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Greenwood Forest

Baptist Church

Sept. 1, 2024





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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.

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. Dr. Stephen Stacks*

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (based on Matthew 11:28-30)

If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens,

Weary of long days and restless nights,

Of demanding work and stressful lives,

come to Christ and he will give you rest.

Take God's yoke upon you.

Put it on your shoulders and learn—

Learn to be gentle with yourself and with others,

Learn to be humble about your limits and your flaws,

Learn to rest in God's love and abundance.

**Unlike the burdens of our world, the yoke of Jesus
is easy, and his burden is light.**

Invocation | *Rev. Dr. Stacks*

Hymn | *All Who Hunger Gather Gladly*

Offertory Prayer | *Susan Beck*

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. 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 | *Come Away from Rush and Hurry*

Reading | *Isaiah 55:1-3a* | *Anna Claire Jarrell*

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | *Rev. Dr. Stacks*

Communion | *Rev. Dr. Stacks*

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 | *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Benediction | *Rev. Dr. Stacks*

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.

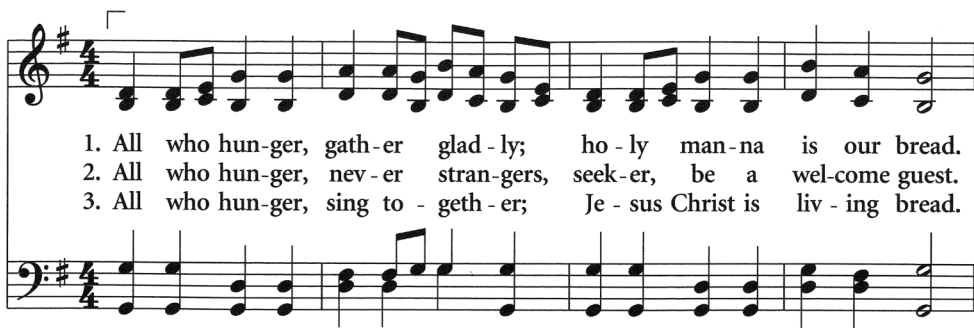
Communion

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.

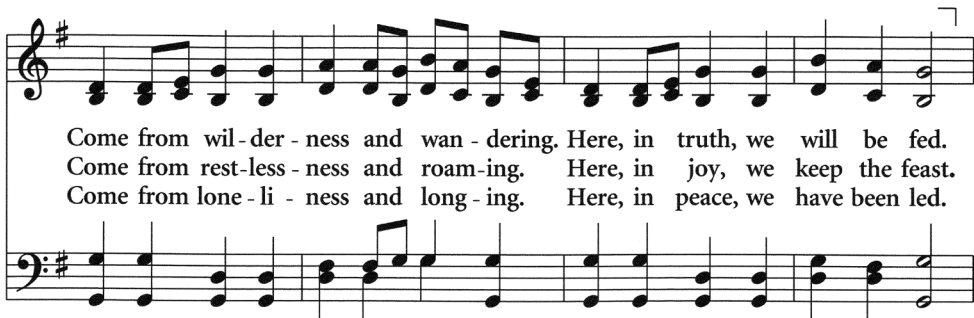
Final Hymn: An Invitation

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!

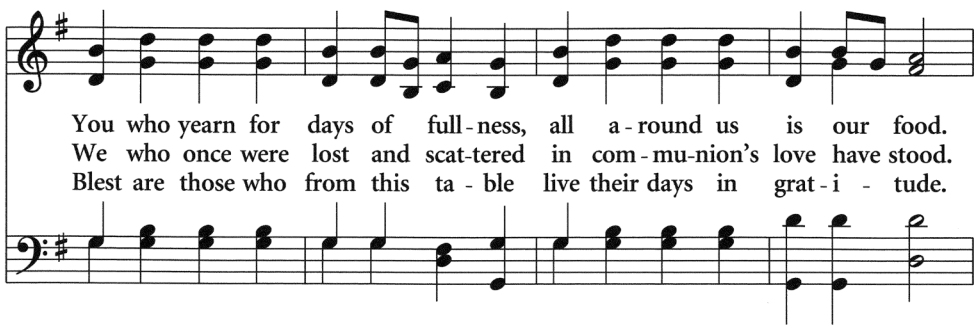
All Who Hunger Gather Gladly



1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
2. All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3. All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er; Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



