



# Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

October 5, 2025



## Bulletin Art

"White Mustard" by Jethro Brice

A simple line drawing of a mustard plant shows how small and unassuming the plant can be. What can we imagine results from this small plant? What does Jesus imagine?

— Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

### Current Sermon Series:



Jesus talked about money and how we relate to each other financially more than most topics. His parables often confront the ways we spend, save, and share in surprising ways for his time and for ours. For the next several weeks in worship, we'll be exploring Jesus's parables in Luke's Gospel for what they have to teach us about our relationship to wealth, possessions, and each other. Join us as we reimagine abundance together!

# 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 sanctuary if you need to rock your little ones.



Hearing assistance devices, transcripts of the sermon, and large print bulletins are available at the back of the sanctuary.



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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# Announcements | Church Events and Updates

## Anniversaries & Appreciation

October is Pastor appreciation month! Thank you to our wonderful ministerial staff. Let them know you appreciate their work for us.

Two of our staff also have work anniversaries this month! October 2 is Rev. Lauren Hayes 14-year work anniversary. October 30 is Cameron Aiken's one-year work anniversary.

## ICE Watch Training

Join volunteer trainers from Siembra NC to learn how to support Siembra dispatchers on the ground by responding to reports of ICE activity and verifying ICE presence. This training will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on October 13 from 6:30-7:30pm.

## ONE Wake Assembly

There's a Cary Town Council election this November! Come hear from the candidates and their response to ONE Wake's agenda on Saturday, October 25 at 10am. We'll hear from candidates at Cary Presbyterian Church and then March to the Polls to cast our votes together!

## Newcomers Reception

All those new to GFBC are invited to a reception after worship! Join us in the narthex (the entrance/foyer area to the sanctuary) to get more information about this community, make connections, and find your place here at GFBC.

## David Lamotte Concert

On Saturday, November 8, we will be hosting NC folk singer-songwriter David Lamotte. Join us at 7pm in the Sanctuary for a night of wonderful music!

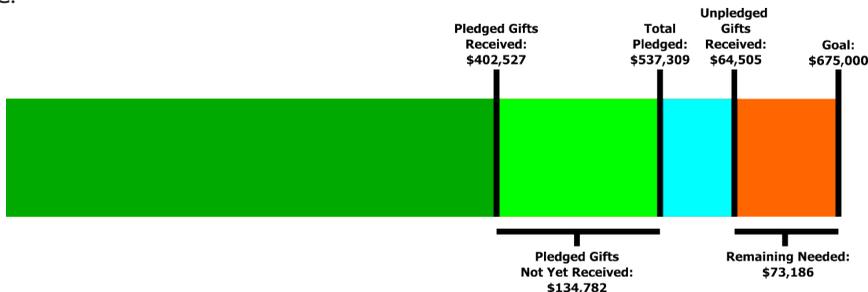
**Invite your friends and neighbors as this will be an inclusive and free event for the whole community.**

## Save Athens Drive Library

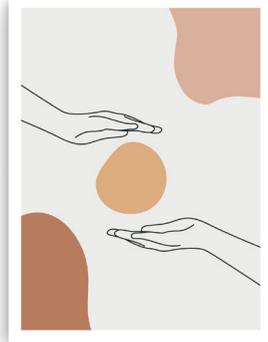
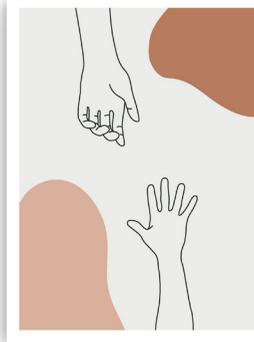
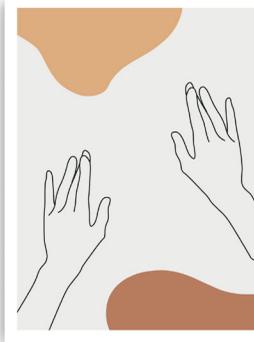
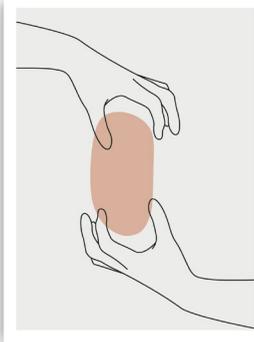
ONE Wake is partnering with the Friends of Athens Drive Community Library group to preserve a library in Southwest Raleigh. As Athens Drive High School undergoes renovations, the community library in their building will be removed and permanently relocated. Organizers have asked us to attend the County Commissioners meeting on Monday October 6 at 5pm to advocate for keeping the library in their community. The meeting will be held at the Wake County Justice Center at 300 S. Salisbury St in Room 2700. Wear **red** and arrive early! More info at [friendsofathensdrivecommunitylibrary.org](http://friendsofathensdrivecommunitylibrary.org).

## HVAC Update

At long last, we return to worship in our sanctuary this week! We still have some funds left to raise to finish off the HVAC project. See the graph below for more info.



# 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)  
LeeAnn Price (Susan Beck'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](http://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 | World Communion Sunday

✝ 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** | Come Christians, Join to Sing | arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

**Welcome to Worship** | Rev. Lauren Hayes

Leader: The Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

**Passing of the Peace** 📖

**Call to Worship** (Nancy Townley, Stephen Stacks) 📖

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a land of suffering?

