



Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

August 17, 2025



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Bulletin Art

Martha and Mary by JESUS MAFA

"JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings." (Art in the Christian Tradition, Vanderbilt Divinity School) This one was completed in 1973.

What can we infer from Mary (seated) and Martha (standing) here? What of the other person doing work in the background? What is Jesus' role in this scene?

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, citizenship statuses, 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 Fellowship Hall if you need to rock your little ones.



Transcripts of the sermon and large print bulletins are available at the sound table for those who need them.



Services are livestreamed and you may end up on camera.



Restrooms are located on the hallway off the Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to use the bathroom that best aligns with your gender identity (our gender-neutral, single-occupant restrooms are currently in a part of the building without HVAC).



Announcements | Church Events and Updates

you've got a
friend
friendship. connection. creation.

August Faith Formation

In August, Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome and our high school youth will be leading Churchwide Faith Formation! They'll be showcasing an interview game called "Wild Card" (based on the podcast of the same name) with various adults in the congregation. You won't want to miss these deep conversations at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays in August.

August Business Meeting

We'll be holding a business meeting in the Fellowship Hall on August 24 at 2pm. This is the annual meeting where we discuss and vote on the budget and nominating slate for the 2025-2026 church fiscal year. Come join us for these important deliberations!

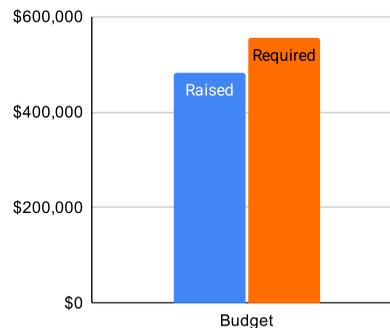
Driver Needed For BPB

Back Pack Buddies needs an additional delivery driver for the upcoming school year. Bags are picked up from GFBC and delivered to the schools on Thursday mornings. You would be responsible for one delivery per month, to a single school. If this is something you can do, email Judy Vaccaro at judyvaccaro@gmail.com.

Update from Finance

We wanted to give you an update on where we are on our giving goals for the year as of July 22. Below, in the blue and green graph you can see our progress on the mortgage payment for this year. We still need \$3,995

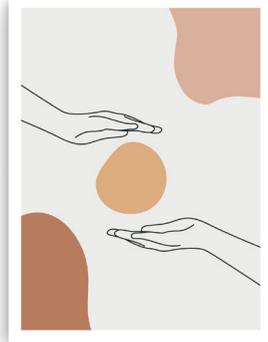
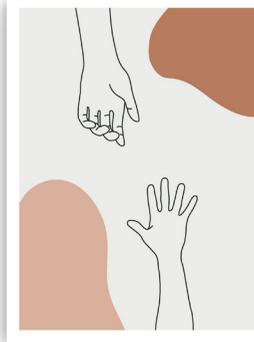
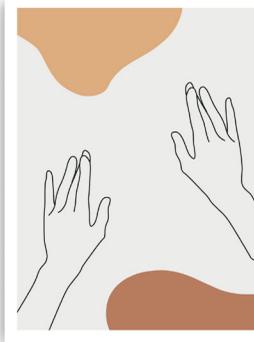
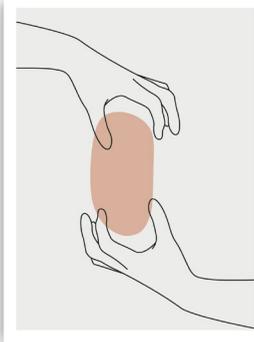
for the mortgage as of August 17th. In the orange and blue graph, you can see our progress on the Annual Budget. Currently, we are \$72,807 away from fulfilling needed giving to the budget for the '24-'25 fiscal year. The church fiscal year ends on August 31 (just a few weeks from now), so we appreciate any and all gifts to these annual funds!



Church Kickoff Breakfast Potluck

Join us on September 7 during the Faith Formation hours (9:45am) in the Fellowship Hall for a breakfast potluck! Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share and come hear about what's happening this year at Greenwood Forest.

