



Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

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Bulletin Art

Resurrection Appearance to the Fishermen
by Frank Wesley

This piece was made by Frank Wesley, an Indian artist born into a Christian family amidst a society of competing Muslim and Hindu influences. You can see echoes of traditional Hindu art in the depiction of Jesus in the skin color and features of his figure. Wesley studied art in India (Lucknow), Japan (Kyoto), and the United States (Chicago). One of his most famous contributions was the design of Mahatma Gandhi's urn. In this painting, we see Peter, below Jesus, gripped with a particular urgency and reaches out to Jesus. What does Peter seek? Redemption for his betrayal? A chance to make amends? What do you see in his expression and that of Jesus?

- Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome



Upcoming Sermon Series: The Wounds are the Witness

If we are to become Easter people, people of the resurrection, people walking in the way of Jesus, we must learn from the witness of wounds, the wounds of Jesus and the wounds of the marginalized. It is only then that we can learn to become the church, the people we are called to be. As Yolanda Pierce says in her book, *The Wounds are the Witness: Black Faith Weaving Memory into Justice and Healing*, "If we are to love Jesus, we have to love the man with the still-healing wounds and not just the conquering hero. We have to love the broken Jesus and not just the triumphant one. Likewise, we have to love wounded people and wounded places. To work for flourishing and liberation in a broken world, we cannot look away from crucified flesh or be repulsed by the wounds" (144). For Christians in the United States, this means seriously reckoning with the wounds of Indigenous Americans and enslaved African people. It means understanding that the wounds that are continually inflicted on people of color in our country must be tended in order for all our wounds to be healed. In this Easter season sermon series, we will take the time to draw close to Jesus, our wounded healer, and learn to carefully tend both our own wounds and the wounds of those who've been marginalized, recognizing that the liberation of all God's people is bound together in the healing of all our wounds.

-Rev. Lauren Hayes

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

Faith Formation at GFBC

Interested in joining a Faith Formation class? The "class that meets in the Parlor" (maybe you're the one to invent its formal name!) invites you to join them in reading and discussing *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. They will start with the book's Introduction on Sunday April 12 at 9:45am. You can get a copy of the book wherever books are sold for about \$10. Contact Diana McGahan (ddmcgahan@gmail.com) or Steve Denning (steve.denning@itresourceinc.com) for more information. All Faith Formation classes are open for newcomers year round, as well. Contact the church office if interested.

Upcoming Fellowship Events

The Fellowship Committee is excited for you to join us for any of the upcoming family-friendly events in the Spring and Summer:

May 2 | Fishing Trip to Topsail Beach (contact Susan Beck at carygator1@gmail.com to sign up!)

May 30 (10am) | Local Nature Walk (location TBD)

June 14 (4-6pm) | Picnic in GFBC Courtyard (BBQ provided, bring your favorite side dish or dessert!)

July 15 (6-8pm) | Game Night at GFBC (bring your favorite game and your dinner; desserts provided!)

Blood Drive: May 13th

We are collaborating with the Red Cross to host another Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 13th from 1-6PM. Everyone who donates will receive a \$20 Amazon e-gift card. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Greenwood to schedule an appointment.

Spring Cleaning Sunday: Today!

On the third Sunday of each month, we are asking for 3-4 volunteers to stay briefly after service to help sort, organize, and clean one specific area of the church. Today, we will finish cleaning the downstairs storage rooms. Please reach out to Alex at alex@gfbccary.org to register.

Business Meeting 4/26

There will be a churchwide business meeting on Sunday, April 26th at 9:45am during Faith Formation time. All are encouraged to attend.

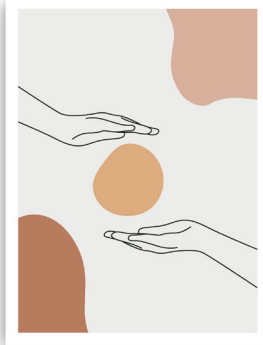
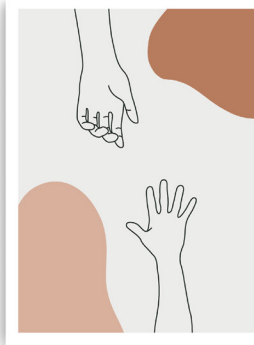
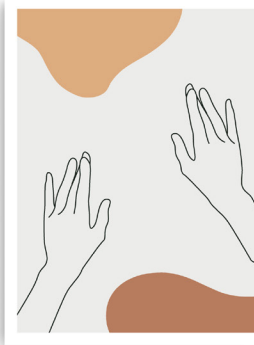
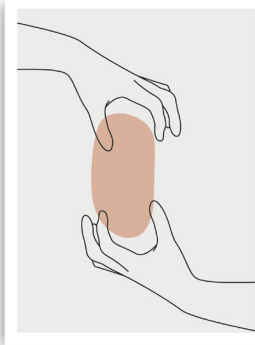
Sign Up For Our Email List

If you would like to be added to our church email list, please send an email to alex@gfbccary.org with your contact information. We'll make sure you're included so you can stay up to date on news, events, and important announcements.

