



“When we commit to true love, we are
committed to being changed.”
- 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.

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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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 (by Mary Boyd)

Look to the mountains; look to the hills!

Love comes to us with joy!

The world is filled with beauty.

**Flowers appear on the earth, and birdsong
brightens the day.**

Crops yield their produce in abundance, and the air
is filled with sweetness.

The summer of God's love is with us.

Let the oil of gladness anoint your souls.

Arise and sing for joy!

Invocation | *Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks*

Hymn | *I Love the Lord*

Offertory Prayer | *Steve Denning*

Offertory | *Duo de fluers* | *Leo Delibes*

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 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.

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 | *Take, O Take Me As I Am*

Reading | *1 Corinthians 13:1-13* | *BJ Facemire*

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

Thanks be to God.

Anthem | *Set Me As a Seal* | René Clausen

Sermon | *Sweet Love* | *Rev. Efird*

Communion | *Rev. Efird*

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 | *You Know My Name*

Benediction | *Rev. Efird*

Postlude

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!

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.

I Love the Lord

1. I love the Lord, He heard my
2. I love the Lord, He heard my

cry and pit - ied ev ery groan.
cry and chased my grief a - way.

Long as I live, and trou - bles rise,
O let my heart no more de - spair

I'll has - ten to His throne.
while I have breath to pray.

Take, O Take Me As I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef, and the lower staff is in bass clef. Both are in 4/4 time and the key of B-flat major (two flats). The melody in the upper staff begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The lyrics 'Take, O take me as I am;' are aligned with the first four notes. The melody continues with a half note D5, followed by quarter notes C5, Bb4, and A4. The lyrics 'sum-mon out what I shall' are aligned with the last four notes. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes.

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The second system of music also consists of two staves in the same key and time signature. The melody in the upper staff begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The lyrics 'be;' are aligned with the first two notes. The melody continues with quarter notes D5, C5, Bb4, and A4. The lyrics 'set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.' are aligned with the last six notes. The bass line continues with accompaniment.

You Know My Name



1. You know my name, _____ you know my name, _____
2. You know my name, _____ you know my name, _____



you know my name, _____ you know my name, _____
you know my name, _____ you know my name, _____



Oh how you walk with me, _____ Oh how you talk with me, _____
Oh how you com-fort me, _____ Oh how you coun-sel me, _____



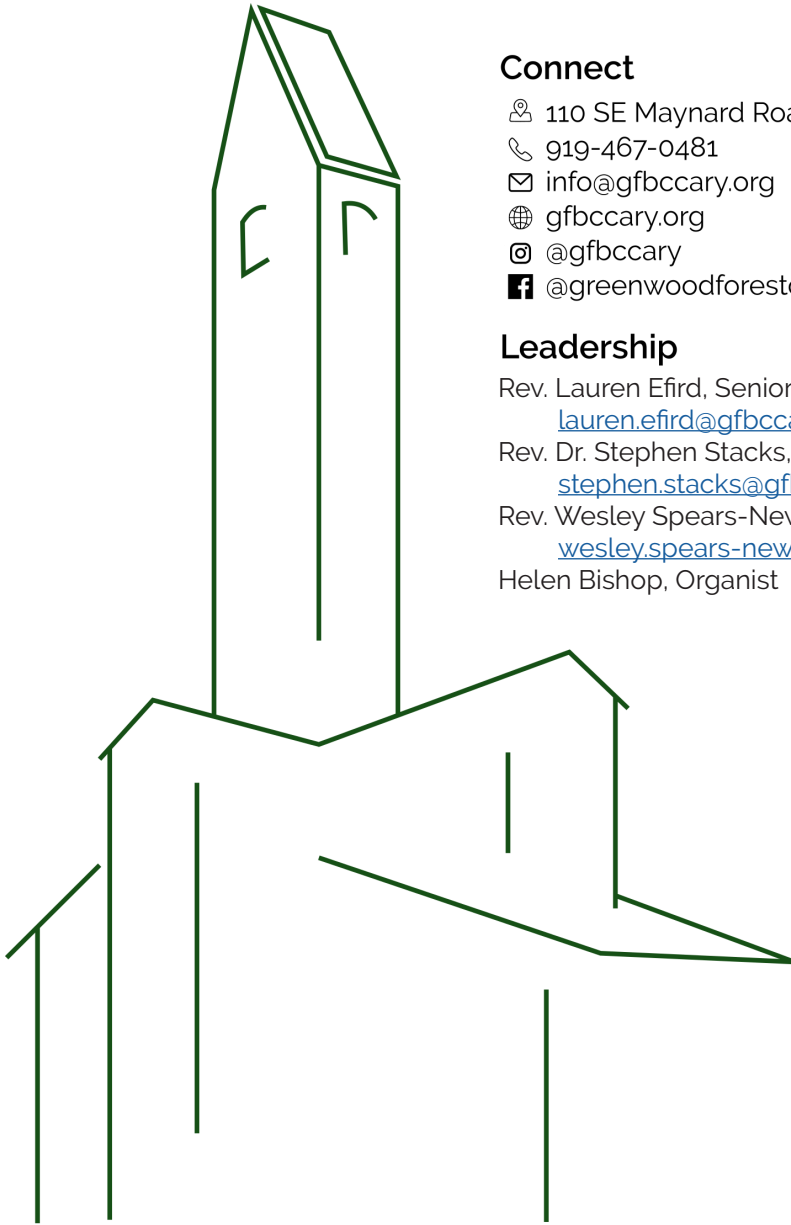
Oh how you tell me, _____ that I am your own, _____
It still a-maz-es me, _____ that I am your friend, _____



So now, _____ I pour out _____ my heart to you, _____



Here in _____ your pre-sence _____ I am made new, _____



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