

Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

November 2, 2025



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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, 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 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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All Saints Day 2025

We remember ...



Jennie Pegram



Barney Graham



Fred Seeger



Johnny Jackson



Katilene Holmes



Lynda Mowery



Donna Boykin



Gilles Bikindou

All Saints Bulletin Art

"All Saints" (digital collage) by Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

A doorway moves aside giving way from this world to the next with golden flecks representing all the saints moving between these realms. What God has prepared in the new creation is already the experience of those we have lost in this time and place. The swirling movement of gold represents our journeys through life and death as we draw closer to God.

Announcements | Church Events and Updates

Happy Anniversary, Helen!

Helen Bishop's work anniversary is November 2.

Poinsettia Dedications

We will be collecting donations for Poinsettia dedications through October 31. 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

Essential Food Aid

Due to withheld federal funds, many local families and children are losing vital benefits. Here's how you can help:

1. Donate Supplies: Bring maseca, cooking oil, oatmeal, pasta sauce, canned chicken/peas/peaches/mandarins/pineapple, deodorant (men's/women's), and toilet paper to church any Sunday. This will go to our collaborative program with Kirk of Kildaire.
2. Donate Funds: Resume or begin a recurring donation to our Backpack Buddies program as needs are expected to rise quickly.
3. Support Dorcas: Consider a donation to Dorcas Ministries' pantry (check their website for current needs).

HVAC Update

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

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 \$52,281 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 'Giving Pyramid' for an idea of how your contribution could help us complete this crucial project.



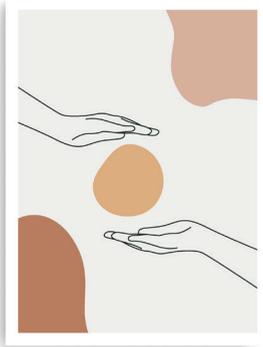
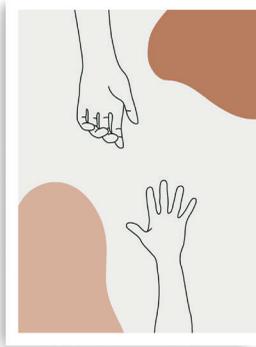
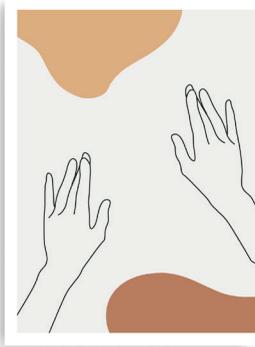
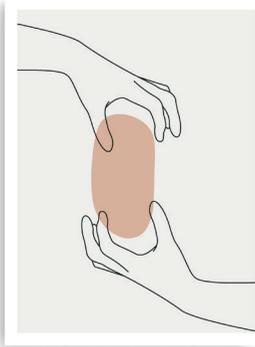
Souper Love Feast and Sanctuary Decorating

Mark your calendars for November 23 after worship! We'll gather to make crafts with our kids and everyone is invited to decorate the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. We'll enjoy a potluck lunch together before decorating. Sign up to bring food at gfbccary.org/souper!

Newcomers Reception

All those new to GFBC are invited to a reception after worship on November 9! 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.

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
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.



Scan to Give
Online Today!

Order of Worship | All Saints 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 | Jerusalem, My Happy Home | arr. Anna Laura Page

Welcome to Worship | Rev. Lauren Hayes

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship (Psalm 24 | Paul Mitchell) 📖

We've heard it said, Take a lesson from the ravens.

They don't sow or reap.

Notice how the flowers grow.

They neither labor nor weave!

God makes the sun rise on bad and good alike.

God's rain falls on the just and the unjust.

Yet we know, "Everything that makes our lives possible – the splints for baskets, roots for medicines, the trees whose bodies make our homes, and the pages of our books –

is provided by the lives of more-than-human beings."

Be glad in The Beloved and rejoice, you who love justice!

Exult, you upright of heart!

Invocation | Greg Upchurch

✝ **Hymn** | For All the Saints (pg. 7)

Offertory Prayer | Andy Jarrell

Offertory | Holy God, We Praise Thy Name | arr. Cindy Berry

✝ **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 **white**, representing the glory of God and the resurrection of the dead.

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 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 | On Eagle's Wings (pg. 9)

Reading | Matthew 6:25-34 | Rev. Spears-Newsome
The word of God for us, the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem | Ain'a That Good News | arr. William Dawson (pg. 10)

Sermon | Consider the Lilies and the Birds | Rev. Hayes

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 | It Is Well With My Soul (pg. 8)

Benediction | Rev. Hayes

Postlude | Deep River | arr. Larry Shackley

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.

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.

For All the Saints

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
 2. Thou wast their Rock, their For-tress, and their Might;
 3. O blest com-mun-ion, fel-low-ship di-vine!
 4. And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long,
 5. From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast,

who Thee by faith be-fore the world con-fessed,
 Thou, Lord, their Cap-tain in the well-fought fight;
 We fee-bly strug-gle, they in glo-ry shine,
 steals on the ear the dis-tant tri-umph song,
 through gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,

Thy name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.
 Thou in the dark-ness drear their one true light.
 yet all are one in Thee, for all are thine. Al-
 and hearts are brave a-gain, and arms are strong.
 sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost:

le-lu-ial Al-le-lu-ial

It Is Well With My Soul

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, When sor -
2. Tho' Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come, Let this
3. My sin - oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous tho't: My sin
4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds

rows like sea bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my
not in part, but the whole Is nailed to the cross and I
be rolled back as a scroll, The trump shall re - sound and the

taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven so," it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,

On Eagle's Wings

1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a -
 2. The snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
 3. You need not fear the ter - ror of the night nor the

bide in His shad - ow for life, say to the Lord, "My
 fa - mine will bring you no fear, un - der His wings your
 ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -

D.C.

ref - uge, my Rock in whom I trust."
 ref - uge, His faith - ful - ness you shield.
 bout you, near you it shall not come.

(refrain opposite)

Unison

And He will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the

breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun and

hold you in the palm of His hand.

Fine

Anthem Ain'a That Good News

arr. William Dawson

I got a crown up in-a that kingdom,
 Ain'-a that good news!
 I got a crown up in-a that kingdom,
 Ain'-a that good news!
 I'm-a gonna lay down this world,
 gonna shoulder up-a my cross.
 Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus,
 Ain'-a that good news!

I got a robe...

I got a Savior...



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