



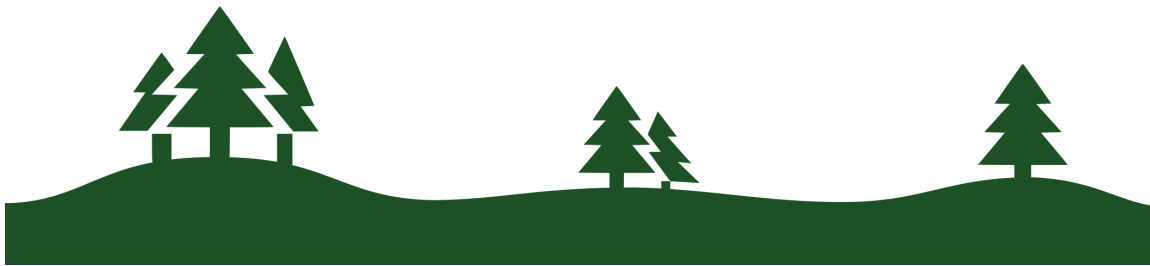
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Greenwood Forest

Baptist Church

October 27, 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 Efird*

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (Psalm 112)

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord,
Who greatly delight in God's commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

The generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in their houses,

And their righteousness endures forever.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;

They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

It is well with those who deal generously and lend,

Who conduct their affairs with justice.

For the righteous will never be moved;

They will be remembered forever.

They are not afraid of evil tidings;

Their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;

In the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;

Their righteousness endures forever.

Invocation | *Rev. Efird*

Hymn | *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place*

Offertory Prayer | *Blair Biser*

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 | *Nathan Bullock*

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 | *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Reading | *1 Corinthians 2* | *Susan Beck*

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

Anthem | *Let This Mind* | *Purifoy and Perry*

Sermon | *Wisdom of the Spirit* | *Rev. Raquel Gill*

Hymn | *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

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!

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can-not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

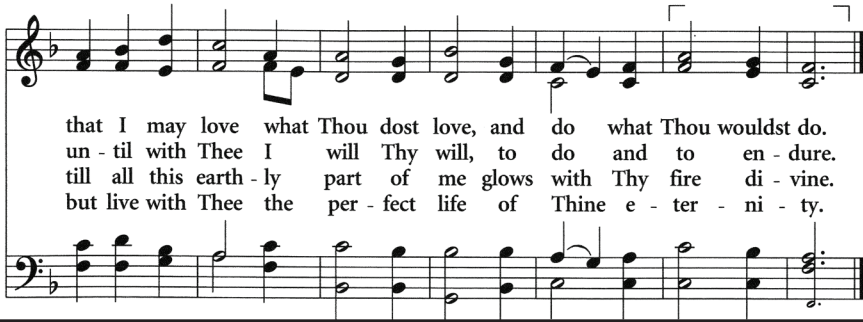
lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

