



Greenwood Forest

Baptist Church

October 20, 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. Lauren Efir*

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (Psalm 19:7-14)

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

The decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

**The commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;

**The ordinances of the LORD are true and
righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

**Sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the
honeycomb.**

Moreover by them is your servant warned;

In keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors?

Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent;

Do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless,

And innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

Be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Invocation | *Rev. Efir*

Hymn | *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

Offertory Prayer | *Susan Beck*

Offertory

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.

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 Prayers of the People | *Elizabeth Deters*

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 | *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Reading | *1 Corinthians 1:18-31* | *PJ Harris*

The word of God for us, the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem | *The Cost* | *Rend Collective*

Sermon | *Wisdom of the Cross* | *Rev. Al Whitehouse*

Hymn | *The Old Rugged Cross* (vv. 1, 2, and 4)

Benediction | *Rev. Efir*

Postlude

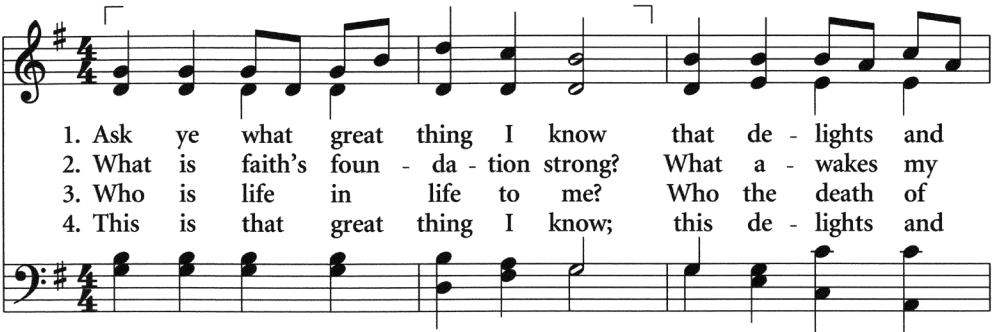
The Prayers of the People

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.

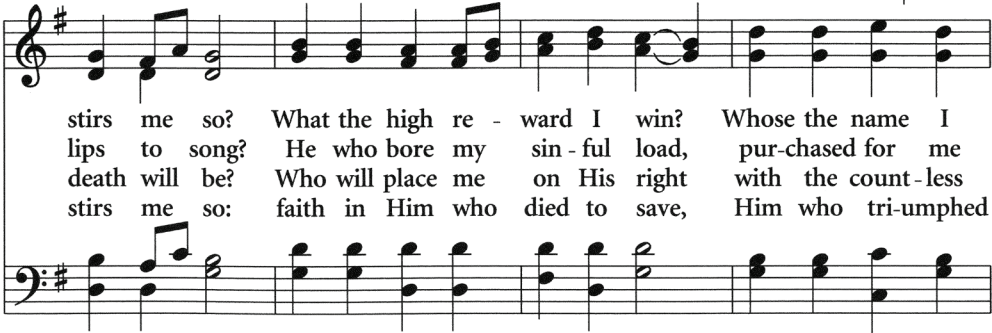
Final Hymn: An Invitation

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!

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know



1. Ask ye what great thing I know that de - lights and
2. What is faith's foun - da - tion strong? What a - wakes my
3. Who is life in life to me? Who the death of
4. This is that great thing I know; this de - lights and



stirs me so? What the high re - ward I win? Whose the name I
lips to song? He who bore my sin - ful load, pur - chased for me
death will be? Who will place me on His right with the count - less
stirs me so: faith in Him who died to save, Him who tri - umphed



glo - ry in? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.
peace with God, Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.
hosts of light? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.
o'er the grave, Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef and a bass clef, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower-ing o'er the wrecks of time:
2. When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes de-ceive and fears an - noy,
3. When the sun of bliss is beam-ing light and love up - on my way,
4. Bane and bless-ing, pain and pleas-ure, by the cross are sanc - ti - fied;

all the light of sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub-lime.
nev - er shall the cross for - sake me: lo! it glows with peace and joy.
from the cross the ra - diance stream-ing adds new lus - ter to the day.
peace is there that knows no meas-ure, joys that through all time a - bide.

