



# Greenwood Forest

## Baptist Church

Sept. 22, 2024





Greenwood Forest  
Baptist Church

an inclusive  
community  
of faith

# Welcome

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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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# 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 (Psalm 124)

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—  
**let Israel now say—**

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side,

**When our enemies attacked us,**

Then they would have swallowed us up alive,

**When their anger was kindled against us;**

Then the flood would have swept us away,

**The torrent would have gone over us;**

Then over us would have gone the raging waters.

**Blessed be the LORD,**

Who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

**We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;**

The snare is broken,

**And we have escaped.**

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**Who made heaven and earth.**

### Invocation | *Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks*

### Hymn | *Be Thou My Vision v.2*

### Offertory Prayer | *Leta Huntsinger*

### 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** | *Give to the Winds Your Fears*

**Reading** | *Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22* | *Lydia Hoyle*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** | *Lead Me, Lord* | *S.S. Wesley*

**Sermon** | *The Wisdom of Resistance* | *Katie Mangum*

**Hymn** | *Lead On, O King Eternal*

**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!

Unison

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom and Thou my true word;  
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise,  
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:  
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:  
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and Thou my high tower,  
 Thou and Thou on - ly first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise Thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

# Be Thou My Vision

# Give to the Winds Your Fears

1. Give to the winds your fears, hope,  
2. Through waves and clouds and storms He  
3. Far, far a - bove your thought His  
4. Leave to His sov - ereign will to

and be un - dis - mayed; God hears your sighs and  
gent - ly clears the way; wait for His time, so  
coun - sel shall ap - pear, when ful - ly He the  
choose and to com - mand: with won - der filled, you

counts your tears, God shall lift up your head.  
shall the night soon end in joy - ous day.  
work has wrought that caused your need - less fear.  
then shall know how wise, how strong His hand.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

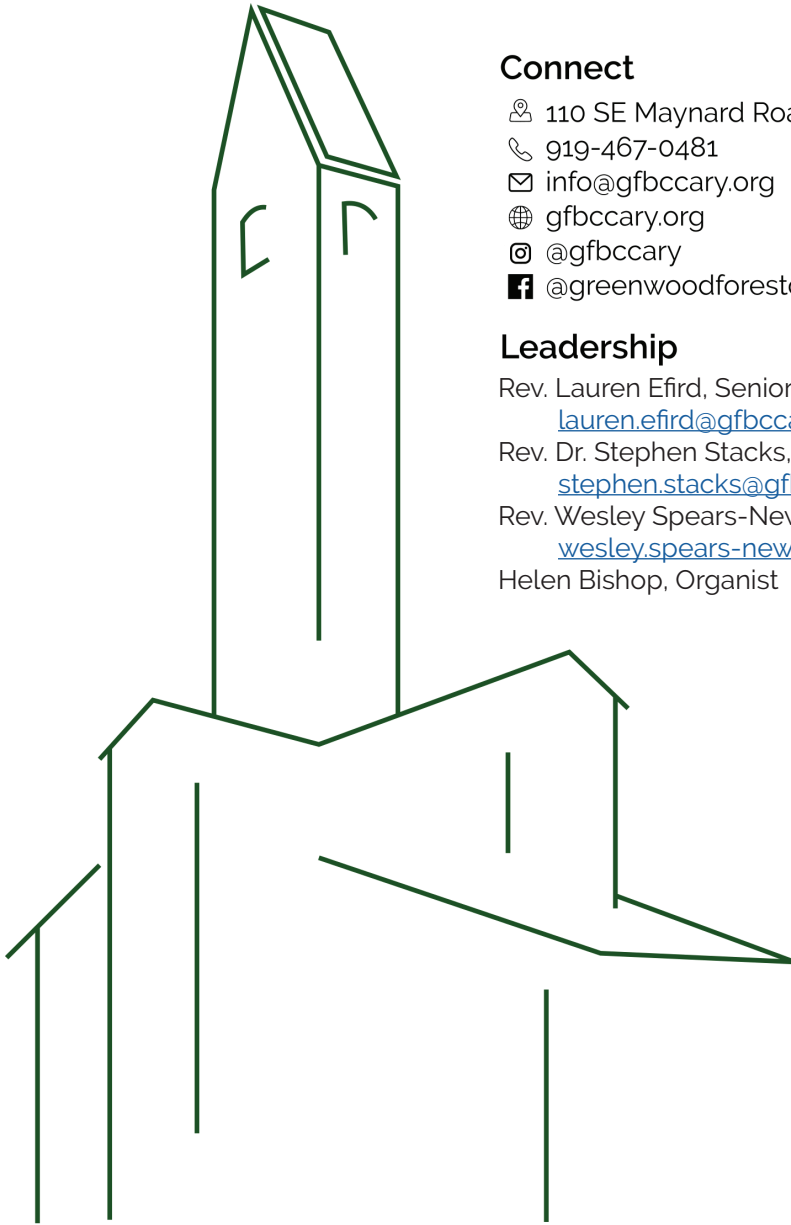
# Lead On, O King Eternal

1. Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, the day of march has come;  
2. Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
3. Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home:  
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er Thy face ap - pears;

through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong,  
for not with swords' loud clash - ing, or roll of stir - ring drums;  
Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King E - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
with deeds of love and mer - cy the heav - en - ly king - dom comes.  
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.



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