



Greenwood Forest

Baptist Church

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Bulletin Art by Unknown (Street Art; San Francisco, CA)

This piece, painted in a public place in San Francisco, depicts Jesus flanked by Moses and Elijah in the Transfiguration as described in our Scripture reading today.



Guest Preacher Rev. Racquel Gill

Rev. Racquel C.N. Gill is a native of Winnsboro; SC. She is the daughter of Camilla Gill and the late Stephen Gill. Having begun her preaching ministry as a teenager, Racquel was ordained in 2008 at the St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Winnsboro under the leadership of the late Rev. Roy C. Jeffcoat. Racquel is a 2012 graduate of Columbia College in Columbia, SC where she holds a Bachelor's Degree in English Education. Racquel received her Masters of Divinity in May of 2015 from Duke Divinity School in Durham, NC.

Upon completion of her theological studies, Racquel served on the pastoral staff at the St. Paul Community Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York under the leadership of Pastor David K. Brawley. After her time in Brooklyn, Racquel served as the Associate Chaplain at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. Rev. Gill currently serves as the Minister for Intercultural Engagement at Duke University Chapel in Durham, North Carolina.



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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

Black History Month

In honor of Black History Month, our worship services during February will feature music from Black composers and artists, as well as liturgical elements from the African American Heritage Hymnal. Our keynote preacher this year is Rev. Racquel Gill, who will be with us in worship on February 11. We will also welcome back the NCCU University Choir on February 25 to sing a program of spirituals in collaboration with our Sanctuary Choir.

Here at GFBC, we celebrate Black History Month alongside our Black congregants and Black siblings everywhere as a way to honor Black stories, beauty, and contributions, but also as a way to signal our continued commitment to Black lives throughout the year. 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.

Ash Wednesday: 2/14

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 14. We'll be holding our service of the Imposition of Ashes at 6:15pm in the Sanctuary.

Bluebird Boxes for Sale

Like last year, Diana Morde will be taking orders for Blue Bird Boxes for you to play host to baby birds this spring! Cost is \$22 per box and proceeds benefit the final stages of the organ reconstruction. You can contact Diana at 919-801-7433 to place your orders.

HOW TO READ YOUR BIBLE

March 1-3

Sign up at gfbccary.org/bible



Discipleship Retreat

Our annual discipleship retreat is coming soon (March 1-3). Following our retreat on prayer last year, this year we'll be digging into how to read the Bible. Sign up and check out the full schedule at gfbccary.org/bible. Topics will include authorship, canon, translation, genre, interpretation, imagination, and more! Lauren Efir, Stephen Stacks, Wes Spears-Newsome, and Lynn McLaughlin will be facilitating sessions over the weekend. Cost is \$25 to offset food expenses (3 meals included).

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
Gilles Bikindou
Tom Brooks, Sr.
Valerie Brooks
George Daniel
Deborah Davis (friend of Susan Beck)
Carol Fuller
Aaliyah Murray (family of Gail Jones)
Katheron E. Palmer (mother of Randy Palmer)
Fred Seeger
Mathias Warne (family of Gail Jones)
Miles Warren
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:

Music Ministry

We're going to see a lot from our Music Ministry this month! Each week, Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Helen Bishop, and the Sanctuary Choir lead us in hymns; we'll see our youth musicians lead us in worship on Feb. 4; and we'll witness the choir's collaboration with NCCU's University Choir on Feb. 25. These efforts wouldn't be possible without your generosity and gifts!

Order of Worship Transfiguration 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.

Today's color is **white**, representing the glory of God.

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, expressed through a peace sign, a handshake, a wave, conversation, etc. We hope you will take the time to greet and speak with those around you or with someone you haven't met!

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.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude | *I Love the Lord* | arr. Smallwood

Welcome to Worship | Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship (Psalm 50:1-6) 📖

The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth

From the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,

God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silence,

Before God is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around.

God calls to the heavens above and to the earth,

That God may judge the people:

"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is judge.

Invocation | Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

✝ **Hymn** | *Woke Up This Morning With My Mind* (pg. 7)

Offertory Prayer | Tim Carr

Offertory | *Waymaker*

† **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. Dr. 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** | *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* (pg. 8)

Reading | *Mark 9:2-9* | *Rev. Spears-Newsome*

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

Thanks be to God.

Anthem | *Here's One* (pg. 9)

Sermon | *Rev. Racquel Gill*

† **Hymn** | *Break Every Chain* (pg. 9) 📖

Benediction | *Rev. Gill*

Postlude | *How Firm a Foundation* | *arr. Labenske*

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. A short doxology follows as we offer our gifts.