The Old Rugged Cross



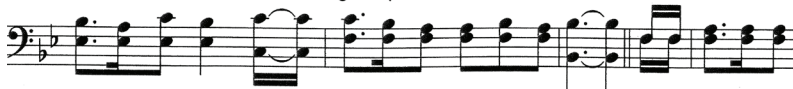
1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross, the
2. Oh, that old rug-ged cross, so de-spised by the world, has a
3. In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine, such a
4. To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true, its



em - blem of suf - fering and shame; and I love that old cross where the
won - drous at - trac - tion for me; for the dear Lamb of God left His
won - der - ful beau - ty I see; for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus
shame and re-proach glad - ly bear; then He'll call me some day to my



dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
glo - ry a - bove, to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry. So I'll cher - ish the
suf - fered and died, to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
home far a - way, where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

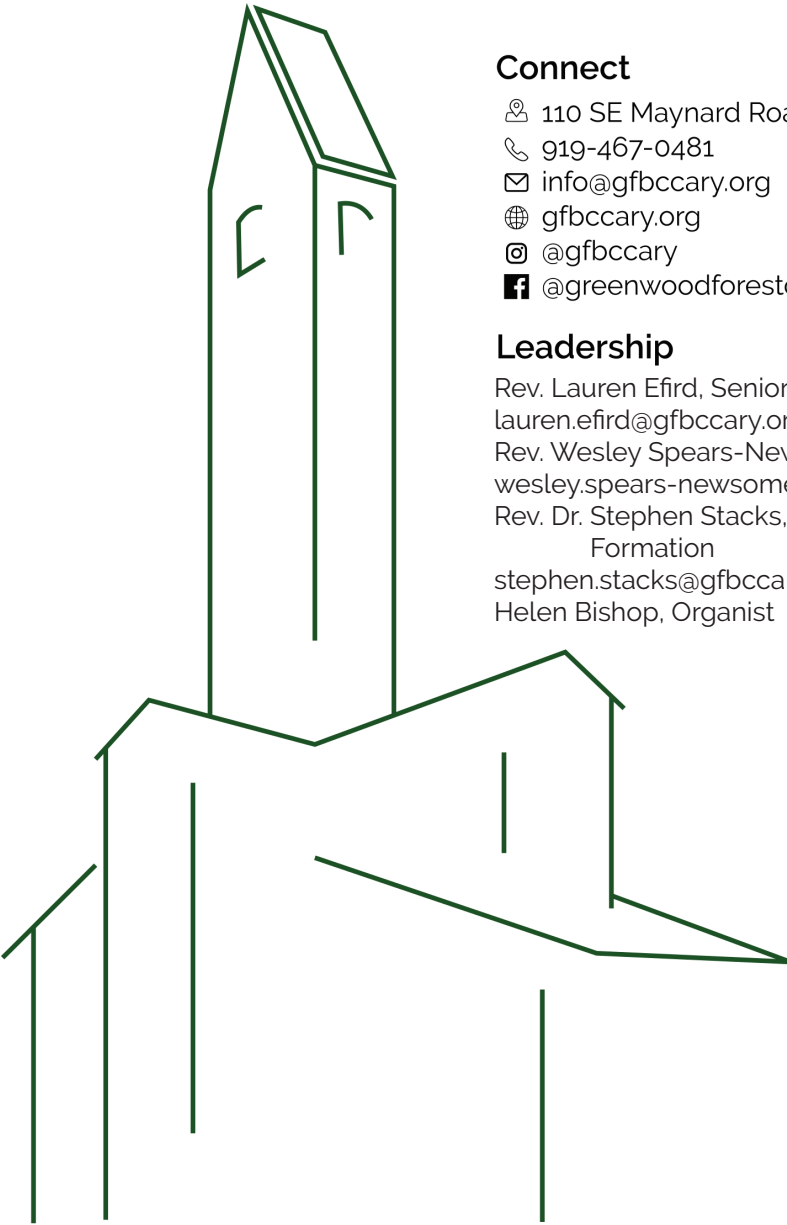


old rug-ged cross, till my tro-phies at last I lay down; I will
cross, the old rug-ged cross,



cling to the old rug-ged cross, and ex-change it some day for a crown.
cross, the old rug-ged cross,





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