Ministry Highlight

Greeters and Ushers serve our weekly worship service in two essential ways. Greeters stand (or sit) in the Narthex to welcome all who enter our church on Sundays. They provide a warm smile and especially work to get to know new members and visitors. You can help by taking this role on a rotating weekly or monthly basis to ensure all who enter our doors feel welcomed. Ushers serve to help make sure our service runs smoothly. If you are interested in joining this team, please see and speak with Nathan Bullock or reach him by email at nathan.f.bullock@gmail.com

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.

Bess Averre
Jo Brooks
Rick Hollings (Mary Whitehouse's father)
Andy Jarrell
Carlton Prince (Megan Jarrell's father)
Lee Taylor
Nancy Watson
Steven (friend of GFBC)
Kathleen Wicker
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 | Third Sunday of Easter

✝ 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 | Christ ist erstanden | arr. Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer

Welcome to Worship | Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship (Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16) 📖

In you, O LORD, we seek refuge;

Do not let us ever be put to shame;

in your righteousness,

Deliver us!

Incline your ear to us; rescue us speedily.

Be a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save us.

You are indeed our rock and fortress;

For your name's sake lead us and guide us,

Take us out of the net that is hidden for us,

For you are our refuge.

Into your hand we commit our spirits;

You have redeemed us, O LORD, faithful God.

Our times are in your hand;

Deliver us from the hand of enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servants;

Save us in your steadfast love!

Invocation | Leanne Glasgow

✝ **Hymn** | Christ Is Alive (pg. 8, vv. 1 & 3)

Offertory Prayer | Rev. Evan Owoc-Edwards

Offertory | Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us | arr. Marilyn Reimer

Today's color is **white**, representing the glory of God.

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: LASST UNS ERFREUEN 📖

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
O praise God. Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
O praise God! O praise God!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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** | More Love to Thee, O Christ (pg. 9)

Reading | John 21:1-17 | Leanne Glasgow

The word of God for us, the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem | Brother James' Air (pg. 11)

Sermon | The Wounds of Shame | Rev. Dr. Stacks

† **Hymn** | The Risen Christ (pg. 10) 📖

Benediction | Rev. Dr. Stacks

Postlude | Thine is the Glory | arr. Eugene Butler

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!

Our hymn leader today is Susan Meador

Christ is Alive

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4. Wo - men and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

More love to Thee, O Christ

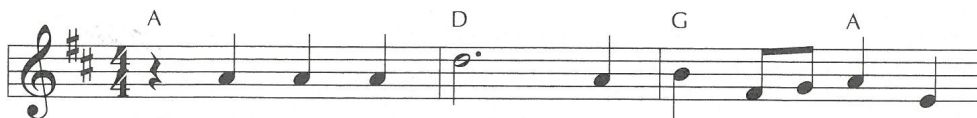
1. More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!
2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
3. Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per Thy praise;

Hear Thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee;
now Thee a - lone I seek, give what is best;
this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise;

this is my ear - nest plea:
this all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to Thee,
this still its prayer shall be:

more love to Thee, more love to Thee!

The Risen Christ



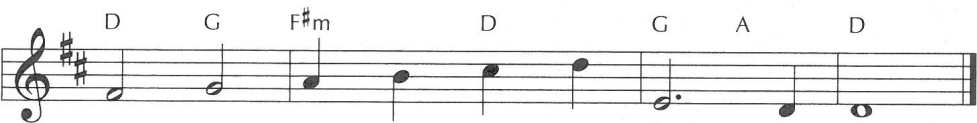
1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and



feet from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y
 side, breathes out his Spir - it on them to a -
 hand the bread for those who fail to un - der -
 stand with the op - pressed in this and ev - ery



street, un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear, and
 bide whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve; new
 stand, re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - gering tears, en -
 land, till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be, re -



speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
 grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
 flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
 stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

Anthem | Brother James' Air

arr. Mack Willberg

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of blessedness,
E'en for his own name's sake.
Within the paths of blessedness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I pass thro' shadowed vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me,
And thy rod and staff me comfort still.
Thy rod and staff me comfort still,
Me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days
Will surely follow me;
And in my father's heart always
My dwelling place shall be.
And in my heart for evermore
Thy dwelling place shall be.



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