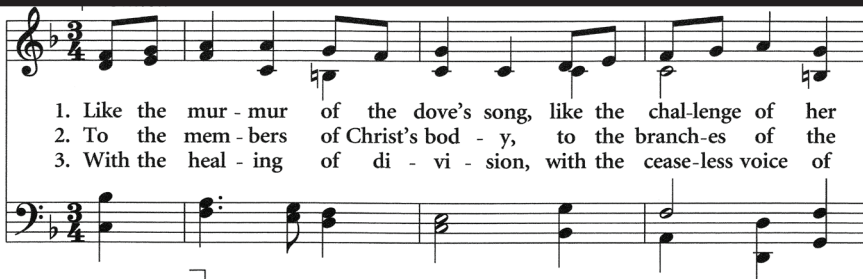
Breathe on Me



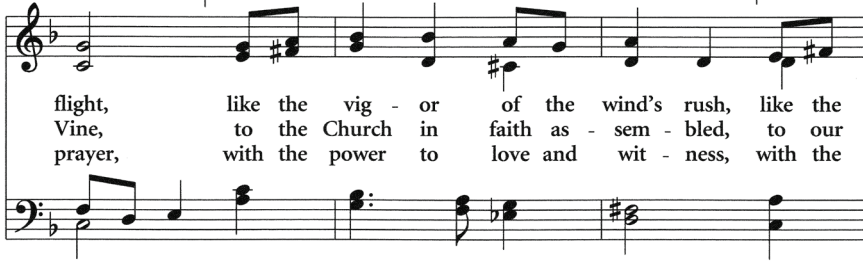
1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly Thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.
un - til with Thee I will Thy will, to do and to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with Thy fire di - vine.
but live with Thee the per - fect life of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.



1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of

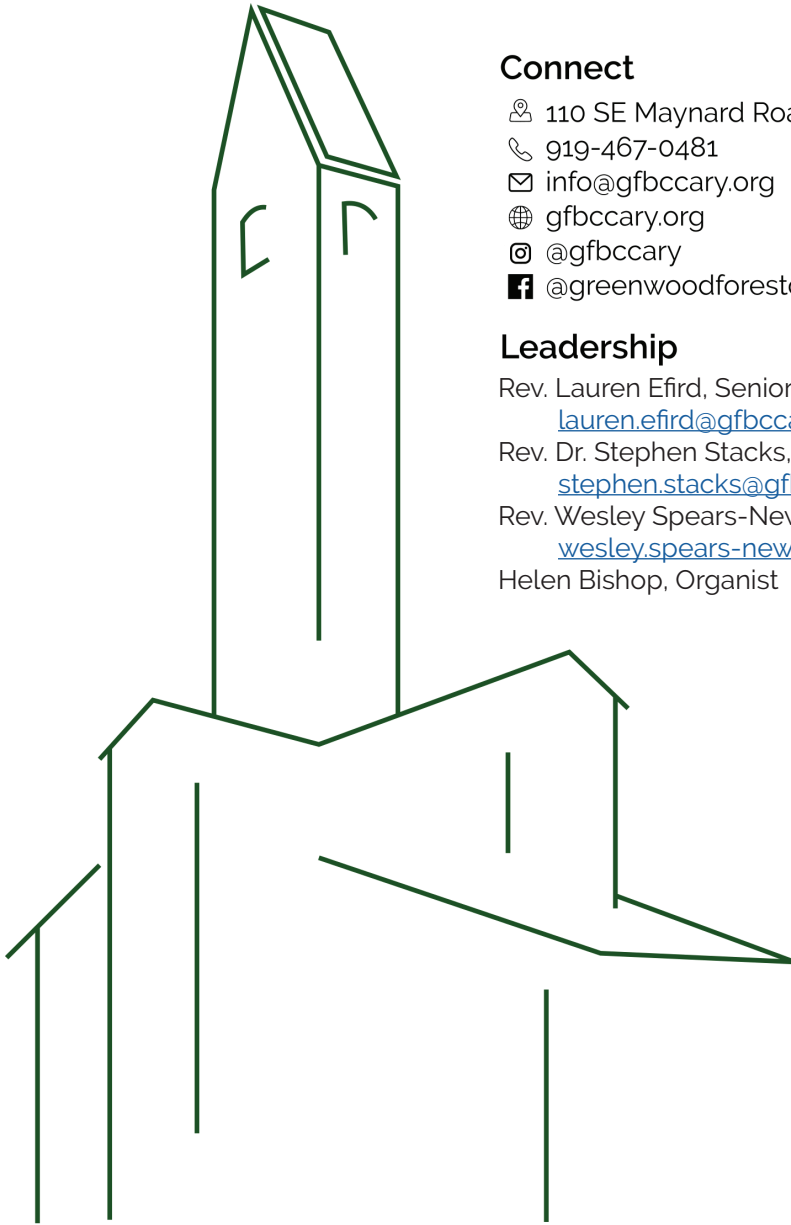


flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
Vine, to the Church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might:
midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare:

Like the Murmur



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