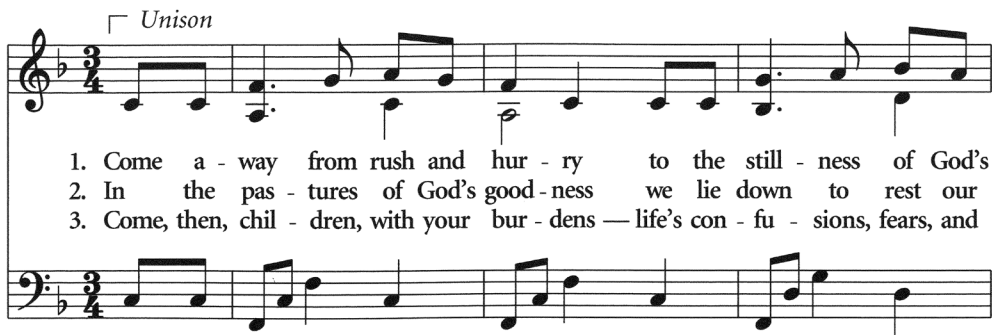
You who yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We who once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Come Away from Rush and Hurry

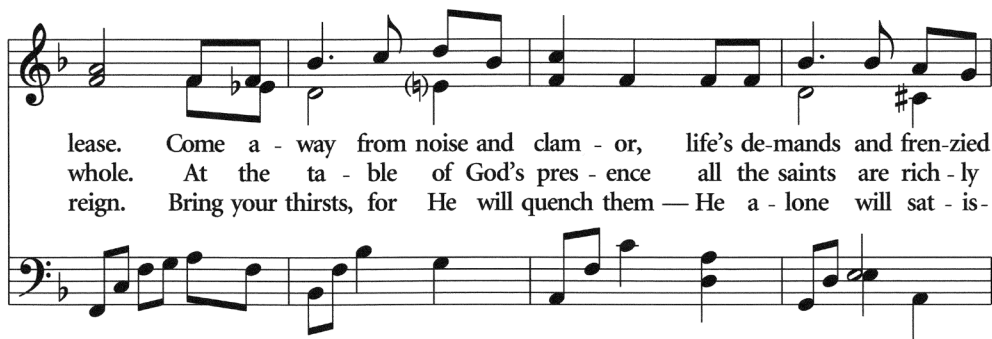
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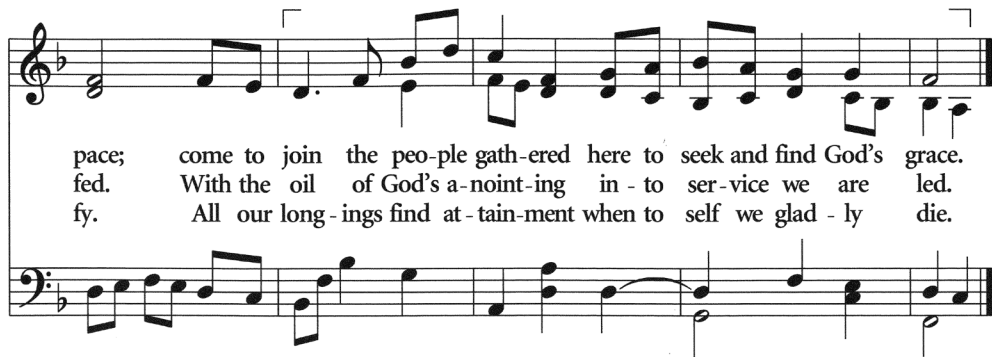
1. Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the still - ness of God's
2. In the pas - tures of God's good - ness we lie down to rest our
3. Come, then, chil - dren, with your bur - dens — life's con - fu - sions, fears, and



