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# Greenwood Forest

## Baptist Church

October 13, 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 Efir*

Leader: The Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

### Passing of the Peace

### Call to Worship (Psalm 90:12-17)

Teach us to count our days

**That we may gain a wise heart.**

Turn, O LORD! How long?

**Have compassion on your servants!**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

**So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,

**And as many years as we have seen evil.**

Let your work be manifest to your servants,

**And your glorious power to their children.**

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

**And prosper for us the work of our hands—**

O prosper the work of our hands!

**Amen!**

### Invocation | *Rev. Efir*

### Hymn | *Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

### Offertory Prayer | *Jazzmoné Sutton*

### 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. Lynn McLaughlin*

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** | *Today All Are Called to Be Disciples*

**Reading** | *Amos 5:6-7, 10-15* | *Rev. Randy Palmer*  
The word of God for us, the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** | *Offertory* | *John Ness Beck*

**Sermon** | *Rev. Dr. Mycal Brickhouse*

**Hymn** | *Live Into Hope*

**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!

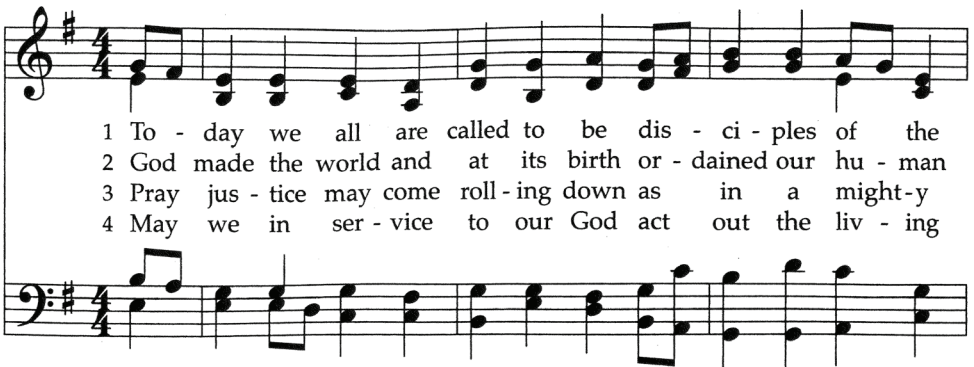
# Let Justice Flow Like Streams

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Let Justice Flow Like Streams'. It is written in G major and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

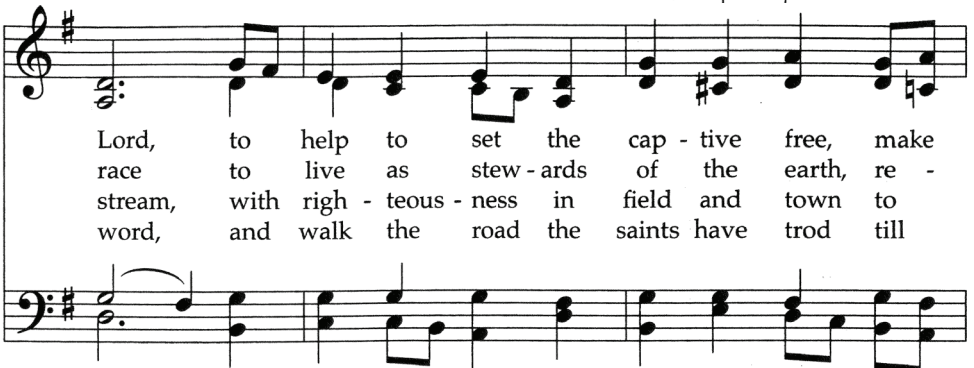
1. Let jus - tice flow like streams of spark - ling wa - ter pure,  
2. Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3. So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

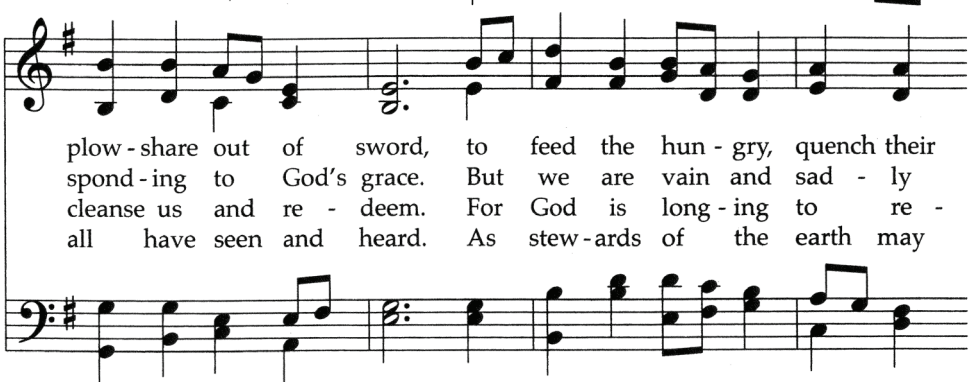
# 5 Today All Are Called to Be Disciples



