



*Woundedness is not a cause for
shame. It is necessary for spiritual
growth and awakening.*

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Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

August 25, 2024



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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 (based on Genesis 32)

We gather here in anticipation,
seeking an encounter with our Holy God,
who comes among us when we least expect it,
who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,
who richly blesses us,
and calls us each by name.
Let us worship God together!

Invocation | *Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks*

Baby Blessing | *Willow Ryan Cook*

Hymn | *Bring Many Names*

Offertory Prayer | *Natalie Patten*

Offertory

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 | *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*

Reading | *Genesis 32:22-32* | *Rick Chappell*

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

Thanks be to God.

Anthem | *Total Praise* | *Richard Smallwood*

Sermon | *When Angels Speak of Love* | *Rev. Efir*

Hymn | *Just As I Am* (vv.1, 3, 5 and 6)

Backpack Blessing

Benediction | *Rev. Efir*

Postlude

The Prayers of the People

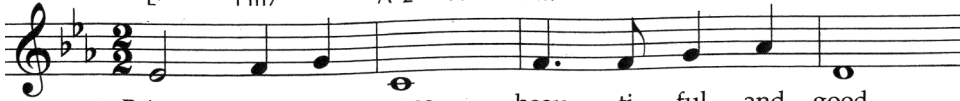
This prayer typically has five parts: a confession, prayers for the earth, prayers for the world, prayers for the church, and prayers for those with needs in our own community.

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!

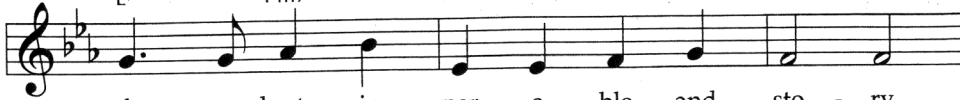
Bring Many Names

Capo 1: (D) (Em7) (G2) (G) (Em) (A2) (A7)
 Eb Fm7 Ab2 Ab Fm Bb2 Bb7



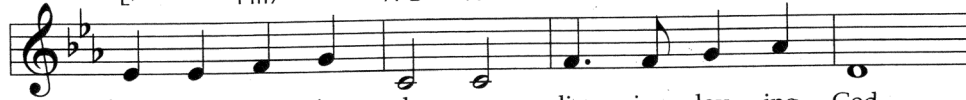
1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child,
 4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,

(D) (Em7) (D/F#) (Em) (Asus) (A7)
 Eb Fm7 Eb/G Fm Bbsus Bb7



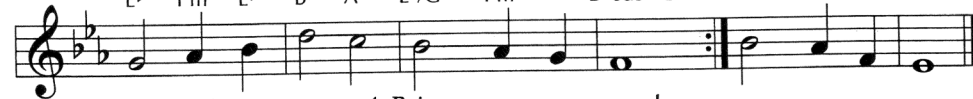
cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry,
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion,
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing,
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es,
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness,
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,

(D) (Em7) (G2) (G) (Em) (A2) (A7)
 Eb Fm7 Ab2 Ab Fm Bb2 Bb7



ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
 set - ting each e - qua - tion ge - ni - us at play:
 car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
 glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:
 cry - ing out for jus - tice, giv - ing all you have:
 clos - er yet than breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home:

(D) (Em) (D) (A) (G) (D/F#) (Em) (Asus)(A) (D/F#)(Em)(A) (D)
 Eb Fm Eb Bb Ab Eb/G Fm Bbsus Bb Eb/G Fm Bb Eb



Hail and Ho - san - na! Bring man - y names!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, young, grow - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na,

great, liv - ing God!

