



Greenwood Forest

Baptist Church

Oct. 15, 2023



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Bulletin Art Moses on the Mount

Ernest M. Lee (1962-2021)

Ernest Lee was originally from Zebulon, North Carolina, where he learned to love painting as a youth through an art class in high school. Ernest became known as a folk artist and was often called Florida's Van Gogh because of his robust impasto style with rich and vibrant colors. He always enjoyed painting country scenes from his youth, and taught art and painting to many children and adults during his career.

On October 5, an exhibit of his artwork opened at St. Augustine's University in Raleigh in the Seby B. Jones Art Gallery. The exhibit runs through October 31 and is open to the public Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30am-4:00pm or by appointment. You can find more information about Ernest Lee and his artwork at ernestleeart.com



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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

Let's 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@fbccary.org.

Fall Festival on Oct. 29!

Our annual Fall Festival will be on October 29 at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall and outside. Bluegrass Battleship will be playing music!

We'll have our annual chili cook-off, as well. If you'd like to sign up, visit fbccary.org/chili23. Let us know by Oct. 25! There will be a children's bake-off and a youth baking competition, as well! Those do not require advance sign-ups.

We can't wait for you to join us!

All Saints *Requiem* Concert

On Sunday, November 5 at 5pm a collection of church choirs from Cary and Raleigh will be performing John Rutter's *Requiem* with orchestra at Kirk of Kildaire during a special All Saints concert. Our choir will join and Rev. Dr. Stacks will be helping to conduct. The names of all beloved members of each church who have died in the past year will be recognized. Join us for this meaningful concert!

Staff Announcements

- Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks has returned from sabbatical this week! Please give him a warm welcome back.
- October 2 marked Rev. Lauren Efird's 12th year of being on staff at GFBC. On October 23, we celebrate Rev. Efird's 7th year as our senior pastor. We appreciate all Lauren continues to do to lead us forward as a church community. Be sure to tell Lauren thank you for all she does!
- October is Pastor Appreciation Month and this Sunday, October 15, all our ministers will be back together with us again in worship!

YMCA Day of Giving

On October 17, Rev. Efird will be cycling from 3 to 3:30pm in the Taylor YMCA lobby to help the the Taylor Family Executive Director, David Heggie, get in 100 miles, for the YMCA's Day of Giving. Come cheer them on and/or consider a gift to the YMCA's annual campaign to support the subsidized after school program and summer camps offered to children in the neighborhoods surrounding our church.

Visit: <https://give.ymcatriangle.org/campaign/2023-taylor-and-nw-cary/c494505>

The Taylor YMCA is a partner in our property repurposing project, as they are hoping to offer after-care for GFCC in the new building so we can better serve the families in our community. We look forward to years of partnership in the future!

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 Averde
Toni Beal at the death of her stepfather,
Kevin Bergan
Gilles Bikindou
Mary George Brewer
Valerie Brooks
Scott Davenport (friend of the Biser family)
Barbara Dial (sister of Carol Carter)
Elaine Dodson
James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)
Anjar Hossain (friend of Kevin Schaefer)
Tony Izador (family of Roz Slawson)
Aaliyah Murray (family of Gail Jones)
Katheron E. Palmer (mother of Randy Palmer)
Fred Seeger
Felice Short (mother of Jennifer Whaley)
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 20th 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 | *Prelude on Leoni* | arr. Berry

Welcome to Worship | Rev. Lauren Efirid

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship (Ps. 19) | Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

The word of the Lord is perfect!

God's word revives the soul!

The decrees of God never fail!

Our hearts rejoice!

The word of God shines clear!

Our eyes are enlightened!

The word of the Lord endures forever!

Blessed be God's holy name!

Invocation | Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

† **Hymn** | *The God of Abraham Praise* (pg. 7)

Offertory Prayer | Natalie Patten

Offertory | *Teach Us Your Ways* (pg. 10) 📖

† **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 Prayers of the People | *Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks* 📖
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** | *Together in this Sacred Space (pg. 8)*

Reading | *Exodus 20:1-20* | *Rev. Spears-Newsome*
The word of God for us, the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem | *Order My Steps (pg. 10)*

Sermon | *Rules to Live By* | *Rev. Efird*

† **Hymn** | *Word of God, Across the Ages (pg. 9)* 📖

Benediction | *Rev. Efird*

Postlude | *Psalm 19* | *Benedetto Marcello*

The Offertory

During the offertory music, we pass plates across the pews as a way to make our collective offering to God and the wellbeing of this community.

The Doxology

A “doxology” is a short hymn that usually praises the Trinity. We sing the doxology as we 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!

The God of Abraham Praise

1. The God of A-braham praise, all praise be to His name,
2. His Spir - it flow - ing free, high surg - es where it will;
3. He has e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be, for - e'er the same!
in proph-et's word He spoke of old, His voice speaks still.
His love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God, be - fore what now ap - pears;
Es - tab - lished is His law, and change - less it shall stand,
Praise to the liv - ing God! All praise be to His name,

the First, the Last: be - yond all thought His time - less years!
it lives up - on the hu - man heart, on sea or land.
who was, and is, and is to be, for - e'er the same!