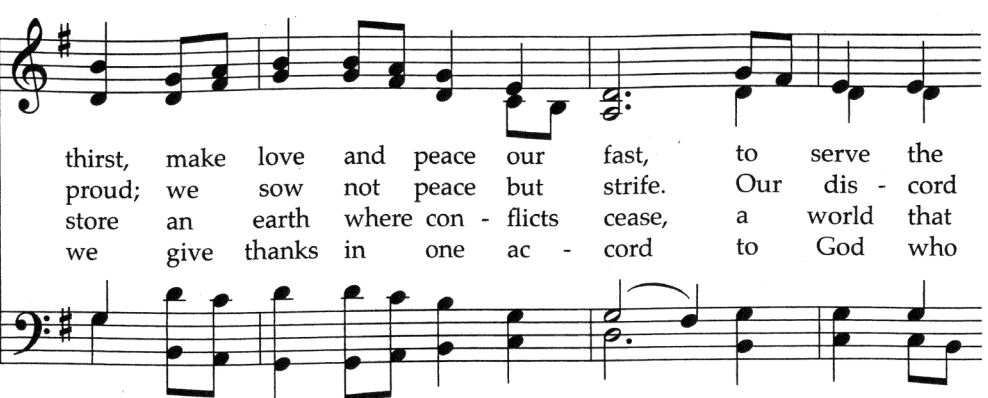
1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the  
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord  
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that  
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

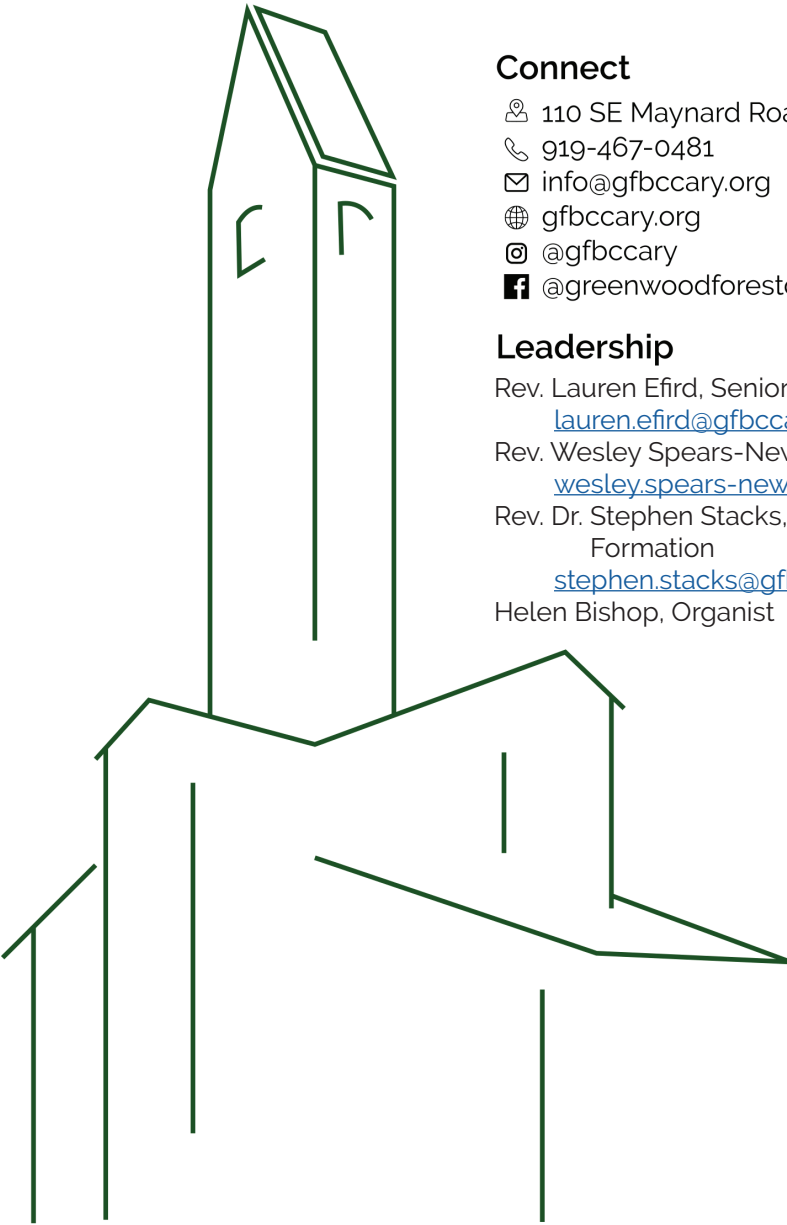
poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op - pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

# Live Into Hope



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