



Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

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Bulletin Art

Untitled by Kim Young Gil

This breathtaking piece by Korean artist Kim Young Gil is a depiction of Pentecost. The Divine breathes over the gathered church and all of creation proceeds from God. Birds fly above, animals trod below. The painting draws on imagery from Ezekiel's Valley of the Dry Bones as well, depicting the rising figures moving from death to life. At the bottom the disciples welcome the breath of God that is being poured out.

Spend some time in prayer with this image. What jumps out to you? What might God be trying to breathe into your life?

- Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome



Current 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

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 30 (10am) | Local Nature Walk | Meet us at 1808 Lake Pine Dr at 10am for this family and pet friendly walk. Contact Susan Beck at carygator1@gmail.com with any questions.

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!)

One Wake Core Team Meeting

We are hosting a One Wake Core Team meeting on Thursday, May 28th at 6pm. This event is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about One Wake or getting involved in the GFBC core team.

Volunteers Needed: 6/8

The time has finally arrived! We are asking for 15-20 volunteers to help GFCC move to Building C on June 8th beginning at 9am. Lunch will be provided.

Special Called Business Meeting

We will be holding a brief business meeting on Sunday, May 31st after worship.

Spiritual Life Surveys

Please go to gfbccary.org/survey to fill out our yearly spiritual life survey! This survey is helpful, as it allows us to identify how to best support and serve the GFBC community. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

GFBC 101

If you're new (or even new-ish!) to Greenwood Forest and want to learn more and get involved, GFBC 101 is for you! Following worship on July 5 or August 2, we'll have a lunch and afternoon retreat that orients participants to the values, history, and community of the church. Participants only need to attend one of the sessions (both are the same content). Sign up at gfbccary.org/101 and email Rev. Spears-Newsome if you have questions.

Summer Book Club

This summer, Rev. Dr. Stacks will host a book club on Sue Monk Kidd's *The Book of Longings*. *The Book of Longings* is a feminist re-imagining of the "lost years" of Jesus and the events of the New Testament from the perspective of a first century woman named Ana. Stephen will pair recent scholarship on women and spiritual life in the first-century Middle East with sections of the book to guide our discussion. **Today is the deadline to sign up for this event!**

Sign up at gfbccary.org/bookclub!

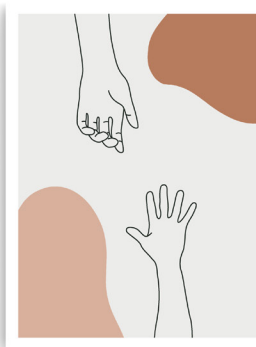
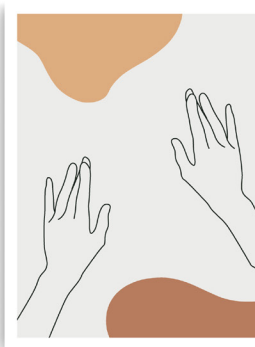
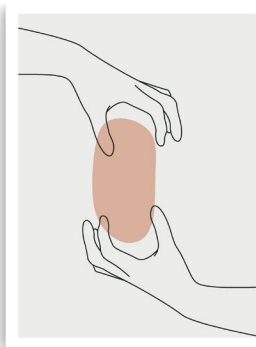
Senior Class of 2026

Are you graduating from high school this summer? If so, we would love to shout you out during worship! If you are interested in being recognized, please email Wes at wes@gfbccary.org. Congratulations to our Senior Class of 2026!

Faith Giving Sunday

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 if you want to give a Gratitude Testimony about what GFBC means to you and why you give.

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
Carolyn Camp
Rick Hollings (Mary Whitehouse's father)
Kathy and 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.



Scan to Give
Online Today!

Order of Worship | Pentecost 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 | When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder | arr. Melody Bober

Welcome to Worship | Rev. Lauren Hayes

Leader: Come Holy Spirit

People: Fill our hearts!

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship (Psalm 47) 📖

Come, spirit of the living God,

Dance with us on this day.

Come, whirlwind of wonder!

Sing to the groaning of creation.

Come, still, small voice of hope!

Enflame us with your passion for justice.

Come, liberator of the least!

Purify us of our grasping greediness.

Come, harmony of God's heart!

Unite us in spirit and mission.

Wind of God, blow through us;

Fire of God, burn within us;

The day of Pentecost is here:

Let the people of God rejoice! Alleluia!

