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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

Guest Preacher

Dr. LaTonya Penny



Dr. LaTonya N. McIver Penny is a native of Leasburg, NC and is the daughter of Tony and Phyllis McIver. After graduating from Person High School, she continued her education at NC A&T where she earned her BA. Dr. Penny earned her MA from ECU and her MDiv from Wake Forest. In 2019 she

successfully defended her dissertation earning her DMin from Campbell University.

Dr. Penny served as pastor of New Mount Zion Baptist Church in Roxboro, NC from 2014 until 2021. In 2021 she and her husband Charles, launched Belonging Fellowship, a virtual ministry committed to creating safe spaces of worship for all and a space where all can belong. Belonging Fellowship is committed to serving in communities wherever there is need.

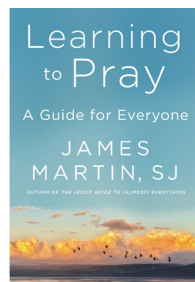
Dr. Penny believes that all children are in the "imago Dei", the image of God, and should be treated with love, honor and respect. She is actively involved in many organizations pertaining to children with disabilities and the fair treatment of children. Dr. Penny founded her nonprofit Mary's Grace Incorporated, named after her maternal grandmother, Mary Stanfield, which creates programs and ministries of inclusion with persons with disabilities and their families, in churches and communities. She travels the country equipping churches, communities and schools

with skills to include those with disabilities.

Dr. Penny is married to Charles W. Penny II who actively serves in ministry with her and they are the proud parents of miracle twins, Taylor and Hunter.

Discipleship Retreat

Have you ever struggled with prayer? This year's Discipleship Retreat will focus on an exploration of prayer, different prayer practices, and how we can strengthen and expand our prayer lives. Our ministers will lead a wide range of sessions, including food and prayer, praying with nature, Ignatian prayer, and journaling. Sunday morning's session will



feature lay people sharing their insights, as well. We'll use James Martin's *Learning to Pray* as our guide for the weekend (Feb.24-26). The fee is \$35 and includes the book and 3 meals.

Register on Realm ([onRealm.org/GreenwoodForest](https://onrealm.org/GreenwoodForest)) today! If you need assistance creating an account or registering, contact Rev. Spears-Newsome.

Ministry Monday (2/13)

Ministry Monday is coming up (Feb. 13)! Ministry Monday committee meetings happen 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

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
Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)
Gilles Bikindou
Katie Buchanan (Pat and Tom Brooks' niece)
Alice Curti
Scott Davenport (friend of the Biser family)
Elaine Dodson
Vanna Fox
James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)
Betty Mayfield
The Poe Family at the death of Annie Poe
Fred Seeger
Our partners at Ebenezer Baptist in Cuba

THANKS

Thank you to everyone who attended this past Sunday's Fellowship Meal. We would like to especially thank Steve Denning, Randy Medford, and Greg and Karen Upchurch for their help in set-up and clean-up. We are so looking forward to the next one the last Sunday of February!

Franz and Jill Bryant



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

Our youth ministry shapes the lives and faith of our young people through weekly activities and unique experiences. Youth meet regularly on Sunday mornings, Sunday afternoons at Alpha & Omega, and go on special retreats and trips. The Freedom Ride was also born out of our youth ministry! Our youth will lead us in worship on Youth Sunday this February, as well.

Your gifts to Greenwood Forest make this ministry possible!

Order of Worship 5th Sunday after Epiphany

† 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 | *They'll Know We are Christians* | arr. Mendoza

Welcome to Worship | Rev. Lauren Efird

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (Psalm 112) | Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord,
Who greatly delight in God's commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

The generation of the upright will be blessed.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;

They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

It is well with those who deal generously and lend,

Who conduct their affairs with justice.

For the righteous will never be moved;

They will be remembered forever.

They are not afraid of evil tidings;

Their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;

In the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;

Their righteousness endures forever.

