



# Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

May 28, 2023



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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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**Bulletin Art:** *"Veni Sancti Spiritus"*  
by Adam Kossowski; a mosaic in the  
Roman Catholic Church of St. Aloysius  
in London as photographed by Fr.  
Lawrence Lew, OP, recorded in the  
Vanderbilt Divinity Library.

## 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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# BE A HERO!

Donate Blood **June 2**



 visit [redcrossblood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) and search "greenwood"

The annual blood drive will be on June 2, 2023. You can mark your calendars now and even make appointments at the [Red Cross website](https://www.redcrossblood.org). Use the sponsor code "Greenwood" on the website to find the blood drive hosted at the church.



Come to

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**June 19-22**

6pm-8pm

Free dinner at 5:30pm

For ages: 4-years-old to finished 5th grade

# Announcements Church Events and Updates

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## ***Calling All Graduates!***

Graduation Sunday is on June 11! We want to recognize all our graduates alongside our high school seniors, so please email Wes ([wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org](mailto:wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org)) and let him know your school and degree if you've graduated since last summer.

## ***Vacation Bible School***

We're joining forces with our friends at the Kirk of Kildaire for Vacation Bible School this summer! The program will run June 19-22 (6-8pm) with a free dinner available at 5:30pm each day. VBS is for ages 4-years to those who have finished 5th grade this year. You can register to attend at [gfbccary.org/vbs](http://gfbccary.org/vbs) and you can register to volunteer at [tinyurl.com/kirkvbsvolunteer](http://tinyurl.com/kirkvbsvolunteer). The theme will focus on Joseph and Egypt this year!

## ***Thank You Family Promise Volunteers!***

We were the host church for Family Promise of Wake County this week! In the past, families in their transitional housing program used to stay in our church building, but now Family Promise has more stable housing for them. As a result, we focus on providing groceries and meals for the families and children in the program. Thank you to everyone who cooked meals and delivered groceries this week! If you'd like to be involved in the future, email Wes.

## ***Summer Choir (6/4)***

Every summer, the GFBC choir meets more occasionally instead of weekly. If you'd like to participate in this summer choir, the first potluck and rehearsal will be Sunday, June 4 immediately following worship.

## ***Neighborhood Summer Program Begins 6/20!***

The Neighborhood Summer Program (formerly Food, Friends, and Fun) happens every summer for kids in the neighborhood. The program offers food (breakfast and lunch) and summer enrichment activities for children of all ages. You can bring your child Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from June 20 to August 17 from 9am to 1pm. Greenwood Forest members serve as volunteers to help on Thursdays during the summer and you can sign up at [gfbccary.org/summer](http://gfbccary.org/summer). Ask Wes if you need any more information!

## ***Thank You for Supporting the Freedom Ride!***

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Easter Egg fundraiser for the Freedom Ride! We raised over \$2,000 for our riders this summer! The order has been placed and those of you who received prizes in your eggs will receive them in mid-June. They will be available after worship on Sundays.

# 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  
Gilles Bikindou  
Valerie Brooks  
Scott Davenport (friend of the Biser family)  
Elaine Dodson  
Stephanie Fancher (friend of Gerry Ritter)  
Vanna Fox  
James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)  
Angela Patton (Leta Huntsinger's cousin)  
Diedre Scofield Queen (friend of Valerie Brooks)  
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:**

### **Music Ministry**

*Music is a vital part of spiritual and communal life. Here at GFBC, we strive to express the diversity of God's beloved community by using a wide variety of music many different traditions.*

*This month, we presented pieces from Broadway musicals at a Dinner Theater to benefit the completion of the organ renovation. Thank you to everyone who came out in support! We had a great time!*

# Order of Worship Pentecost 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** | *Komm, Heiliger Geist* | A. Armsdorf

**Welcome to Worship** | *Rev. Lauren Efird*

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit!

**People: Fill our hearts!**

**Passing of the Peace** 📖

**Call to Worship** | *Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks*

When the world divides us:

**Come, Holy Spirit, make us one!**

When the world calls us orphaned:

**Come, Holy Spirit, make us family!**

When the world leads us astray:

**Come, Holy Spirit, call us home!**

Come, Holy Spirit, rain down on this place,

**Let our souls drink your goodness!**

Let our hearts overflow.

**Come, Holy Spirit, rain down on this place!**

**Invocation** | *Rev. Dr. Stacks*

† **Hymn** | *Spirit on the Church Descending* (pg. 7)

**Offertory Prayer** | *Andy Jarrell*

Today's color is **red**, representing the fire of the Holy Spirit at 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 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.