**We shall sing of courage and the strength of the Lord.**

How shall we sing the Lord's song when we feel so lonely?

**We shall sing of unity and faithfulness, of reconciliation and hope.**

How shall we sing the Lord's song when doubt feels closer than faith?

**We shall sing anyway, until the world we glimpse in small acts of love becomes a new reality.**

Come, let us sing the Lord's song this day.

**Let us praise God in all our ways forever.**

**Invocation** | Betsy Sisely

✝ **Hymn** | All Who Hunger Gather Gladly (pg. 7)

**Stewardship Testimony** | Susan Beck

**Offertory Prayer** | Leta Huntsinger

**Offertory** | I Will Sing of My Redeemer | arr. John F. Wilson

✝ **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.

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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** | Lord, When I Came into This Life (pg. 8)

**Reading** | Luke 17:5-10, Habakkuk 2:4 | Rev. Spears-Newsome  
The word of God for us, the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** | Here's One | arr. Mark Hayes (pg. 10)

**Sermon** | Rev. Lynn McLaughlin

**Communion** 

Prayer of Confession: **Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be obedient disciples. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we've not loved our neighbors, and we've not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us for what we have done and for what we've left undone, and free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Mystery of Faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**† Hymn** | In Remembrance (pg. 9) 

**Benediction** | Rev. Hayes

**Postlude** | Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ | arr. John Carter

## 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).

## Communion

During Communion, we gather around the table as Christ showed us, to remember and give thanks. We have an open table—all who wish to take Communion are invited. We practice intinction, which means you receive a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. A gluten-free option is available on the altar.

# All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

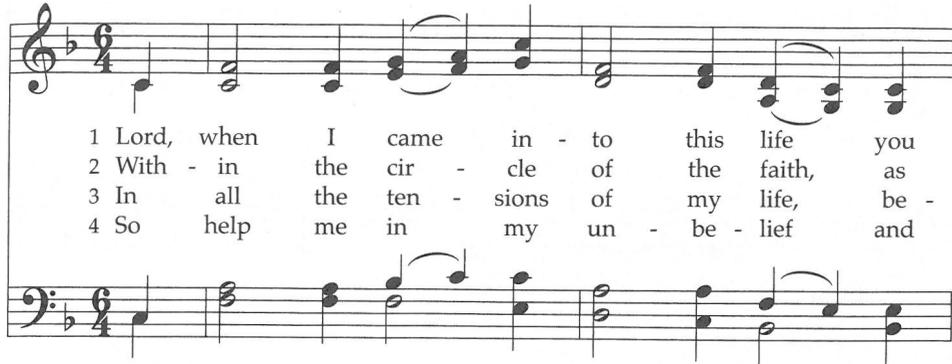
1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.  
2. All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
3. All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er; Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It includes a fermata over the final note of the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

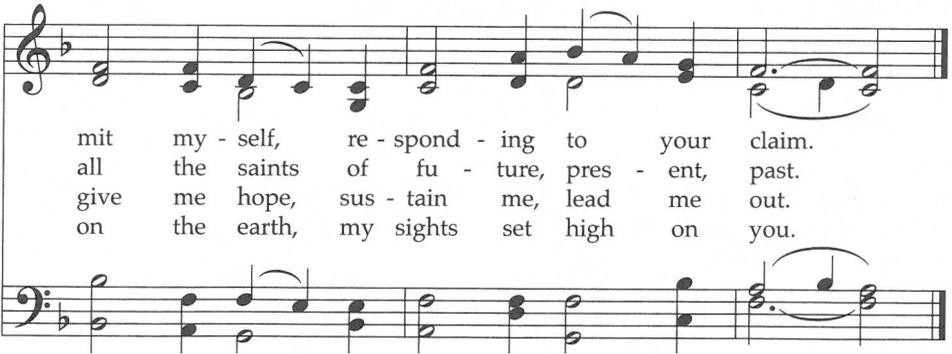
# Lord, When I Came into This Life



1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you  
2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as  
3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -  
4 So help me in my un - be - lief and



called me by my name; to - day I come, com -  
mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with  
tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it  
let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed



mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.  
all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.  
give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.  
on the earth, my sights set high on you.

# In Remembrance

1. In re - mem-brance of Me, eat this bread. In re -  
(2. In re) - mem-brance of Me, heal the sick. In re -  
(3. In re) - mem-brance of Me, search for truth. In re -

mem - brance of Me, drink this wine. In re -  
mem - brance of Me, feed the poor. In re -  
mem - brance of Me, al - ways love. In re -

mem-brance of Me, pray for the time when God's own  
mem-brance of Me, o - pen the door and let your  
mem-brance of Me, don't look a - bove, but in your

1, 2 | 3  
will is done. 2. In re -  
broth - er in. 3. In re -  
heart, look in your heart for

God. Do this in re - mem-brance of Me.

# Anthem Here's One

arr. Mark Hayes

Talk about a child  
who do love Jesus,  
Here's one,  
Here's one.

Ever since I heard the gospel story,  
I've been walking up the road to glory.  
Talk about a child  
who do love Jesus,  
Here's one.

Talk about a child who's been forgiven...

Talk about a child who's been converted...



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