Invocation | Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

† **Gathering Hymn** | *We Are Marching in the Light of God* (pg. 7)

Offertory Prayer | Chris Cook

Today's color is **green**, symbolizing creation and growth.

Black History Month

In honor of Black History Month, our worship services during February will feature music from Black composers and artists. Throughout the month, Rev. Dr. Stacks will highlight one of the pieces of music in the service, providing further history and context so that we may "sing with understanding." (more on pg. 6)

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.

† **Doxology** | *Tune: GLORIA PATRI* 📖

Glory be to the Maker,
And to the Christ,
And to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen! 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** | *Lord I Want to Be a Christian* (pg. 9)

Scripture Reading | *Matthew 5:13-20* | *Johnny Jackson*
The word of God for us, the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem | *This Little Light of Mine* (pg. 6)

Sermon | *Dr. LaTonya Penny*

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** | *Let Us Break Bread Together* (pg. 10)

Benediction | *Rev. Efird*

Postlude | *This Little Light of Mine* | *arr. Torrans*

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.

Communion

During Communion, we gather around the table as Christ showed us, to remember and give thanks. We have an open table—all who wish to take Communion are invited. We practice intinction, which means you receive a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. A gluten-free option is available on the altar.

Anthem This Little Light of Mine

arr. John Leavitt

Soloist: BJ Facemire

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, all the time, let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

Hallelujah!

Black History Month @ GFBC

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Rev. Chalice Overy, associate pastor at Pullen Memorial Baptist in Raleigh, wrote in 2022 that “White institutions can [extend Black History Month’s witness against white supremacy] by considering it as more of an indictment than an indication of progress; by remembering that Black History Month is a response to the whitewashing of American history; by using it as a time to take inventory of our sustained efforts towards equity and justice; by pulling together resources—images, readings, music—that we can use to decolonize worship throughout the year.”

Here at GFBC, we celebrate Black History Month alongside our Black congregants and Black siblings everywhere as a way to honor Black stories, Black beauty, and Black contributions, but also as a way to signal our continued commitment to Black lives throughout the year. We celebrate Black History Month, not as an excuse for normalizing White history and culture for the remainder of the year, but as a way to catalyze within our institution and the world the important work of decentering whiteness, so that all God’s children might thrive. For us, Black History Month is not a way to absolve ourselves of the year-round and life-long work of anti-racism, but a moment to celebrate and to recommit ourselves to the gospel work of inclusivity in our worship and in our lives.

7 We Are Marching in the Light of God

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
We are march - ing* in the light of God,

1.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

2.
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya -
march - ing in the light of the light of God, we are
kwen - khos' of God

*Alternate text: dancing, singing, praying...

African phonetics:

See-yah-hahmb eh-koo-kah-nyen kwen-kose

See-yah-hahm-bah

ham - ba, march-ing

Oo Oo Si - ya - We are

ham - ba, march-ing, ham - ba, Si - ya - ham - ba, march-ing, ham - ba, Si - ya - march-ing, we are

kwen - khos' of God *si - ya - we are*

hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. *Si - ya -*
march - ing in the light of the light of God, *we are*