† **Doxology** | *Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN* 📖

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
O praise God. Alleluia!  
Praise God above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
O praise God! O praise God!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The Prayers of the People** | *Rev. 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** | *Wind that Makes All Winds That Blow* (pg. 8)

† **Reading** | *Acts 2:1-21* | *Rev. Dr. Stacks*  
The word of God for us, the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** | *Opened Up the Heavens* (pg. 10)

**Sermon** | *Drunk in Love* | *Rev. Efird*

† **Hymn** | *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* (pg. 9) 📖

**Benediction** | *Rev. Efird*

**Postlude** | *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* | *arr. Labenske*

**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.

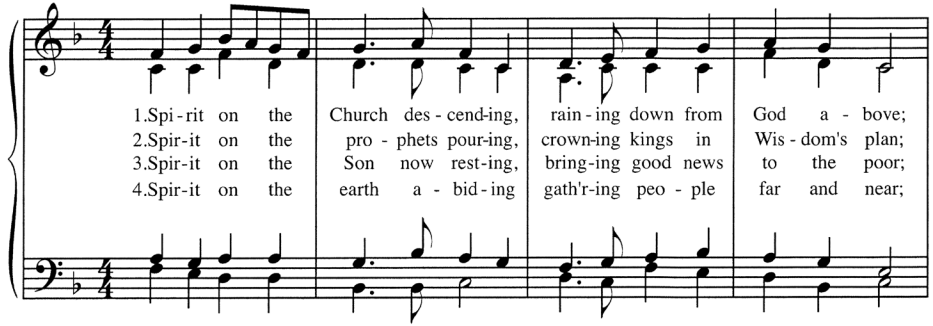
**The Prayers of the People**

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.

**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!

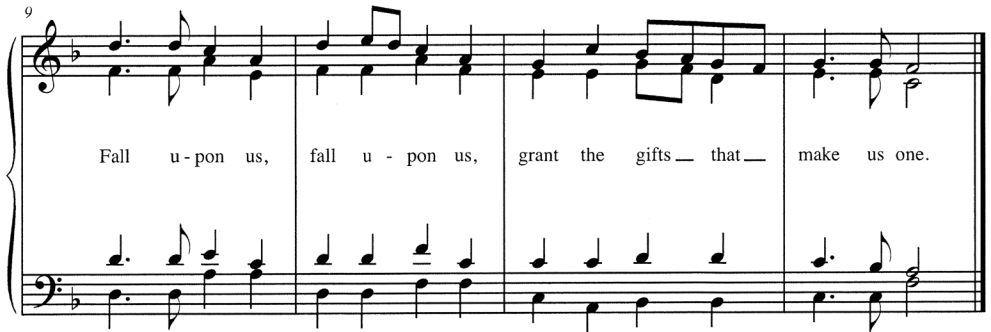
# Spirit on the Church Descending



1. Spi-rit on the Church des-cend-ing, rain-ing down from God a - bove;  
2. Spir-it on the pro - phets pour-ing, crown-ing kings in Wis - dom's plan;  
3. Spir-it on the Son now rest-ing, bring-ing good news to the poor;  
4. Spir-it on the earth a - bid-ing gath'r-ing peo - ple far and near;



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Wind of pow - er, heav - ens rend-ing, fill our lives with hol - y love.  
Word of God in jus - tice speaking, will the peo - ple strength to stand.  
sight re - co - vered, cap - tives free-ing, sing for Ju - bi lee once more.  
through the king - dom Christ is building, free the world from death and fear.



9  
Fall u - pon us, fall u - pon us, grant the gifts that make us one.



# Wind That Makes All Winds That Blow

1. Wind who makes all winds that blow — gusts that bend the sap-lings low,  
2. Fire who fuels all fires that burn — suns a-round which plan-ets turn,  
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Wind and Flame, move with - in our mor-tal frame.

gales that heave the sea in waves, stir-rings in the mind's deep caves —  
bea - cons mark-ing reefs and shoals, shin-ing truth to guide our souls —  
Make our hearts an al - tar pyre. Kin-dle them with your own fire.

aim your breath with stead-y power on your church, this day, this hour.  
come to us as once You came: burst in tongues of sa - cred flame!  
Breathe and blow up - on that blaze till our lives, our deeds and ways

Raise, re - new the life we've lost, Spir-it God of Pen - te - cost.  
Light and Pow - er, Might and Strength, fill your church, its breadth and length.  
speak that tongue which ev - ery land by your grace shall un - der - stand.

# Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren pray - ing,

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a whole chord of Gb2, Bb3, and Eb4. The melody starts on Gb4, moving to Ab4, Bb4, and then C5, with a fermata over the C5 note. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. It begins with a whole chord of Gb2, Bb3, and Eb4. The bass line consists of a series of eighth notes: Gb2, Ab2, Bb2, C3, Bb2, Ab2, Gb2, followed by a whole note Gb2.

