



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

GFBC Returns from Tucson

GFBC members have returned from their delegation to the Southern border and Tucson, AZ. We'll be sharing about our experience in worship this Sunday so come prepared to hear testimonies and stories from our trip!

Summer Sermon Series

This summer we're talking about love using the insights of one of the 20th century's most important thinkers and social critics: bell hooks. hooks was an influential writer, feminist theorist, and educator whose work on race, gender, social injustice, and spirituality have a lot to teach us about practicing our faith in an American context. Using her book, *All About Love*, we will explore what it means to learn to love again in a loveless society.

Neighborhood Summer Program (through 8/14)

The Neighborhood Summer Program returns this summer to provide educational enrichment and nutritious meals to neighborhood children. To sign up to serve food, play games, or read books, you can sign up at gfbccary.org/summer. We are scheduled to provide volunteers on Wednesdays (9am-12:30pm), but you may volunteer on Tuesdays or Thursdays, as well.

Find Your Place!

If you'd like to find a place to plug-in at Greenwood Forest, you'll want to connect to our nominating committee. To begin, fill out the form at gfbccary.org/place24 to tell members of the committee about your interests and they'll reach out to you soon!

Backpack Buddies

During the 2023-2024 school year, the Backpack Buddy ministry delivered over 3,000 food bags to children at Farmington Woods and Briarcliff Elementary Schools. Thank you to all who packed and delivered bags, and who donated to the Backpack Buddy special fund. Your support makes this ministry possible.

We urgently need your double-bagged, flat stacked plastic grocery bags to replenish our supply for the coming school year. We use over 3,000 bags each school year and at the end of this year have only several hundred remaining. Donations can be placed in the Backpack Buddy bin outside the church office.

We also welcome recurring donors to the fund that supplies Backpack Buddies! If you'd like to make a recurring gift, you can do so on the church website and select the Backpack Buddies fund from the dropdown list.

Starting again in September, we will be packing bags the first Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. If you'd like to receive a reminder before each packing date email Judy Vaccaro at judyvaccaro@gmail.com. Packing usually takes about an hour and there is no commitment, just come on the dates that fit your schedule.

Thanks in advance for your continued support of this important ministry.

Dorcas Food Drive

This is the first week of the Christmas in July Food Drive for Dorcas Ministries is this week! This Sunday bring canned chicken, mixed vegetables, condiments, and spices.

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
Jo Brooks
Edwina Erwin
Doris Martin
Aaliyah Murray (family of Gail Jones)
Carlton Prince (father of Megan Jarrell)
Fred Seeger
Paul Smith
Mathias Warne (family of Gail Jones)
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.

Order of Worship Ordinary Time

✝ 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

Welcome to Worship | Rev. Lauren Efirid

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship 📖

Today we are invited to a joyful feast, hosted by Jesus Christ; Todos los que tienen hambre encontrarán el pan de la vida aquí.

All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.

Todos los que están sedientos encontrarán una fuente de gracia aquí.

All who are thirsty will find will find a fountain of grace here.

Todos los que están perdidos encontrarán seguridad aquí.

All who are lost will find safety here.

Todos los que están solos encontrarán un amigo aquí.

All who are lonely will find a friend here.

Todos los que están rotos encontrarán curación aquí.

All who are broken will find healing here.

Todos los que han estado vagando encontrarán un hogar aquí.

All who have been wandering will find a home here.

For this is a heavenly banquet, and you are welcome here!

Let us worship God!

Invocation

✝ Hymn | *Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated* (pg. 7)

Offertory Prayer

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

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.

Offertory | *Jesu, Word of God Incarnate* | arr. Hughes 📖

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

Transcendent God, we bless your name
Incarnate Christ, the risen one
The Spirit with us, Immanent
The Source, the Word, the Breath of life. Amen.

The Prayers of the People 📖

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** | *Canto de Esperanza* (pg. 8)

Reading | *Genesis 21:8-19* | *Leviticus 19:33-34*

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

Anthem | *I Heard Him Once* (pg. 10)

Testimonies

Communion | *Rev. Efirid* 📖

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** | *In Remembrance* (pg. 9)

Benediction | *Rev. Efirid*

Postlude | *All Creatures of Our God and King* | arr. Leonard

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.

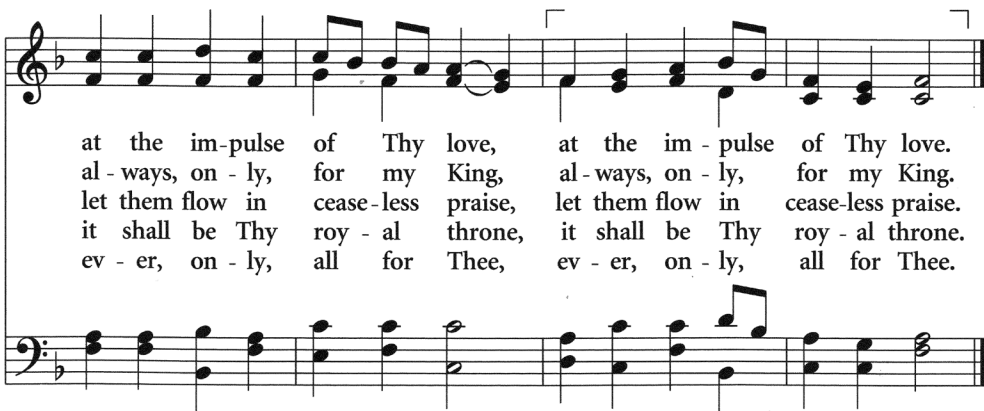
Take My Life and Let It Be



1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
2. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti -
3. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would
4. Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no
5. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its