peace; from our vain am - bi-tion's wor - ry, come to Christ to find re -
soul. From the wa - ters of God's mer - cy we drink deep - ly, are made
pain. Leave them at the cross of Je - sus; take in - stead His king-dom's



lease. Come a - way from noise and clam - or, life's de-mands and fren-zied
whole. At the ta - ble of God's pres - ence all the saints are rich - ly
reign. Bring your thirsts, for He will quench them — He a - lone will sat - is -



pace; come to join the peo-ple gath-ered here to seek and find God's grace.
fed. With the oil of God's a-noint-ing in - to ser-vice we are led.
fy. All our long - ings find at - tain-ment when to self we glad - ly die.

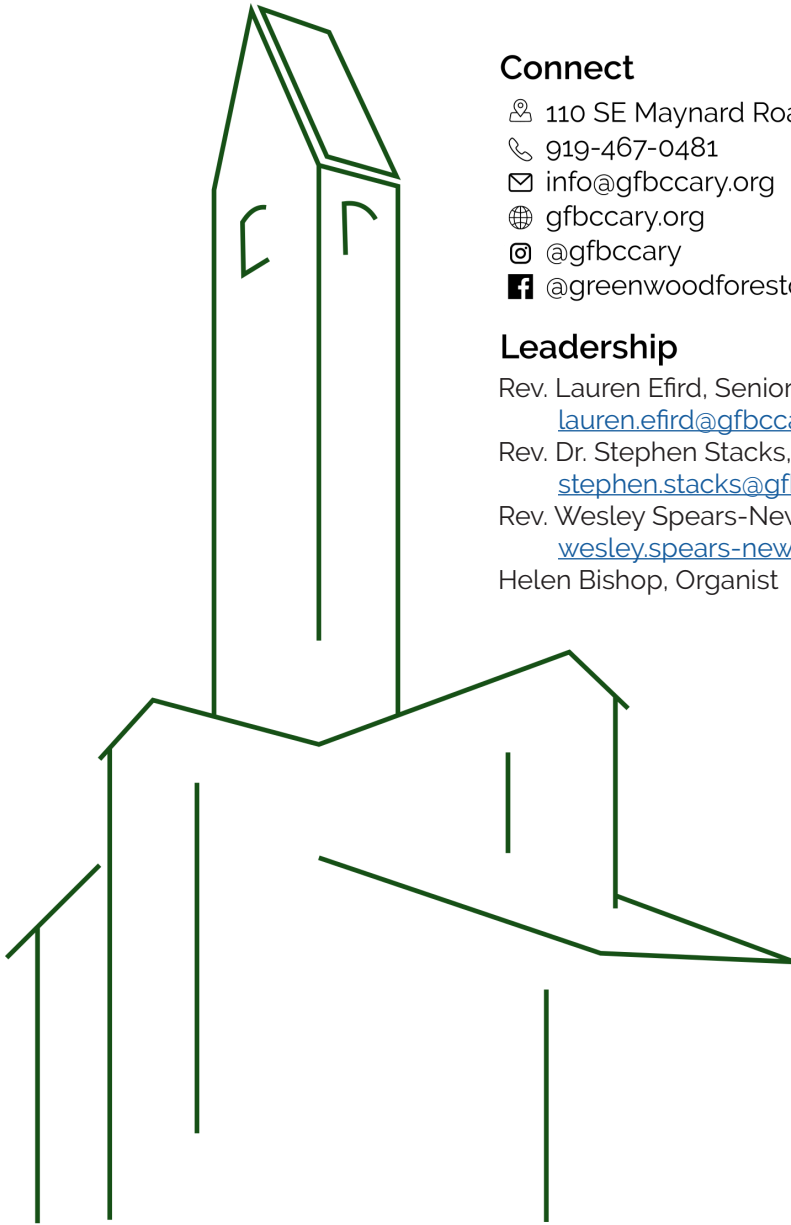
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's Light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on My breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."
look un - to Me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, wea - ry, and worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;

I found in Him a rest - ing - place, and He has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in Him.
and in that Light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.



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