



Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

August 24, 2025



Bulletin Art

"The Mothers" by Käthe Kollwitz

Käthe Kollwitz (d. 1945) worked in a variety of mediums, including printmaking, etching, and lithography among others. She was a German artist who ran afoul of the Nazis toward the end of her life. Her art was removed from German museums after she spoke out against Nazism. During the war, she and her husband were threatened by the Gestapo. Only her global notoriety as an artist kept them safe. She died 15 days before the end of the war.

Many of Kollwitz's works depict the plight of the working class, particularly those suffering as a result of war waged by the upper classes. She was ardently anti-war and was a vocal anti-fascist. Here, she depicts the families brought together by the grief of losing sons and fathers to war. Found families are often made out of grief and loss. Jesus seemed to make them wherever he went, up until the point of his death. While on the cross, John tells us he made John and his mother Mary family so that they could take care of one another in his absence.

- Rev. Spears-Newsome

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.



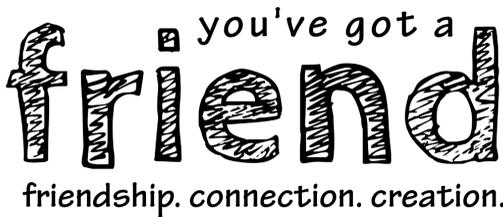
Services are livestreamed and you may end up on camera.



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



August Faith Formation

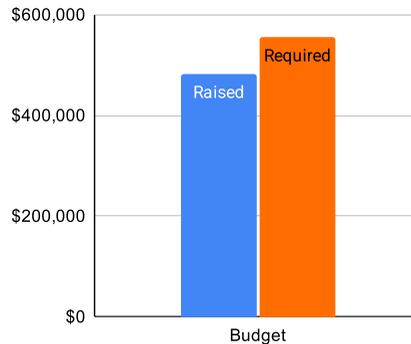
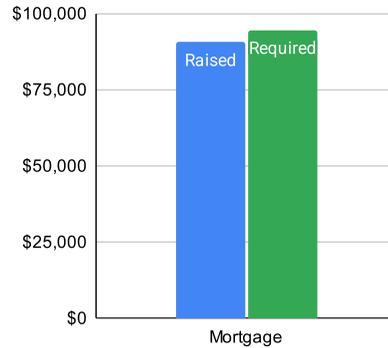
In August, Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome and our high school youth will be leading Churchwide Faith Formation! They'll be showcasing an interview game called "Wild Card" (based on the podcast of the same name) with various adults in the congregation. You won't want to miss these deep conversations at 9:45am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

Update from Finance

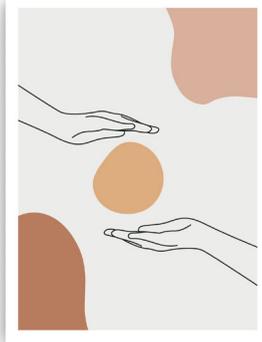
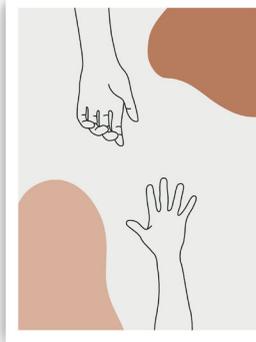
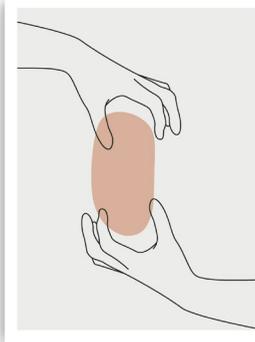
We wanted to give you an update on where we are on our giving goals for the year as of August 20th. Below, in the blue and green graph you can see our progress on the mortgage payment for this year. We still need \$3,565 for the mortgage as of August 20th. In the orange and blue graph, you can see our progress on the Annual Budget. Currently, we are \$67,272 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 days 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.



Scan to Give
Online Today!

Order of Worship | Eleventh 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 | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | arr. John Carter

Welcome to Worship | Rev. Lauren Hayes

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship 📖

Out of a world of cut-throat competition, of winners-and-losers, and too many left behind, we come together.

The world's ways are not our ways. The world's ways are not Christ's ways.

Out of a world of hatred, violence, individualism, and life-taking power, we gather as God's people.

God's ways are inclusive, expansive, and life-giving for all.

Come and worship the One whose love knows no limits!

Swim in the cleansing waters of divine community!

Resurrect your spirits and souls in worship!

Praise be to the Everlasting One!

Invocation | Diana McGahan

Backpack Blessing | Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

✝ **Hymn** | We Belong to Jesus' Body (pg. 7; vv. 1 and 3)

Offertory Prayer | Natalie Patten

Offertory | As the Deer | arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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.

† **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 | Rev. Dr. Stephen 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 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** | In Christ There is No East or West (pg. 8)

Reading | John 19:26-27 | Rev. Spears-Newsome
The word of God for us, the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem | My Shepherd Will Supply My Need | Mack Wilberg (pg. 10)

Sermon | Found Family | Rev. Hayes

† **Hymn** | We are Travelers on a Journey (pg. 9) 

Benediction | Rev. Hayes

Postlude | Take Us As We Are, O God | ENDLESS FEAST

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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are as follows:

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.

In Christ There is No East or West

1. In Christ there is no East or West, in
2. In Him shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
4. In Christ now meet both East and West, in

Him no South or North; but one great fel - low -
high com - mun - ion find; His ser - vice is the
e'er your race may be; who serves my Fa - ther
Him meet South and North: all Christ - like souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord, close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
as His child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in Him through - out the whole wide earth.

We are Travelers on a Journey

1. We are trav - elers on a jour - ney, fel - low pil - grims on the road;
2. Sis - ter, let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you;
3. I will weep when you are weep - ing, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;

we are here to help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
I will share your joy and sor - row, till we've seen this jour - ney through.

I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time of your fear;
Broth - er, let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you;
When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall find such har - mo - ny,

I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

Anthem I My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Mack Wilberg

My Shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is his name;
In pastures fresh he makes me feed
Beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back
When I forsake his ways,
And leads me, for his mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk thru the shades of death,
Thy presence is my stay;
A word of thy supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
Doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows;
Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
O may thy house be mine abode,
And all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest
While others go and come,
No more a stranger or a guest,
But like a child at home.



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