Community Notes | Prayer Requests and Giving



Prayer

Please keep in prayer these members of our community and their friends and family. To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names rotate off and can be re-added upon request.

Jo Brooks
Barbara Dial (Carol Carter's Sister)
Doris Martin
Mac Graham
Carrie
Kathleen Wicker
Steven (friend of GFBC)
Our partners at Ebenezer Baptist in Cuba

Giving

All of the ministries of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church are supported by members of our community like you. Thank you! Supporting us is easy. You can:

- Give online at gfbccary.org/give
- Place your gift in the offering plate before or after worship.
- Set up an automated bank draft through the church office.
- Set up a recurring gift through your bank's "bill pay" function.

A monthly finance update is available in the weekly church email. If you're not receiving our weekly email and would like to, please contact the church office.



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Order of Worship | Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

✝ This icon indicates an invitation to stand or express reverence however you see fit.

📖 This icon indicates a worship aid is available in the righthand column.

🎵 Hymns and song lyrics are available in the songbook following the Order of Worship.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude | I Am Thine, O Lord | arr. Lynette Maynard

Welcome to Worship | Rev. Lauren Hayes

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship 📖

Christ invites and welcomes us;

We come to rest at Jesus' feet.

There is need of only one thing:

Let us not be distracted during this sacred time.

We strain against each other and resist the call to community
draw us together in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit

As we sit in your presence,

Lead us in the work of reconciliation.

Invocation | Rick Chappell

✝ **Hymn** | We Belong to Jesus' Body (pg. 7)

Offertory Prayer | Leta Huntsinger

Offertory | Be Thou My Vision | arr. Don Phillips

✝ **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.

Today's color is **green**, representing spiritual growth.

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. Wesley Spears-Newsome
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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† Hymn | Forgive our Sins As We Forgive (pg. 8)

Reading | Luke 10:38-42 | Rev. Spears-Newsome
The word of God for us, the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem | Come to Him | Mark Kilstofte (pg. 10)

Sermon | Siblings as Companions | Rev. Hayes

† Hymn | Be Thou My Vision (pg. 9) 

Benediction | Rev. Hayes

Postlude | Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen | SURGE ECCLESIA

The Prayers of the People

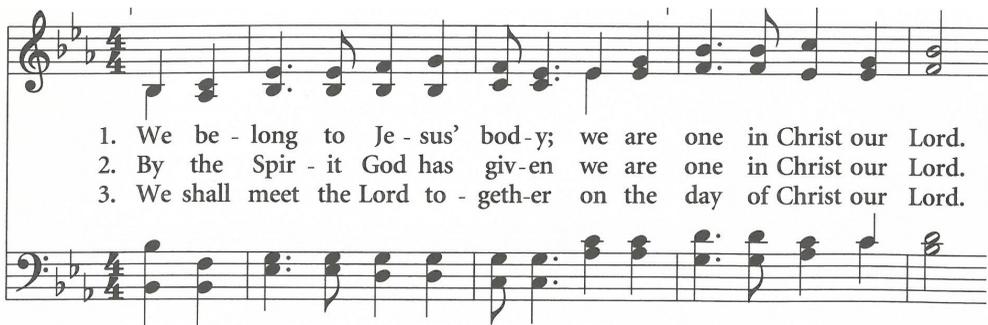
This prayer typically has five parts: a confession, prayers for the earth, prayers for the world, prayers for the church, and prayers for those with needs in our own community.

* = In the Lord's Prayer, you may say any name for God (e.g., Mother/Father/Parent).