Invocation | Rick Chappell

Baptism | Folu Ogundipe & Samuel Walden 📖

✝ **Hymn** | Holy Spirit (pg. 8)

Offertory Prayer | Nathan Bullock

Offertory | When Thou Art Near | J.S. Bach

Today's color is **Red**, representing the Holy Spirit

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.

Baptism

Elective baptism is the way people ritually enter the faith community at Greenwood Forest. Immersion in baptismal water embodies our participation in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

† **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 | Rev. 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** | Spirit of the Living God (pg. 9)

Reading | Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 2:1-21 | Rev. Spears-Newsome

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

Anthem | Spirit Move! | Porter's Gate (pg. 11)

Sermon | Wounded Breath | Rev. Lauren Hayes

† **Hymn** | Build Your Kingdom Here (pg. 10) 

Presentation of Baptismal Gifts | Rev. Hayes

† **Benediction** | Rev. Hayes

Postlude | Wonderful Words of Life | arr. Cindy Berry

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

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 leaders today are Rev. Evan Owoc-Edwards and Lou Owoc-Edwards. Our guest pianists are Sally Shaver and Natalie Patten.

Holy Spirit

VERSE 1

Musical notation for Verse 1, measures 1-7. Chords: A5, Dmaj7.

1. There's noth-ing worth more that will ev-er come close. No thing can com-pare;

Musical notation for Verse 1, measures 8-15. Chords: A5, Dmaj7.

You're our liv-ing hope.

Your Pres-ence.

VERSE 2

Musical notation for Verse 2, measures 1-7. Chords: A5, Dmaj7.

2. I've tast-ed and seen of the sweet-est of loves, where my heart be-comes free

Musical notation for Verse 2, measures 8-15. Chords: A5, Dmaj7.

and my shame is un - done,

in Your Pres-ence, Lord.

CHORUS 1a

Musical notation for Chorus 1a, measures 1-4. Chords: A, Dmaj9, Bm7.

Ho-ly Spir-it, You are wel-come here; Come flood this place and fill the at-mos-phere; Your

Musical notation for Chorus 1a, measures 5-8. Chords: A, Dmaj9, Bm7.

glo-ry, God, is what our hearts long for, to be o - ver-come by Your Pres-ence, Lord.

Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me; Spir - it of the

The first system of music is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me; Spir - it of the".

liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me,".

fill me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

The third system concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "fill me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.".

Build Your Kingdom Here



1. Come set your rule, and reign in our hearts a -
 (2. We) seek your king - dom first. We hun - ger and we
 (3. Un) - leash your king - dom's pow'r, reach - ing the near and



gain. In - crease in us, we pray. Un - veil why we're
 thirst; re - fuse to waste our lives, for you're our joy and
 far. No force of hell can stop your beau - ty, chang - ing



made. Come set our hearts a - blaze with hope, like wild - fire in our
 prize. To see the cap - tives' hearts re - leased; the hurt, the sick, the
 hearts. You made us for much more than this; A - wake the king - dom



ver - y souls; Ho - ly Spir - it, come, in - vade us now. _____
 poor at peace. We lay down our lives for heav - en's cause. _____
 seed in us. Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. _____



We are your church; we need your pow'r in us,
 We are your church; we pray, re - vive this earth.
 We are your church; we are the hope on earth.



1. 2. 3.
 2. We Build your king - dom here let the



dark - ness fear Show your might - y hand heal our streets and



land. Set your church on fire win your peo - ple back change the

39

at - mos - phere Build your king - dom here we pray!

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1. da capo 2.

3.Un

Anthem | Spirit Move

Porter's Gate, Performed by Lou and Rev. Evan Owoc Edwards

The Spirit is moving over the waters of our tears
 Our bodies are yearning for the joy of coming years
 But the Spirit turns our empty groaning into prayer
 Even now we wait in hope for what the Spirit bears

Spirit move!
Keep on moving
Spirit move!
Keep on moving

Creation is groaning with the pain of giving birth
 A new life is coming, resurrecting all the earth
 When we don't know what to pray the Spirit groans for us
 For the breaking of the day, that lifts us from the dust

So come, Holy Spirit, to the silence of our hearts
 And sing out within us of the promises of God
 We are weary with the years, but hope is being born
 Even through our pain and fear, we're waiting for the dawn



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