

You are beautifully and wonderfully made!



Greenwood Forest Baptist Church



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

Today's Guest Minister

Please thank Rev. Tyler Ung for joining us today!



Rev. Tyler Ung (they/them) is the senior minister of Umstead Park UCC. They are deeply passionate about building resilient communities shaped by Christ's teachings, queer theology, radical peace, and extravagant welcome. They live in Durham with their partner, Shannon, and child, Ari. Outside of work, you can find them baking or cooking in the kitchen, playing games with friends, or hiking through the woods.

Game Night

The Fellowship Committee is excited for you to join us tomorrow night from **6-8pm** for Game Night at GFBC (bring your favorite game and your dinner; desserts provided!)

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 **July 19** and **August 16**. We'd love to see you there!

Neighborhood Summer Program Volunteering

Each year, we partner with the Kirk of Kildaire and Cary

Presbyterian Churches to serve our neighborhood children with summer enrichment programs. The program runs Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30am-12pm at the Kirk beginning on June 16. Volunteers are needed to assist teachers with art, music, and other activities (not to lead them!) You do not need to bring anything or have any specific experience, just come and help with students and teachers! You can sign up for a day to serve here: <https://tinyurl.com/4c3yss2w>. If you have questions, reach out to Rev. Spears-Newsome.

Love Makes a Family- Pride Month Art Event- Today!

Join us after worship today for the official public opening of *Love Makes a Family*- an art series installed in collaboration with the Family Diversity Project. This event will feature a presentation by speakers Tam Burwell and Josef Wolf Burwell (Founding Director of Peacework Medical Projects). Join us as we showcase Queer families and celebrate the joy of community. Light refreshments available. Doors open to the public at 12:30 and speakers come on at 1.

GFBC 101

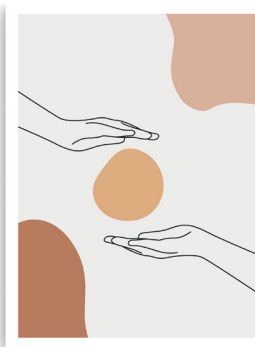
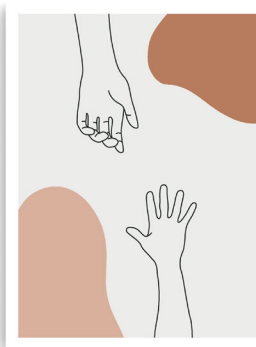
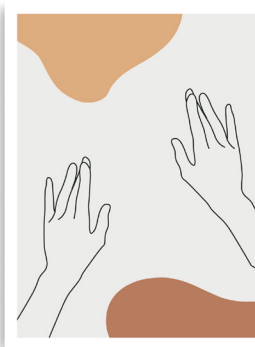
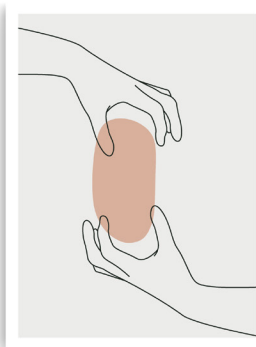
If you're new (or even new-ish!) to Greenwood Forest and want to learn more and get involved, GFBC 101 is for you! Following worship on **July 5** or **August 2**, we'll have a lunch and afternoon retreat that orients participants to the values, history, and community of the church. Participants only 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.

Ministry Highlight: Greeters & Ushers

Greeters and Ushers help create a welcoming and orderly worship experience each Sunday. Greeters welcome members and visitors, while Ushers distribute bulletins, assist with logistics, and oversee the offering.

Interested in serving? Contact Nathan Bullock 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
Carolyn Camp
Linda Chappell
Rick Hollings (Mary Whitehouse's father)
Marissa Kruzewski
Kathy and Lee Taylor
Nancy Watson
Patti Webb
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 | Fourth 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 | All Things Bright and Beautiful | arr. Glenda Austin

Welcome to Worship | Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship (From Enfleshed) 📖

In the image of God, you created everything and called it good!

In abundant diversity, your likeness is found in us.