Together in this Sacred Space

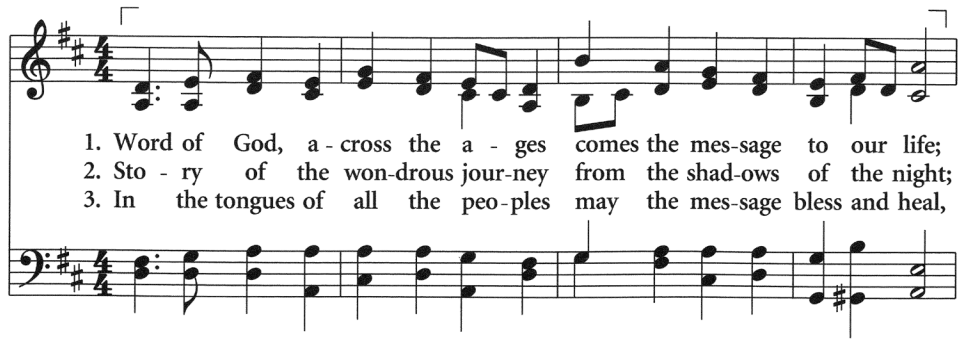
1. To - geth - er in this sac - red space our voi - ces rise as
 2. Our voi - ces ring out shrill and loud when life's first breath we
 3. The hymns we pass down bear a truth that word a - lone can't
 4. All praise to God who gives us breath and fills our hearts with

5
 one, A song com - pels our hearts to beat in per - fect u - ni -
 breathe, But soon our cries are tuned to praise the God we taste and
 share. In sing - ing we com - mune with God and mag - ni - fy our
 song! To Je - sus Christ who took on flesh, our life and love be -

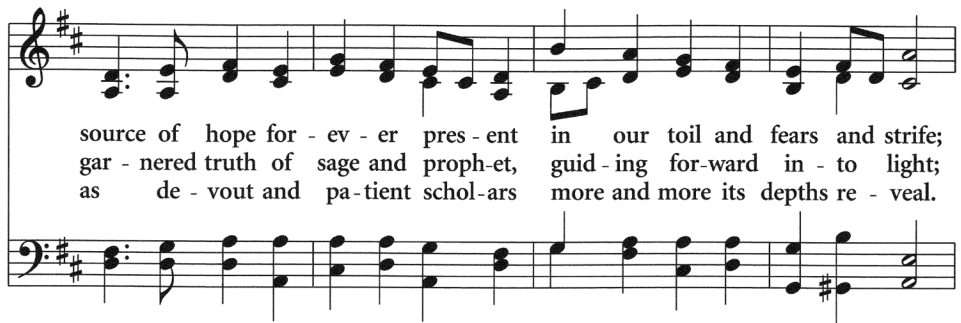
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 son, The Spi - rit of the Liv - ing God moves through us as we sing To
 see. We grow and mu - sic fills our lives, re - mains a constant friend. We
 prayer. Then lift - ing up our hearts in joy, we o - pen hea - ven space to
 longs! We bless the Spi - rit of the Lord who guides us in the way! O

14
 form and shape our hearts to seek the reign of Christ our King.
 age, and still our songs ring out, a sol - ace at life's end.
 join with all the saints through time as they their an - them raise.
 lead us on, great Three in One, to ne - ver - end - ing day!

Word of God, Across the Ages



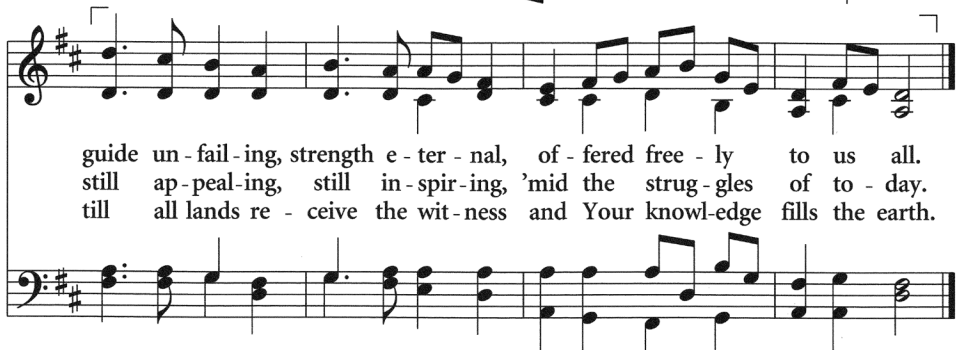
1. Word of God, a - cross the a - ges comes the mes - sage to our life;
2. Sto - ry of the won - drous jour - ney from the shad - ows of the night;
3. In the tongues of all the peo - ples may the mes - sage bless and heal,



source of hope for - ev - er pres - ent in our toil and fears and strife;
gar - nered truth of sage and proph - et, guid - ing for - ward in - to light;
as de - vout and pa - tient schol - ars more and more its depths re - veal.



con - stant wit - ness to God's mer - cy, still our grace what - e'er be - fall,
words and deeds of Christ our Mas - ter, point - ing to the life and way,
Bless, O God, to wise and sim - ple, all the truth of age - less worth,



guide un - fail - ing, strength e - ter - nal, of - fered free - ly to us all.
still ap - peal - ing, still in - spir - ing, 'mid the strug - gles of to - day.
till all lands re - ceive the wit - ness and Your knowl - edge fills the earth.

