



Greenwood Forest

Baptist Church

Oct. 1, 2023



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Bulletin Art Israelites Gathering Manna

Ercole de' Roberti (d. 1496)

According to the National Gallery (London, UK) where this piece is held, it was "once part of a predella of an altarpiece made for the church of San Domenico in Ferrara." A central panel of the tripartite work was a rendering of the Last Supper with the institution of the eucharist. One side panel depicted Abraham and Melchizedek and the other this rendering of the Israelites gathering manna. The patron of the artwork, Eleonora of Aragorn (d. 1493) was particularly interested in the eucharist and for many at the time, "the story of the Israelites gathering manna – a heavenly 'bread' that fed them during their travels in the wilderness before reaching Israel – was often interpreted as a forerunner of the 'heavenly bread' of Christ's body." As we take communion together today, let us remember our Jewish siblings in faith whose own history of heavenly provision predates our own while we share in the same gratitude to God.



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an inclusive
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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: Luke Perrin

Our guest preacher this morning is a familiar face! Luke Perrin served as our intern for part of the covid-19 pandemic, leading in worship, assisting in pastoral care, and getting to know many of you. Luke recently graduated from both Duke Divinity School and the Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy. We're looking forward to welcoming him back to our sanctuary this Sunday morning!

Churchwide Faith Formation Continues

Our churchwide Faith Formation series continues at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall (ends October 8). Join Dr. Mary Whitehouse and Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome in an exploration of Liberation Theology. First popularized in Latin America, liberation theologies seek to emphasize God's desire for our freedom and well-being. Liberation theologies have since exploded around the world from South Africa to Palestine to India and beyond.

Young Adult Event at Vicious Fishes in Apex

On October 8, Greenwood Forest will have a special fellowship event for young adults at Vicious Fishes in Apex from 4-6pm. Come for fellowship and a good time with other church members!

We want to hear your stories!

For the 60th Anniversary Celebration, we are collecting stories from the congregation of highlights of the past sixty years. What is an experience you've had at GFBC that you're grateful for? What was a high water mark for you? What memories, friends, and experiences do you treasure the most? We're looking for stories between 250-750 words to be shared in a collection with the congregation on November 19 at our celebration. Email stories to Rev. Spears-Newsome at wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org.

Fall Festival on Oct. 29!

Our annual Fall Festival will be on October 29 at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall and outside. Save the date and look out for opportunities for the chili cookoff and baking contests soon!

Family Promise Oct. 8-15

GFBC is helping out with Family Promise October 8-15. Family Promise of Wake County provides transitional housing for families experiencing homelessness. We take meals and groceries to families next week. If you'd like to help, contact Meg Spears-Newsome at meganspearsnewsome@gmail.com. Family Promise is also looking for regular tutors for children in the program, as well. If you're interested in learning more about that, contact Rev. Spears-Newsome at wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org.

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.

Nell Allen
Bess Averre
Gilles Bikindou
Mary George Brewer
Valerie Brooks
Scott Davenport (friend of the Biser family)
Barbara Dial (family of Carol Carter)
Elaine Dodson
Stephanie Fancher (friend of Gerry Ritter)
James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)
Anjar Hossain (friend of Kevin Schaefer)
Tony Izador (family of Roz Slawson)
Aaliyah Murray (family of Gail Jones)
Fred Seeger
Eddie Stewart (friend of Diana Morde)
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
- 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:

Outreach Ministry

GFBC's presence in the community goes far beyond mission projects and partnerships! We host multiple recovery groups, community choirs, the PRIDE of Cary group, and more. People from all across the community connect with our space, our people, and our leadership outside of Sunday morning and Cary wouldn't be the same without these relationships. Keep an eye out for Outreach-sponsored events this fall, like the Fall Festival next month! **Your gifts make this ministry possible!**

Order of Worship 18th Sunday after Pentecost

† 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 | *Heaven and Earth, and Sea and Air* | arr. Mendoza

Welcome to Worship | Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship (inspired by John 6) | Luke Perrin

Rejoice! Jesus is in our midst.

Feed us, Jesus, and fill us with hope.

Be glad, friends, Jesus has bread and fish to spare.

Free us, Jesus, from the pursuit of food that does not satisfy.

Sing for joy, people of God;

God gathers up the pieces of our lives,

that nothing may be lost.

Thanks be to God!

Invocation | Luke Perrin

† **Hymn** | *All Who Hunger Gather Gladly* (pg. 7)

Offertory Prayer | Andy Jarrell

† **Doxology** | Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH 📖

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below,

Praise God above, you heavenly hosts,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Today's color is **green**, representing growth and new life.