kwen - khos' of God

ham - ba, march-ing

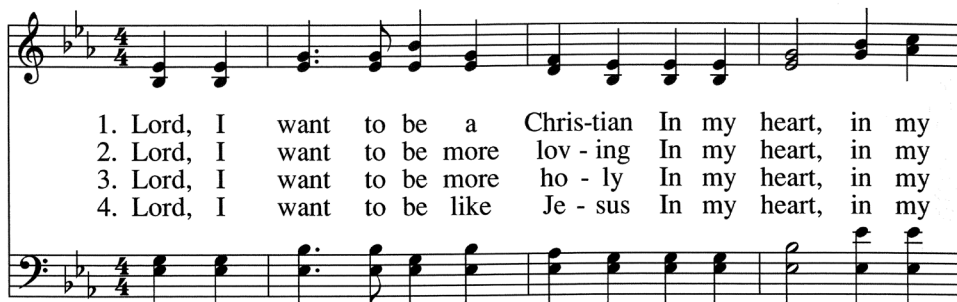
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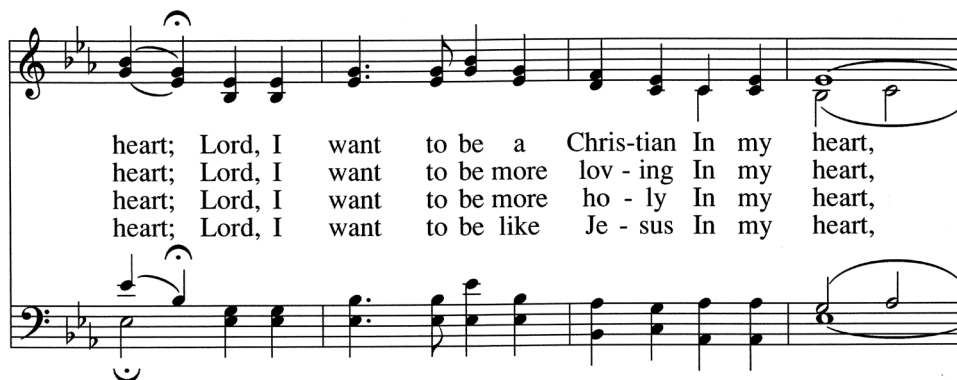
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
march - ing in the light of God.

The musical score is written on two staves, Treble and Bass, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Treble staff. The lyrics are written below the staves. The phrase 'hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos' is written in a stylized font, with 'hamb' and 'khos' having apostrophes. Below it, the English translation 'march - ing in the light of God.' is written. The music features a triplet of eighth notes in the Treble staff, marked with a bracket and the number '3'. The final note of the melody is a half note, marked with a fermata. The Bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment, with a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure, also marked with a bracket and the number '3'.

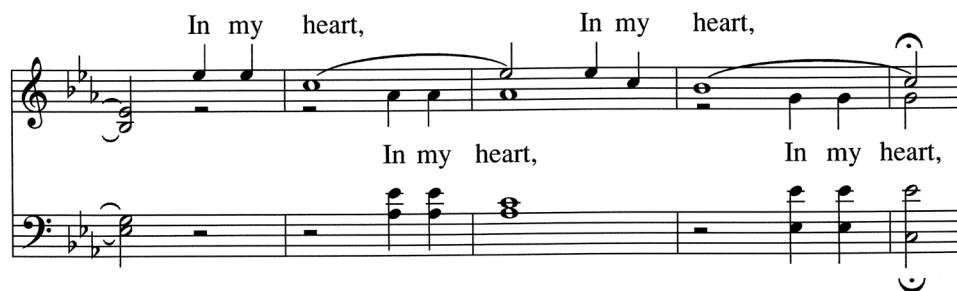
Lord I Want to be a Christian



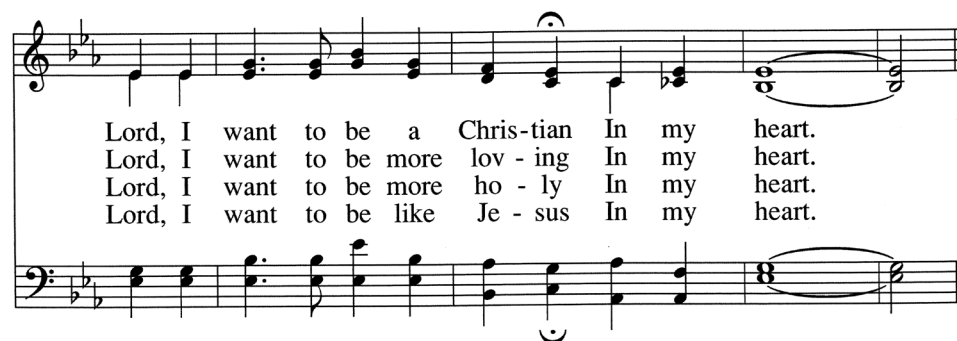
1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, in my
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, in my
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, in my
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, in my



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 heart; Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart,
 heart; Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart,
 heart; Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart,



In my heart, In my heart,
 In my heart, In my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart.

