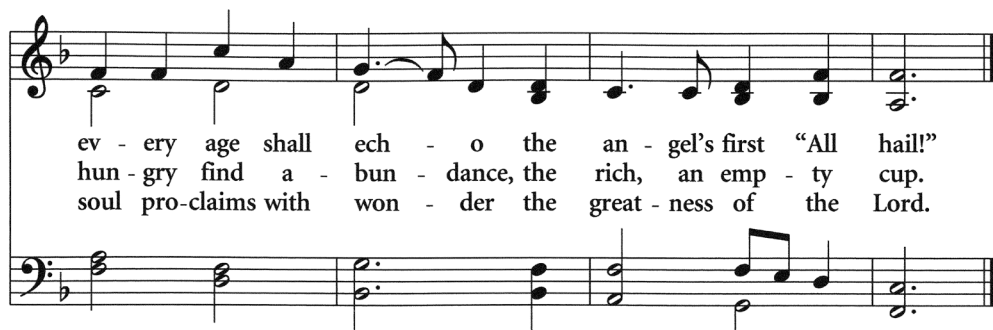
1. My soul pro-claims with won - der the great-ness of the Lord, re -  
 2. God's mer-cy shields the faith - ful and saves them from de - feat, with  
 3. To A - bra-ham's de - scen - dants, the Lord will stead-fast prove, for



joic - ing in God's good - ness my spir - it is re - stored. To  
 strength that turns to scat - ter the proud in their con - ceit. The  
 God has made with Is - rael a cov - e - nant of love. Re -



me has God shown fa - vor, to one the world thought frail, and  
 might - y have been van - quished, the low - ly lift - ed up. The  
 joic - ing in God's good - ness my spir - it is re - stored, my



ev - ery age shall ech - o the an - gel's first "All hail!"  
 hun - gry find a - bun - dance, the rich, an emp - ty cup.  
 soul pro-claims with won - der the great - ness of the Lord.

# In the Bleak Midwinter

1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
 2. Heav - en can - not hold Him, nor earth sus - tain;  
 3. An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,  
 4. What can I give Him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when He comes to reign:  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim thronged the air;  
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

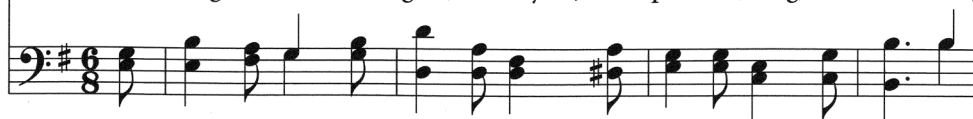
snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed the  
 but His moth - er on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,  
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.  
 wor - shipped the Be - lov - ed with a kiss.  
 what I can I give Him: give Him my heart.

# What Child is This



1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest on Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing?  
 2. Why lies He in such mean es-tate, where ox and ass are feed-ing?  
 3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come peas-ant, king, to own Him;



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris-tians, fear: for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en-throne Him.



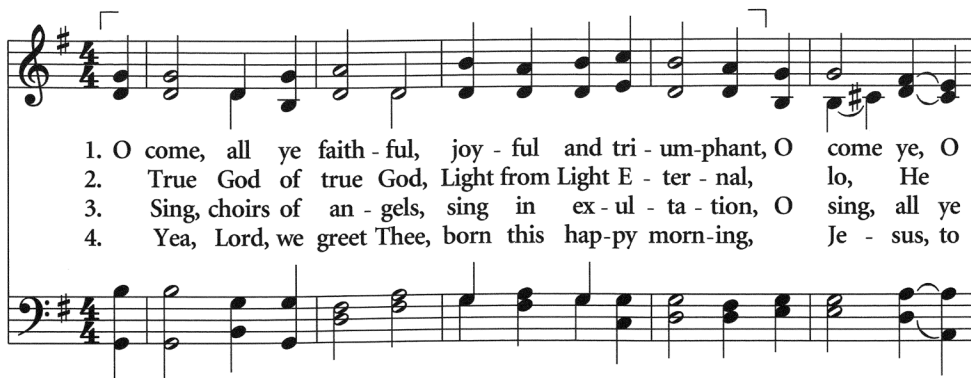
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing:  
 Nails, spears, shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.  
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.