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 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 | *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** | *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending* (pg. 8)

Reading | *Exodus 16:2-15* | *BJ Facemire*

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

Anthem | *"Hallelujah" from The Cry of Jeremiah* (pg. 10)

Sermon | *Hoarders* | *Luke Perrin*

Communion | *Rev. Spears-Newsome* 📖

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 Talents and Tongues Employ* (pg. 9) 📖

Benediction | *Luke Perrin*

Postlude | *When I Can Read My Title Clear* | *arr. DeRousse*

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.

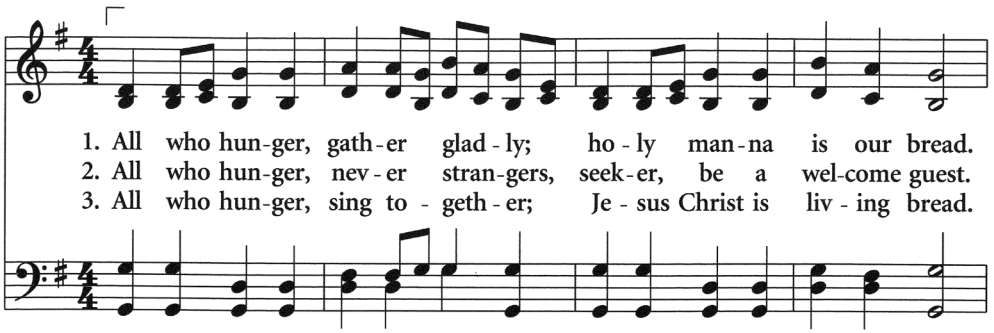
Communion

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.

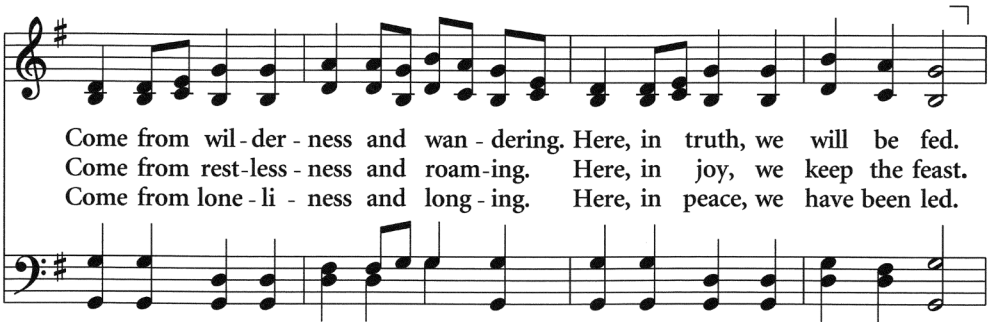
Final Hymn: An Invitation

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!

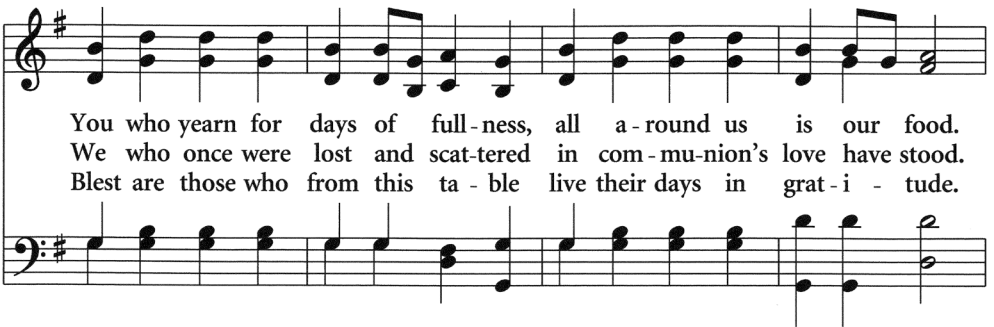
7 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
2. All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3. All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er; Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You who yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We who once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from Your
2. Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the
3. Trea - sure, too, You have en - trust - ed, gain through

rich and end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus'
goals of Christ, Your Son: all at peace in health and
powers Your grace con - ferred; ours to use for home and

wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door, gift - ed
free - dom, ra - ces joined, the church made one. Now di -
kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel Word. O - pen

by You, we turn to You, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise;
rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,

thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at Your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing You by lov - ing all.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
2. Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble He
3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a

shout of joy; bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
set the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:

Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain,
God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where.

earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Anthem Hallelujah

from *The Cry of Jeremiah* by Rosephanye Powell

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord on high.

He will deliver me.

Hallelujah! Faithful God of love.

His glory I will see

Rest in the Lord, O my soul,

Trust in God; fear not, he's always near.

Stand on the Word of the Father

Pray in the Spirit; believe! God always hears.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

He will deliver me.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

His glory I will see.

God is my refuge,

Strong mighty tower,

He is my deliverer,

Hallelujah!



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