



Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

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Bulletin Art

"The Gleaners" by Jean-François Millet (1855)

This etching would later become one of Millet's most famous works, an oil painting by the same name produced two years later. Millet's work was famous for its sympathetic depictions of the lower and working classes in France, much to the chagrin of the art-consuming upper classes. In particular, the painting would go on to be received poorly because of its size. It was massive, unbecoming for a scene depicting laborers according to critics. For those who stored up their wealth, grandiose oil paintings were the domain of power generals, nobles, aristocrats, and monarchs—not everyday people.

— 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!

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.**



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 HVAC Update

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 upcoming work anniversaries this month! October 30 is Cameron Aiken's one-year work anniversary and Helen Bishop's work anniversary is November 2nd.

Poinsettia Dedications

We will be collecting donations for Poinsettia dedications through October 31st. We are hoping to order 36 large plants this year. A donation of \$15 will cover the cost of a large plant as well as the associated delivery fee. Please sign up at gfbccary.org/poinsettias

Faith Giving Sundays

We're introducing Faith Giving Sundays as a way to partner with you in sustaining the vital mission of GFBC throughout the year. We ask you to consider making a special investment of \$20 on the last Sunday of every month. This collective effort is essential in ensuring our budget remains on track, allowing us to continue making a difference in our community and beyond. Contact Susan Beck if you have any questions or want to give a Gratitude Testimony about what GFBC means to you and why you give.

Things are moving forward with our HVAC campaign and we need your help! This week, Piedmont will begin **Phase One** of the Boiler Project (replacing our pipes). We hope to move into **Phase Two** (replacing the actual boilers) this winter.

If you have not yet contributed to the project and are able to do so, prayerfully consider making a donation today. **We need to raise an additional \$88,236 to move in to Phase Two of the project.**

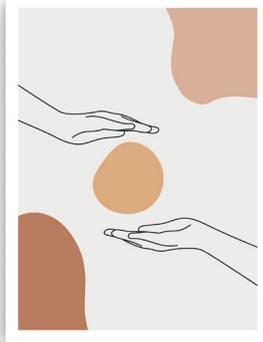
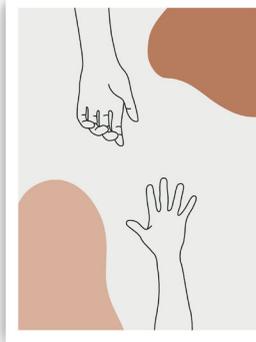
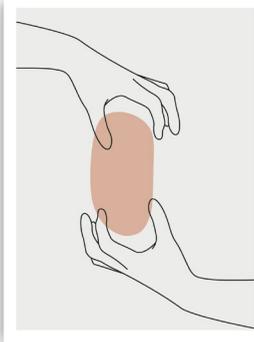
If you have not yet fulfilled your pledge, please do so today or let us know when you will be able to do so. **We are still waiting for \$77,281 in unfulfilled pledges.**

We are truly grateful to everyone who has donated to our HVAC campaign already. Thank you for helping us keep GFBC a safe, warm, and inclusive space of worship and community.

Please see the below 'Giving Pyramid' for an idea of how your contribution could help us complete this crucial project.



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
- 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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Online Today!

Order of Worship | Twentieth 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 | God Gave to Us This Glorious Day | arr. Johann Gottfried Walther

Welcome to Worship | Rev. Lauren Hayes

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship 📖

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's love and warm embrace last forever.

When we cry out in distress, the Lord hears our call.

Praise the Lord who delivers us from sin and death.

Christ calls us to clothe ourselves in righteousness.

Worship the One who wraps us with justice, and helps us grow in the image of our Creator.

Love well, for your heart is where your treasure is.

May our hearts be filled with God's blessings, divine provisions that meet our true needs.

Invocation | Rev. Lee Webb

✝ **Hymn** | Woke Up This Morning With My Mind (pg. 7)

Gratitude Testimony | Gail Jones

Offertory Prayer | Susan Beck

Offertory | Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us | arr. Don Phillips

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 | 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 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** | As The Deer (pg. 8)

Reading | Luke 12:13-21 | Susan Beck
The word of God for us, the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem | I Hunger and Thirst | arr. Kevin Siegfried (pg. 10)

I hunger and thirst, I hunger and thirst after true righteousness;
In what I've obtained, in what I've obtained my soul cannot rest.
An ocean I see without bottom or shore.
O feed me I'm hungry, enrich me I'm poor.
I will cry unto God, I never will cease,
Till my soul's filled with love, love, perfect love and sweet peace.

Sermon | Emptying Barns | Rev. Hayes

Hymn | Lead Me, Guide Me (pg. 9) 

Benediction | Rev. Hayes

Postlude | Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow | arr. Janelle A. Clark

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!

Thank you!

Today's altar flowers have been provided by Felice Parent in loving memory of Jeff Parent.

Woke Up This Morning With My Mind

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1. Woke up this morn - in' with my mind,
2. No con-dem - na - tion with my mind, stayed on
3. Walk - in' and talk - in' with my mind,
mind, my mind was

Je - sus. Woke up this morn - in' with my mind,
No con-dem - na - tion with my mind,
Walk - in' and talk - in' with my mind,
mind, my mind was

stayed on Je - sus. Woke up this morn - in' with my mind,
No con-dem - na - tion with my mind,
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stayed on Je - sus. Hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah.

As The Deer

1. As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af-ter
2. You're my friend, You are my broth-er, e-ven though You are a
3. I want You more than gold or sil-ver, on-ly You can sat-is-

The first system of musical notation for the song 'As The Deer'. It consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef, both in the key of D major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are arranged in three numbered lines corresponding to the vocal melody.

Thee. You a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I
King. I love you more than an-y oth-er, so much
fy. You a-lone are the real joy-giv-er, and the

The second system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with the lyrics, and the bass line provides accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in three lines.

long to wor-ship Thee.
more than an-y-thing. You a-lone are my strength, my shield, to
ap-ple of my eye.

The third system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with the lyrics, and the bass line provides accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in three lines.

You a-lone may my spir-it yield.

The fourth system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with the lyrics, and the bass line provides accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in two lines.

You a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship Thee.

The fifth system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with the lyrics, and the bass line provides accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in two lines.

Lead Me, Guide Me

Verses

1. I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r to
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous-ness, Be my
3. I am lost if You take your hand from me, I am

help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting all
blind with - out Thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways let me

Thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
my trust in Thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
Thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

D.C.

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

The first system of the refrain features a vocal line in treble clef and piano accompaniment in grand staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The piano accompaniment includes several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in both the right and left hands.

For if You lead me, I can - not stray.

The second system continues the refrain with a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features more triplet markings in both hands.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

The third system continues the refrain with a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features more triplet markings in both hands.

Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

The fourth system concludes the refrain with a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features a triplet marking in the right hand.



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