Lord, send Your Spir-it in this place; Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren

The second system of music consists of two staves. The top staff continues the melody from the first system, starting on Gb4 and moving to Ab4, Bb4, C5, and then Bb4, Ab4, Gb4. There is a fermata over the Gb4 note. The bottom staff continues the bass line with eighth notes: Gb2, Ab2, Bb2, C3, Bb2, Ab2, Gb2, followed by a whole note Gb2.

pray - ing, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

The third system of music consists of two staves. The top staff continues the melody from the second system, starting on Gb4 and moving to Ab4, Bb4, C5, and then Bb4, Ab4, Gb4. There is a fermata over the Gb4 note. The bottom staff continues the bass line with eighth notes: Gb2, Ab2, Bb2, C3, Bb2, Ab2, Gb2, followed by a whole note Gb2.

# **Anthem** Opened Up the Heavens

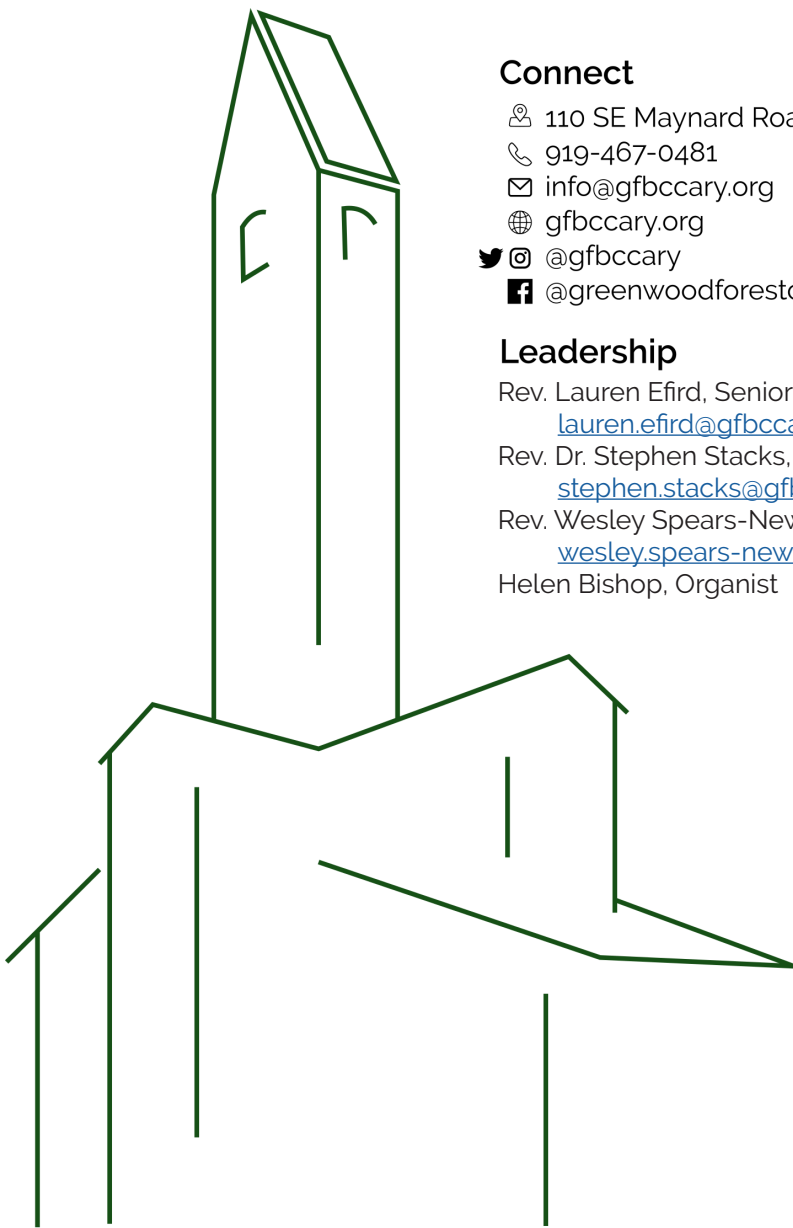
Isla Vista Worship

Waiting, in the quiet place  
Longing for embrace, Lord, I look to you  
You're faithful, to reveal your heart  
From the very start I was meant for you

*Oh, you opened up the heavens  
And you rained down your love  
Father, my heart is toward you  
And you're more than enough*

I am resting, in your love for me  
Open up and receive, Lord, I look to you  
And your water, it washes over me  
For eternity, I just wanna sing oh-oh

You are my inheritance  
You hold my world inside your hands



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