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!

Woke Up This Morning With My Mind

1. Woke up this morn - in' with my mind,
2. No con-dem - na - tion with my mind, stayed on
3. Walk - in' and talk - in' with my mind,
mind, my mind was

Je - sus. Woke up this morn - in' with my mind,
No con-dem-na - tion with my mind,
Walk-in' and talk - in' with my mind,
mind, my mind was

stayed on Je - sus. Woke up this morn - in' with my mind,
No con-dem-na - tion with my mind,
Walk-in' and talk - in' with my mind,
mind, my mind was

stayed on Je - sus. Hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah.

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

1. I want Je - sus to walk with me,
2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me,

I want Je - sus to walk with me,
In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me,

All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
When the shades of life are fall - ing,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Hymn Break Every Chain

There is power in the name of Jesus,
There is power in the name of Jesus,
There is power in the name of Jesus.
To break every chain.

All sufficient sacrifice,
So freely given, such a price for
Our redemption, heavens gates
Swing wide.

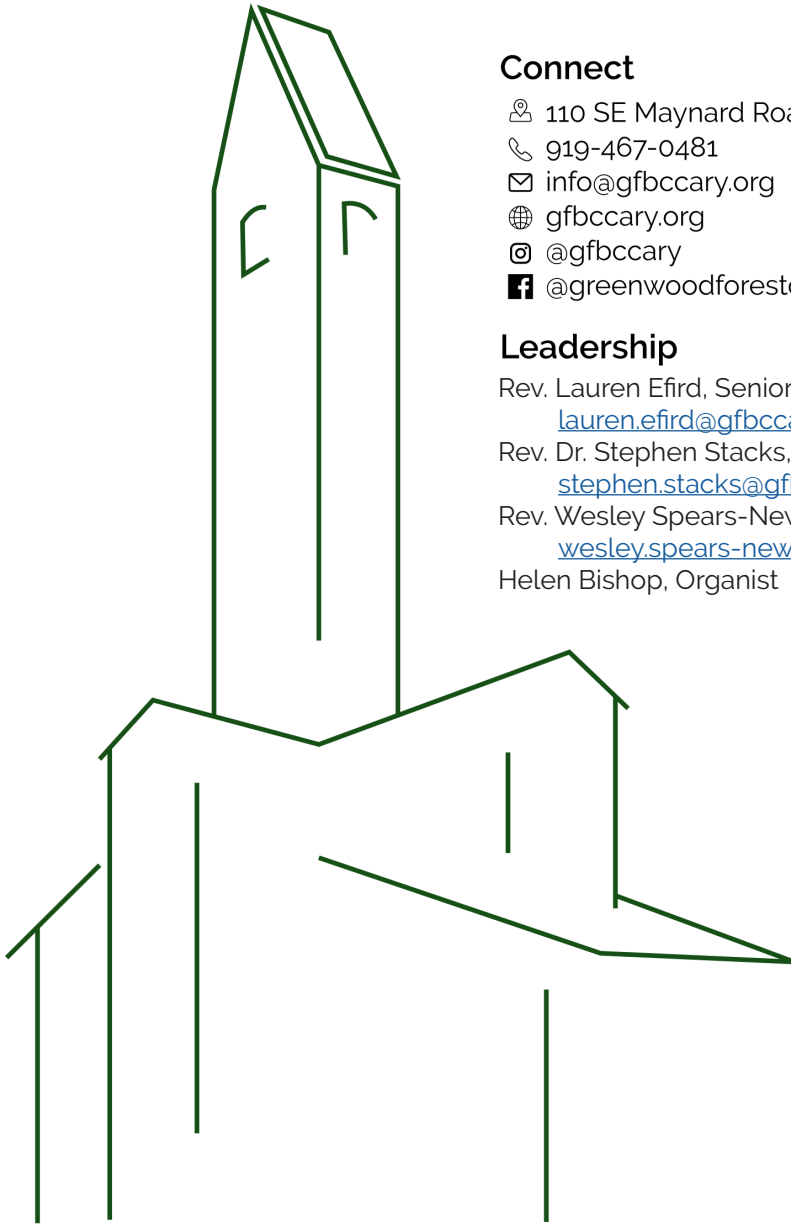
There's a people rising up,
There's a people rising up,
There's a people rising up,
To break every chain.

Anthem Here's One

arr. Mark Hayes

Talk about a child who do love Jesus,
Here's one, here's one.
Talk about a child who do love Jesus,
Here's one, here's one.

Ever since I heard the gospel story
I've been walking up the road to glory,
Talk about a child that's been converted,
Here's one.



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