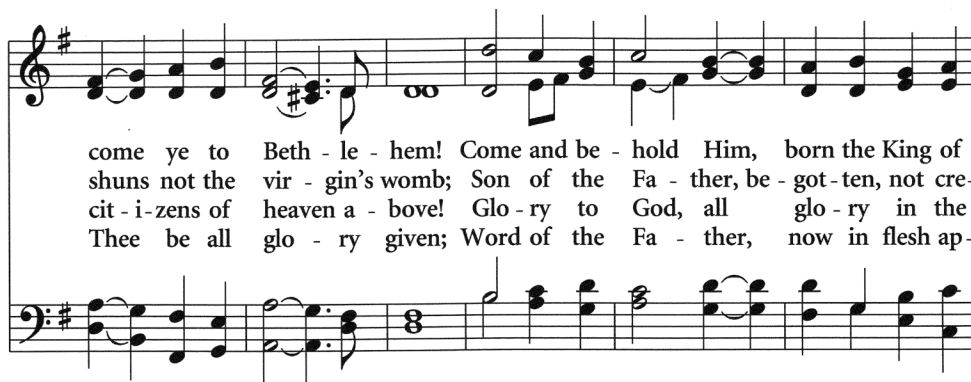
haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!  
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!  
 Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!



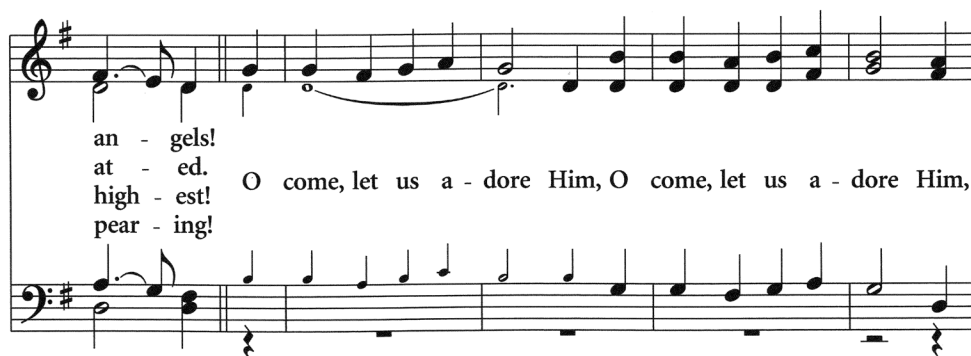
# O Come, All Ye Faithful



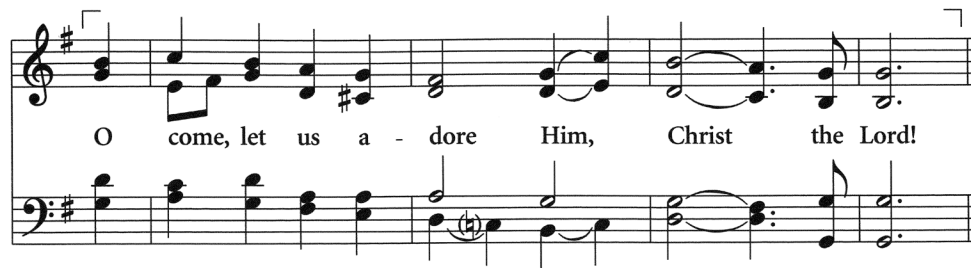
1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um-phant, O come ye, O  
 2. True God of true God, Light from Light E - ter - nal, lo, He  
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, O sing, all ye  
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap-py morn-ing, Je - sus, to



come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come and be - hold Him, born the King of  
 shuns not the vir - gin's womb; Son of the Fa - ther, be - got - ten, not cre-  
 cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the  
 Thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap -



an - gels!  
 at - ed.  
 high - est! O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,  
 pear - ing!



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

# Carols

## The Invitation | The Followers *Praise Team*

Oh that you'd come tear open the sky  
That you'd come down, that you'd come down  
Oh that the mountains would tremble inside  
That you'd come down, that you'd come down  
As fire burns away all the lies  
Won't you come down, won't you come down  
Your fire brings our souls to life  
Jesus come down, Jesus come down  
Jesus come down  
We have come to meet with you  
To follow and love to take hold of you  
We have come here to worship you  
To honor and know to bow before you  
Jesus come down, Jesus come down  
Jesus come down  
You are our Father, we are the clay  
Won't you come down, won't you come down  
You are the Potter so mold us today  
Won't you come down, won't you come down

## A Boy Was Born | Benjamin Britten *Sanctuary Choir*

A boy was born in Bethlehem,  
Rejoice for that, Jerusalem!  
Alleluya.  
He let himself a servant be,  
That all mankind he might set free:  
Alleluya.  
Then praise the Word of God who came  
to dwell within a human frame:  
Alleluya.  
**Keep Your Lamps | arr. Rexroth**  
*Women's Choir*  
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning (x3),  
The time is drawing nigh.  
Children, don't get weary (x3)  
'Til your work is done.  
Sisters, don't stop praying (x3),  
See what the Lord has done.  
Soon the darkness will be over (x3),  
The dawn is drawing nigh!

**Lo, How a Rose | Sufjan Stevens**  
*Youth Band*

Lo! How a Rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung  
Of Jesse's lineage coming,  
As those of old have sung.