We reject all messages that belittle or degrade any among us.

And so in faithfulness to God and one another we proclaim:

Sacred are our bodies of every size and dis/ability.

Blessed are our sexualities, drawing us towards love of many kinds.

Beloved is every gender, revealing you in different ways.

To our skin, beautiful in every shade, we say hallelujah!

Praise God, our Creator, who blesses us with this world,

these bodies, and our fellow creatures, all created very, very good.

Invocation | Steve Denning

† **Hymn** | Draw the Circle Wide (pg. 8-9)

Offertory Prayer | Nathan Bullock

Offertory | What a Friend We Have in Jesus | arr. Jack Schrader

Today's color is **green**, representing spiritual growth.

The pastors are wearing rainbow stoles in honor of **Pride Month**.

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 | 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** | Love Astounding (pg. 10)

Reading | Isaiah 43:16-19 | Rev. Spears-Newsome
The word of God for us, the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem | For Everyone Born | arr. Tom Trenney (pg. 7)

Sermon | Rev. Tyler Ung

✝ **Hymn** | Let Us Build a House (pg. 11) 📖

✝ **Benediction** | Rev. Ung

Postlude | Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ | arr. John Carter

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.

Anthem | For Everyone Born

arr. Tom Trenney

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
Justice and joy!*

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song.
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free!

Draw the Circle Wide

DRAW THE CIRCLE Irregular

D G/D D G/D

Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the cir - cle,

G A D G A

draw the cir - cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by

Bm E Em A

1	2
D	D D/C#

side. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. wide.

Bm7 Gmaj7 A D

Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this

Bm7 Gmaj7 E A D G D/F#

be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side,

F# Bm G A7

1	2
D	D/C# D

draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. wide.

G/D D A/D D

Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this

G D E A D G D/F#

be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side,

Repeat as desired
F# Bm G A D

draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide.

Last time
F# Bm D/A F# Bm E

draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the

Em *molto rit.* G A D

cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide.

Love Astounding

1. Love a - stound-ing, Love con - found-ing lim - its fear - ful minds im - pose.
2. Love re - ceiv - ing, Love be - liev - ing, we re - joice with thanks and song,

Love re - new - ing, Love pur - su - ing ev - ery heart un - til it knows
faith re - gain - ing, hope pro - claim - ing, Love has taught us, we be - long

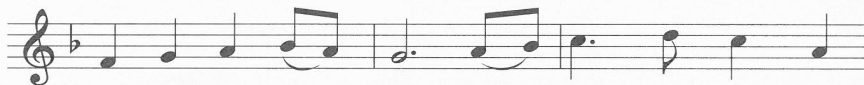
Love's trans - form - ing, heal - ing good - ness, Love's a - bid - ing gen - tle grace,
safe with - in Love's ten - der keep - ing, safe from fear's per - sis - tent cal.

Love's en - dur - ance, Love's as - sur - ance, Love's con - sol - ing strong em - brace.
Love de - fend - ing, Love un - end - ing, Love of God en - fold - ing all.

Let Us Build a House



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and
 3. Let us build a house where love is found in
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, their



all can safe - ly live. A place where saints and
 words are strong and true. Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat; A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone, To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek to dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, and live the Word they've
 taught and claimed as words with - in the



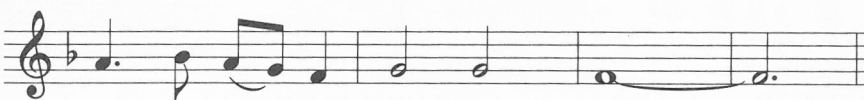
give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re -
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bear the
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of



faith and vault of grace, Here the love of Christ shall
 sym - bol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the
 vealed in time and space, As we share in Christ the
 im - age of God's face, Let us bring an end to
 faith and songs of grace. Let this house pro - claim from



end di - vi - sions:
 faith of Je - sus;
 feast that frees us;
 fear and dan - ger:
 floor to raft - er: } All are wel - come, all are wel - come,



all are wel - come in this place.



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