Offertory Teach Us Your Ways

The Porter's Gate

Teach us your ways, teach us your ways,
As we learn from one another, learn to love each other,
Teach us your ways.

Teach us to give, teach us to give,
Give ourselves to one another, learn to love each other,
Teach us to give.

Teach us to weep, teach us to weep,
Let us weep with one another, learn to love each other,
Teach us to weep.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Let us learn from one another, learn to love each other,
Teach us your ways.

Anthem Order My Steps

arr. Jack Schrader

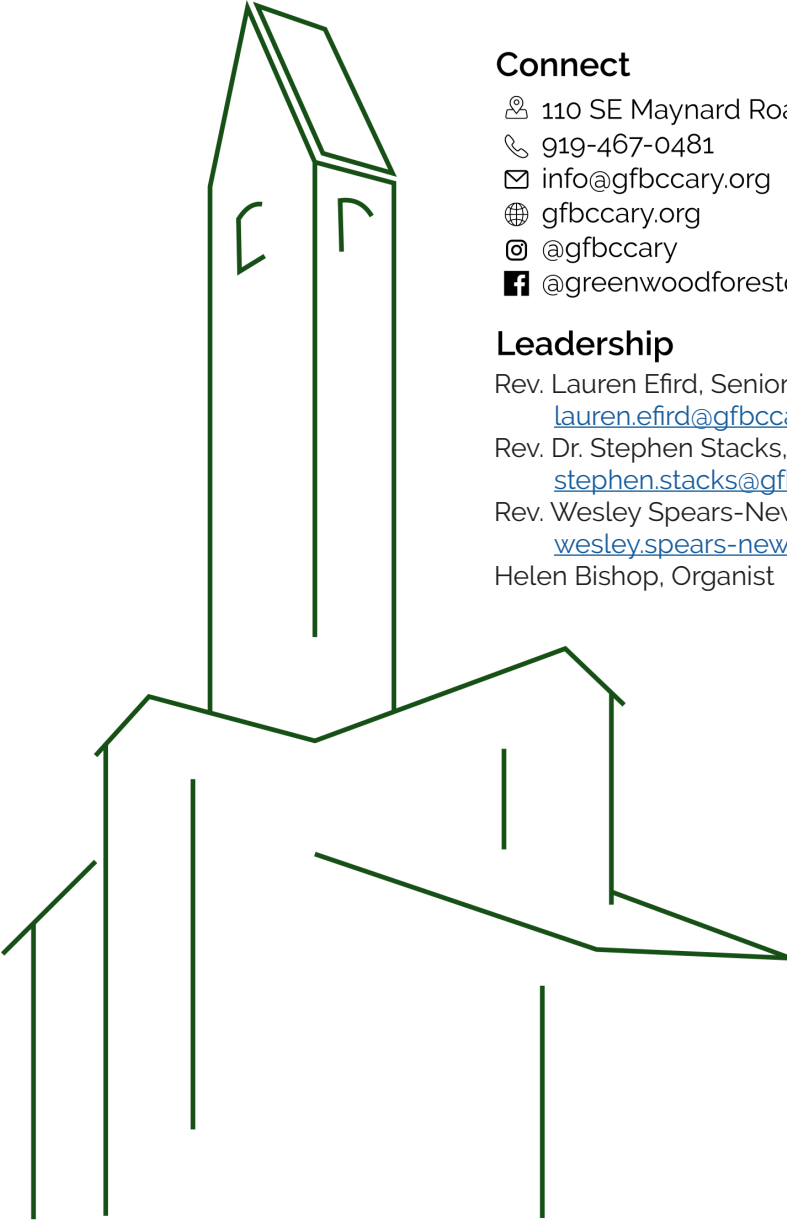
Order my steps in your word, dear Lord.
Lead me, guide me every day.
Send your anointing, Father, I pray.
Order my steps in your word.
Yes, order my steps in your word.

Humbly I ask thee, teach me your will.
While you are working, help me be still.
Though Satan is busy, God is real!
Order my steps in your word.
Please, order my steps in your word.

I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill.
Please, order my steps Lord, and I'll do your blessed will.
The world is ever changing, but you are still the same.
If you order my steps, I'll praise your name.

Order my steps in your word,
Order my tongue in your word,
Guide my feet in your word,
Wash my heart, in your word.
Show me how to walk in your word,
Show me how to talk in your word,
When I need a brand new song to sing,
Show me how to let your praises ring,

In your word, in your word, in your word,
Please order my steps in your word.



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