It came a flower bright  
Amid the cold of winter  
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind;  
And so then we behold it,  
The Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright  
She bore to us a Savior  
When half-spent was the night.

**Still, Still, Still | arr. Mack Wilberg**  
*Sanctuary Choir*  
*Lynn Newsome & Helen Bishop, Piano*

Still, still, still,  
His bright eyes softly close  
And Mary, breathless,  
Draws him sleeping  
To her heart,  
Made pure for keeping  
Still, still, still,  
His bright eyes softly close.

Sleep, sleep, sleep,  
He hears, and sweetly smiles.  
And kneeling Joseph  
Joins in chorus  
With the angels  
Bending o'er us  
Sleep, sleep, sleep,  
He hears, and sweetly smiles.

Sleep, sleep, sleep,  
He breathes a tender sigh,  
For soon he'll wake  
The world from slumber  
Bringing life  
And endless wonder  
Sleep, sleep, sleep  
He breathes a tender sigh.

Sleep, holy Jesus  
Sleep

**Gloria | Paul Basler**

*Sanctuary Choir*

*Evan Owoc-Edwards, Soloist*

*Sean Glasgow & Helen Bishop,*

*Percussion*

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnam gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris, qui tollis  
peccata mundi, miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram  
Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Jesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu:  
in gloria Dei Patris.

Amen!

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for  
your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God almighty Father.

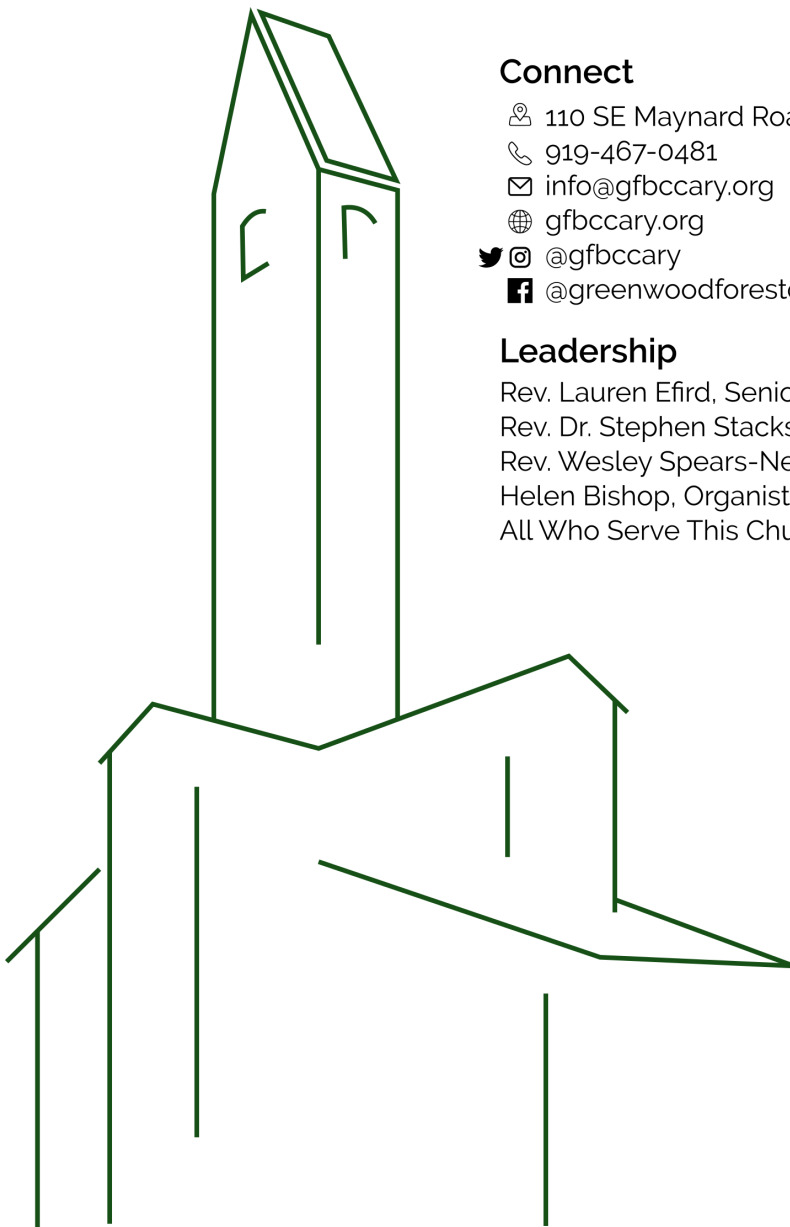
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father, you take away the  
sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.

you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father, have mercy on us.

For You alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit:  
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen!





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All Who Serve This Church