Let Us Break Bread Together

knees,

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees, on our

knees,

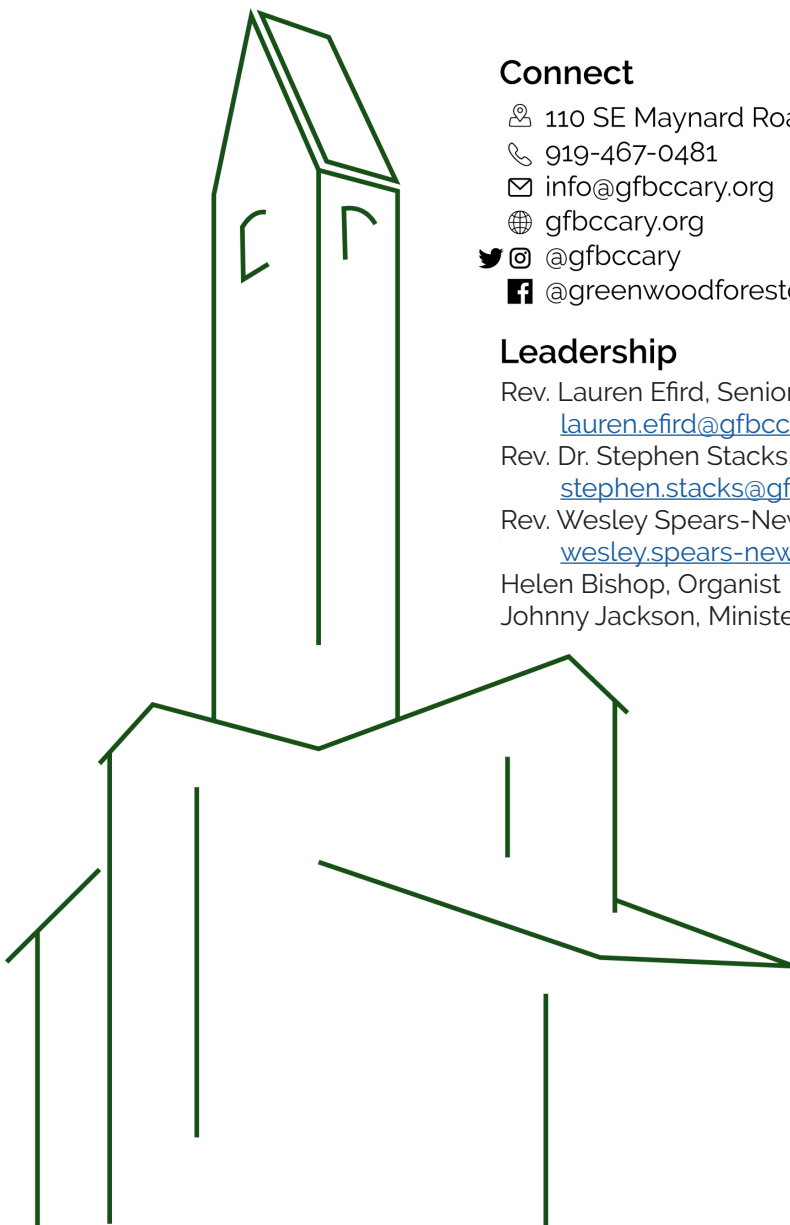
knees, Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees, on our

knees, When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

me.

sun, O Lord have mer - cy on me, on me.

2. Let us drink wine together...
3. Let us praise God together...



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