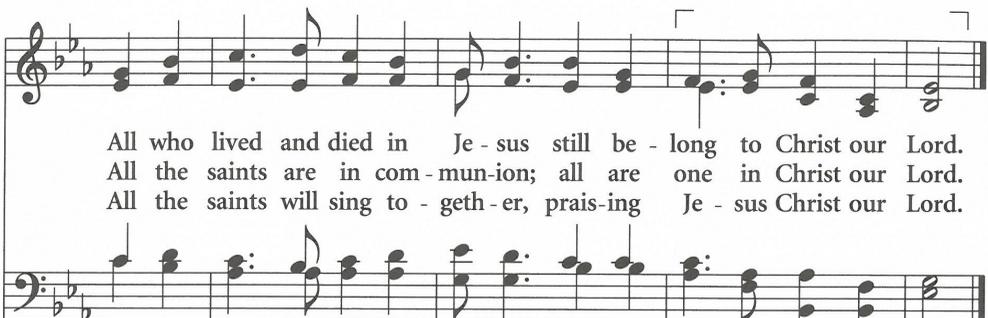
Final Hymn: An Invitation

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!

We Belong To Jesus' Body

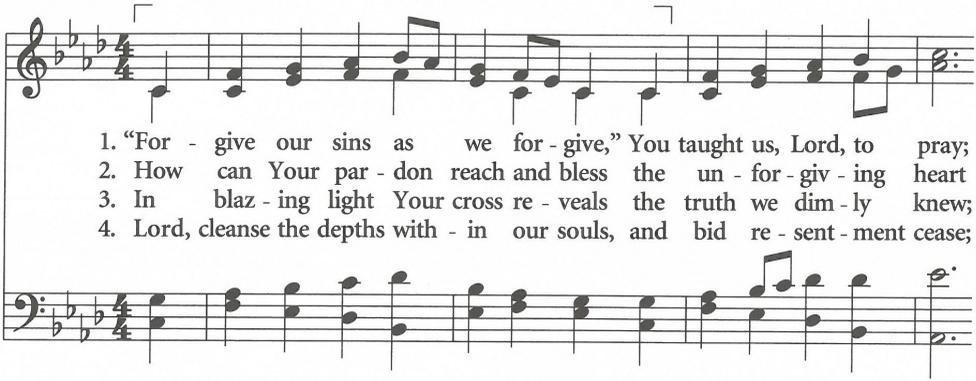


1. We be - long to Je - sus' bod - y; we are one in Christ our Lord.
2. By the Spir - it God has giv - en we are one in Christ our Lord.
3. We shall meet the Lord to - geth - er on the day of Christ our Lord.

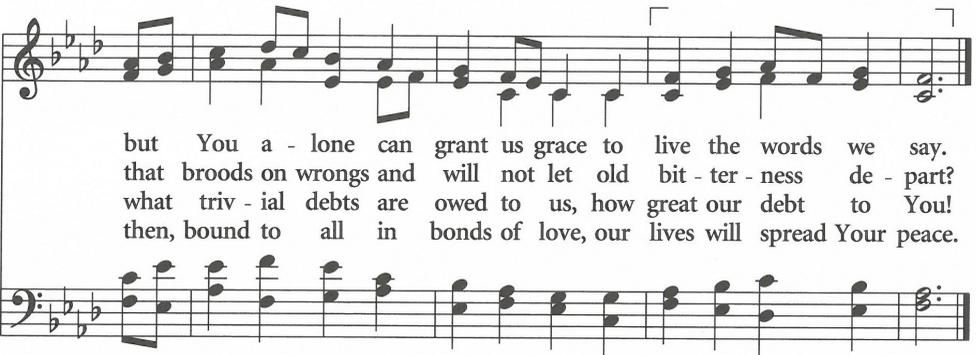


All who lived and died in Je - sus still be - long to Christ our Lord.
All the saints are in com - mun - ion; all are one in Christ our Lord.
All the saints will sing to - geth - er, prais - ing Je - sus Christ our Lord.

Forgive our Sins As We Forgive



1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us, Lord, to pray;
2. How can Your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
3. In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew;
4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but You a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to You!
then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread Your peace.

Be Thou My Vision

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.

Anthem | Come To Him

Mark Kilstofte

Come to him a living stone,
Though rejected by mortals, yet chosen and precious in God's sight.
And like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.
Come to him, to him.



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