5 Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown



1. Come, O thou tra - ve - ler un - known, whom still I hold, but
2. In vain thou strug - glest to get free, I ne - ver will un -
3. Yield to me now— for I am weak, but con - fi - dent in
4. 'Tis Love! 'tis Love! Thou died for me! I hear thy whis - per



can - not see, my com - pa - ny be - fore is gone, and
loose my hold: art thou the man that died for me? The
self - des - pair; speak to my heart, in bles - sings speak, be
in my heart; the morn - ing breaks, the sha - dows flee, pure,



I am left a - lone with thee; with thee all night I
se - cret of thy love un - fold; wrest - ling, I will not
con - quered by my in - stant prayer; speak, or thou ne - ver
u - ni - ver - sal love thou art; to me, to all thy



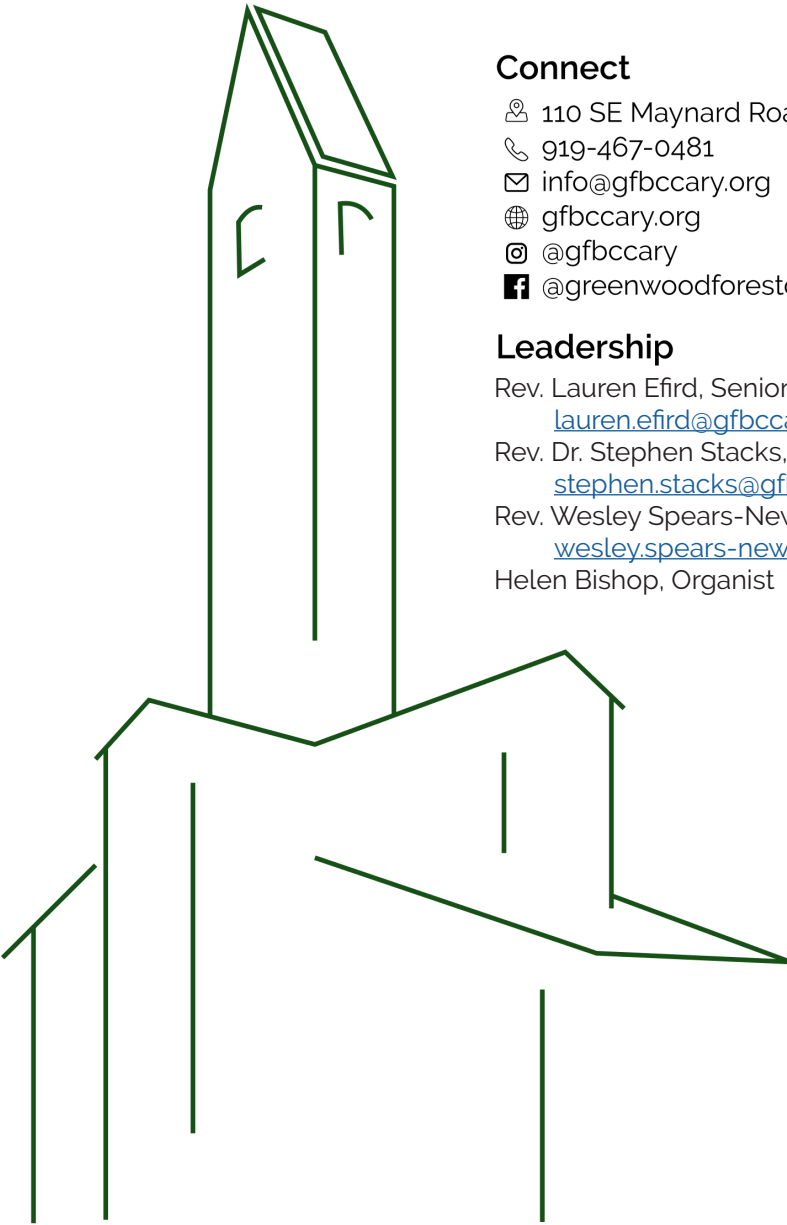
mean to stay, and wres - tle till the break of day.
let thee go, till I thy name, thy na - ture know.
hence shalt move, and tell me if thy name is Love.
mer - cies move; thy na - ture and thy name is Love.

JUST AS I AM

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea, but
2. Just as I am, and wait - ing not to
3. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with
4. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight,
5. Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, wilt
6. Just as I am, Thy love un - known hath

that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou bidd'st me
rid my soul of one dark blot, to Thee, whose blood can
man - ya con - flict, man - ya doubt, fight - ings and fears, with -
rich - es, heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need in
wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause Thy prom - ise
bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be Thine, yea,

come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
Thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!



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