

**“In a world without love the passion to connect
can be replaced by the passion to possess.”
- bell hooks**



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

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!

Dorcas Food Drive

This is the first week of the Christmas in July Food Drive for Dorcas Ministries is this week! This Sunday bring oil, sugar, Bisquick, syrup, and masa.

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.

Business Meeting 8/18

Our annual business meeting in which we will vote on the 2024-2025 nominating slate and budget will be on August 18 at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. Make sure to mark your calendars and join us!

Rev. Spears-Newsome Sabbatical

Wes will be going on sabbatical starting August 4 and returning to worship on November 3!

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.

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)
Jennie Pegram
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 | *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* | arr. Berry

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 (Psalm 49:1-13) 📖

Hear this, all you peoples;

Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

Both low and high,

Rich and poor together.

My mouth shall speak wisdom;

The meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

I will incline my ear to a proverb;

I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.

Why should I fear in times of trouble,

When the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,

Those who trust in their wealth

And boast of the abundance of their riches?

Truly, no ransom avails for one's life,

There is no price one can give to God for it.

For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice

That one should live on forever and never see the grave.

When we look at the wise, they die;

Fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.

Their graves are their homes forever,

Though they named lands their own.

Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;

They are like the animals that perish.

But God will ransom me from the power of Sheol;

The Lord my God will receive me.

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.

Invocation | *Nathan Bullock*

† **Hymn** | *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (pg. 7)*

Offertory Prayer | *Natalie Patten*

Offertory | *Prelude No. 6 from The Well-Tempered Clavier* | *Bach* 📖

† **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 | *Rev. Amanda Warren* 📖

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** | *Seek Ye First (pg. 8)*

Reading | *Luke 12:15-21* | *Sydney Spivey*

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

Anthem | *Sweet Will of God (pg. 10)*

Sermon | *Love and Greed* | *Rev. Spears-Newsome*

† **Hymn** | *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult (pg. 9)* 📖

Benediction | *Rev. Spears-Newsome*

Postlude | *Come into His Presence* | *Baird*

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!

Thank you to Jazzmoné Sutton for leading hymns this week.

7 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 - fering 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.

Seek Ye First

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major and 3/2 time. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are positioned below the treble staff.

and His righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are positioned below the treble staff.

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

The third system concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are positioned below the treble staff.

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild rest - less sea;
2. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the vain world's gold - en store,
3. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of toil and hours of ease,
4. Je - sus calls us: by Your mer - cies, Sav - ior, may we hear Your call,

day by day His sweet voice sound-eth, say - ing "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
from each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing "Chris - tian, love me more."
still He calls in cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love Me more than these."
give our hearts to full o - be - dience, serve and love You best of all.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It features a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the two staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Anthem Sweet Will of God

Lyndell Leatherman

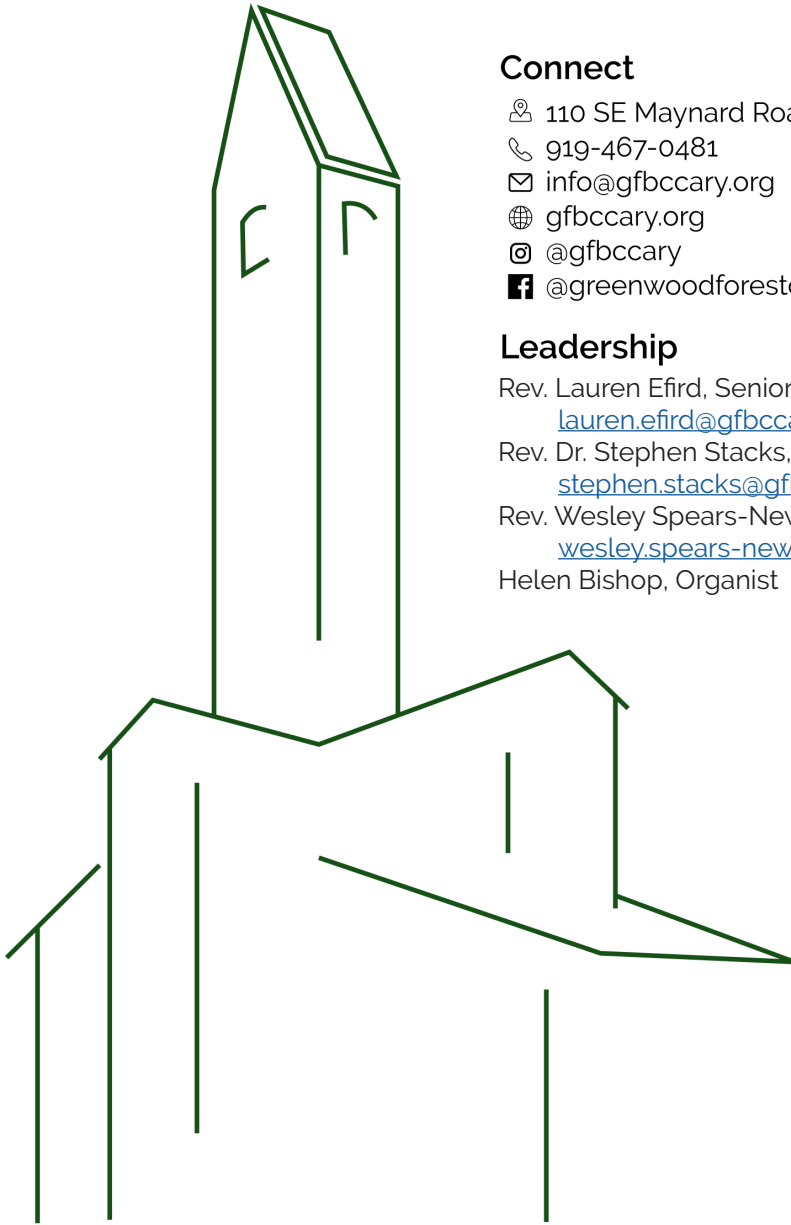
Soloist: BJ Facemire

My stubborn will at last hath yielded
I would be Thine and Thine alone
And this the prayer my lips are bringing
Lord, let in me Thy will be done

*Sweet will of God, still fold me closer
Til I am wholly lost in Thee
Sweet will of God, still fold me closer
Til I am wholly lost in Thee*

I'm tired of sin, footsore and weary
The darksome path hath dreary grown
But now a light has ris'n to cheer me
I find in Thee my Star, my Sun

Thy precious will, O conqu'ring Savior
Doth now embrace and compass me
The storms have ceased, my peace a river
My soul a prisoned bird set free



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