Lord, to Thee; take my hands, and let them move
ful for Thee; take my voice, and let me sing
I with - hold; take my mo - ments and my days,
long - er mine; take my heart, it is Thine own,
treasure store. Take my - self and I will be



at the im-pulse of Thy love, at the im - pulse of Thy love.
al - ways, on - ly, for my King, al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
let them flow in cease-less praise, let them flow in cease-less praise.
it shall be Thy roy - al throne, it shall be Thy roy - al throne.
ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

Canto de Esperanza



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en



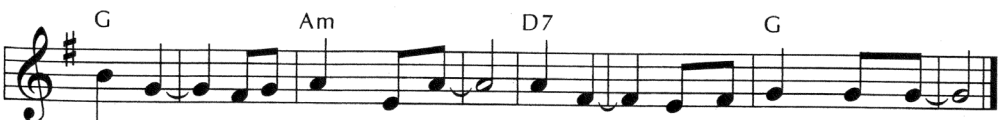
lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.

In Remembrance

1. In re - mem-brance of Me, eat this bread. In re -
 (2. In re) - mem-brance of Me, heal the sick. In re -
 (3. In re) - mem-brance of Me, search for truth. In re -

mem - brance of Me, drink this wine. In re -
 mem - brance of Me, feed the poor. In re -
 mem - brance of Me, al - ways love. In re -

mem-brance of Me, pray for the time when God's own
 mem-brance of Me, o - pen the door and let your
 mem-brance of Me, don't look a - bove, but in your

will is done. 2. In re -
 broth - er in. 3. In re -
 heart, look in your heart for

God. Do this in re - mem-brance of Me.

Anthem I Heard Him Once

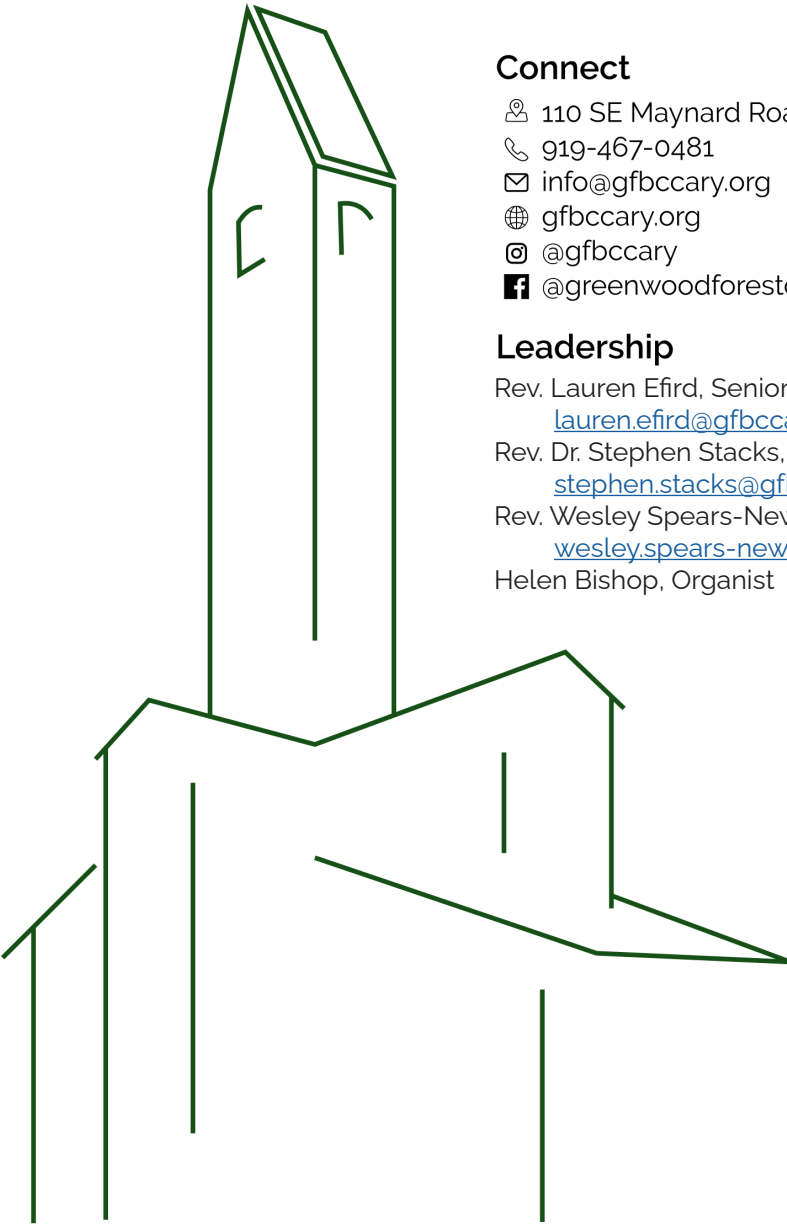
Taylor Davis

I heard him once, the risen Christ,
and as he did so long ago,
to those who walked beside the sea,
he turned and said, "Come follow me."

"But who am I?" I whispered back,
And as he did so long ago,
to those who sat upon a hill,
he turned and said, "You are the light."

I froze, unable to respond,
And as he did so long ago,
to one who sat beside a pool,
he turned and said, "Is healing what you want?"

And then, confronted by the One who knew my name,
and sensed my aimlessness,
I drew a fitful breath,
"Yes, Lord, make me whole,
and I will come and follow you."



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