



Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

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Bulletin Art

Trinity Icon by Andrei Rublev

Andrei Rublev is a famous Russian iconographer, icons being a specific religious practice among Orthodox Christian traditions. His depiction of the Trinity is his most famous work. It does not depict the Persons of the Trinity directly, as this would be inappropriate in the icon tradition. Instead, Rublev depicts the visitation of God's messengers to Abraham from Genesis 18. The bodies of the angels form a circle suggestive of the unity of the Trinity -- they create the circle, they do not sit in an already established one. The Trinity speaks most to the mystery of God as something that cannot be firmly and totally grasped but it also reminds us of God's dynamism, hospitality, and interdependence.

- Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

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:

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!)

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- Today

We will be holding a brief business meeting today after worship.

Join Us For Summer Choir

During the summer, instead of rehearsing on Wednesday evenings, the Sanctuary Choir gathers for a potluck lunch once a month following Sunday worship and rehearses the anthems for upcoming Sundays. We enjoy each other's company and sing lots of fun music. It's a great time to join if you would like to try singing in the choir! Childcare will be available. Our potluck/rehearsal dates for the summer are June 7, July 19, and August 16. We'd love to see you there!

New Giving Platform

On June 15, we will transition to a new giving platform. If you currently have a recurring online gift, please contact Alex at alex.filby@gfbccary.org as soon as possible to transfer your recurring gift to the new platform.

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.

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!

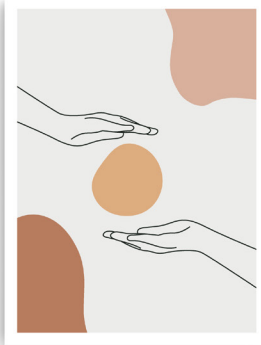
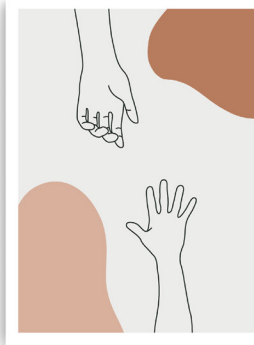
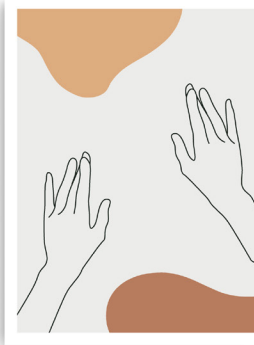
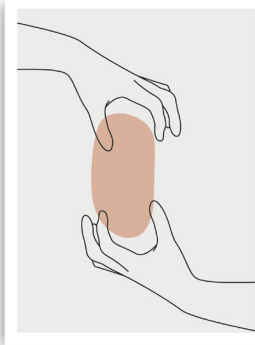
Faith Giving Sunday

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.

Diaper Drive

We are hosting a Diaper Drive through Sunday, June 21! Donations support families in Wake County through the Diaper Train of NC. Most needed: diaper sizes 4, 5, 6, and pull-ups (opened packages accepted), plus unopened wipes and new or gently used board books. Donation box is in the sanctuary foyer. Questions? Contact Leanne Ritter at 919-274-5351. Thank you for your support!

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
Linda Chappell
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 | Trinity 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 | All Glory Be to God on High | arr. FW. Zachau

Welcome to Worship | Rev. Lauren Hayes

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship (By Roddy Hamilton) 📖

Let us shape a space for The Three:

the Spirit as breath of life

the Bread as food of heaven

the Love in relationship

Let us shape a space that tangles all three

through our life and our worship

held in relationship and met here

Let us shape a space for the many faces of God

woven together and revealed in each of us

On this Trinity Sunday

Let us shape a space to worship together

Invocation | Rev. Amanda Warren

✝ **Hymn** | Holy, Holy, Holy (pg. 8)

Stewardship Testimony | Diana McGahan

Offertory Prayer | Leta Huntsinger

Offertory | Holy, Holy, Holy! | Lloyd Larson

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 | 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** | Creator God, Creating Still (pg. 9)

Reading | Matthew 28:16-20 | Rev. Spears-Newsome
The word of God for us, the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem | Esto Les Digo | Kinley Lange (pg. 11)

Sermon | Rev. Hayes

† **Hymn** | All Creatures of Our God and King (pg. 10) 

† **Benediction** | Rev. Hayes

Postlude | Recessional on ST. ANNE | Gordon Young

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 and soloist today is Susan Meador.

Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see;
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
on - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Creator God, Creating Still

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1. Cre - at - or God, cre - at - ing still, by will and word and deed,
2. Re - deem - er God, re - deem - ing still, with o - ver - flow - ing grace,
3. Sus - tain - er God, sus - tain - ing still, with strength for ev - ery day,
4. Great Trin - i - ty, for this new day we need Your pres - ence still.

cre - ate a new de - sire in us to meet the pres - ent need.
pour out Your love on us, through us, make this a ho - ly place.
em - power us now to do Your will. Cor - rect us when we stray.
Cre - ate, re - deem, sus - tain us now to do Your work and will.

All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven a -
 3. Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy Lord to
 4. All ye who are of ten-der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take your
 5. Let all things their Cre - at - or bless, and wor - ship Him in hum-ble-

sing Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia! Thou burn-ing sun with gold - en
 long, O praise Him, al-le-lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re-
 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and
 part, O sing ye, al-le-lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row
 ness, O praise Him, al-le-lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the

beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
 bright, that giv - est us both warmth and light, O praise Him,
 bear, praise God and on Him cast your care,
 Son, and praise the Spir - it, Three in One,

O praise Him, Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia!

Anthem | Esto Les Digo

Kinley Lange

Esto les digo,
si dos de ustedes
se ponen de acuerdo aquí
en la tierra para pedir,
algo en oración,
mi padre que está en el cielo,
se lo dará.

Porque donde dos o tres
se reúnen en mi nombre,
allí estoy yo,
en medio de ellos.

*This I say to you,
if two of you
are in agreement here
on the earth to ask,
anything in prayer,
my father who is in heaven,
will give it to you.*

*Because where two or three
are gathered in my name,
there am I,
in the midst of them.*



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