

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. Chelsea Yarborough for joining us today!



Rev. Dr. Chelsea Brooke Yarborough is the Associate Director of Leadership Development at the Association of Theological Schools. She earned her B.A. from Elon University (2012), her M.Div. from Wake Forest University School of Divinity (2015), and her Ph.D. in Religion from Vanderbilt University

(2021). Her new book, *Proclamation Beyond the Pulpit: The Expansive Homiletical Practice of Black Women*, considers the preaching insights from Fannie Lou Hamer, Nannie Helen Burroughs and Sojourner Truth. Yarborough's work seeks to challenge normative power structures and traditional paradigms of proclamation, advocating for diverse platforms beyond the pulpit to amplify the voices of those that have not always been heard. At her core, she is dedicated to empowering individuals—regardless of their platform—to find, embrace, and use their voices to foster well-being, equity and the possibilities of flourishing. Dr. Yarborough is also an ordained baptist minister, a leadership coach, an Enneagram teacher, and a poet. Above all, she values her roles as a wife (shout to Racquel), daughter, friend, sister, and auntie.

Game Night

The Fellowship Committee is excited for you to join us ednesday, **July 15th 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!

Family Promise

Family Promise of Wake County helps house families with children who are experiencing homelessness. Caring for these families throughout the year depends on the generosity and participation of faith communities across Wake County. We're up on the rotation for July 6-12, which means we'll be supplying nightly meals during the weekdays and groceries for families. If you would like to sign up for either (it involves dropping off food at the Family Promise office, which is about 15 minutes from GFBC), visit gfbccary.org/familypromise

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.

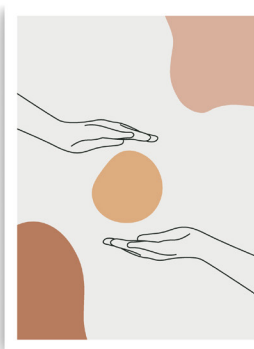
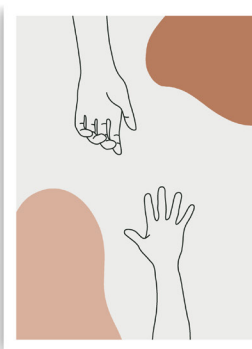
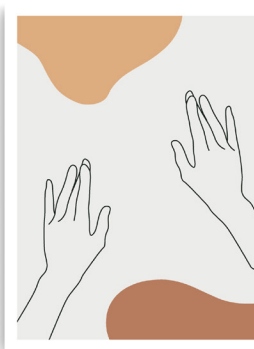
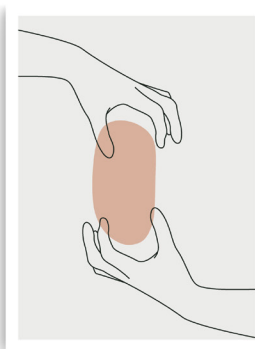
Women's Lunch Gathering

Join us on the third Monday of each month at 11:30 AM for a women's lunch gathering. Each month, the group comes together to connect, catch up, and enjoy a new restaurant. For more information, contact Janice Medford at (919) 387-8249.

Faith Giving Sundays

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 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
Richard Adair (Janice Medford's brother)
Jo Brooks
Carolyn Camp
Foster Family (at the death of Mary Foster)
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 | Fifth 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 | Jesus, I Come | arr. Don Phillips

Welcome to Worship | Rev. Lauren Hayes

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Blessing For Campers 📖

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (From Enfleshed) 📖

God is calling us out of the places we hide, out of insecurity, out of shame, out from under that which silences love and justice.

Come out, people of God!

Though we may be afraid, though we will be at risk, though the cross stands as a threat

God calls us to courage!

And so we dare to proclaim, with pride and faith, that we believe in the power of love.

We believe in solidarity with the suffering.

We believe we are each valuable.

We believe that our togetherness is transformative.

The world is longing for holy truths that reveal and voices that speak real words of hope.

Come out, people of God!

Invocation | Leanne Glasgow

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

Stewardship Testimony | Donna Scott

Offertory Prayer | Susan Beck

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.

Offertory | Jesus Loves Me | arr. Victor Labenske

✝ **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 | Greg Upchurch
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** | Quirky, Queer, and Wonderful (pg. 10)

Reading | Psalm 13:1-6 | Rev. Hayes

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

Anthem | The Beatitudes | Roman Hurko (pg. 7)

Sermon | Rev. Chelsea Yarborough

✝ **Hymn** | Sing a New World Into Being (pg. 11) 

✝ **Benediction** | Rev. Hayes

Postlude | Here I Am, Lord | arr. Albert Mendoza

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
Leanne Glasgow.

Anthem | The Beatitudes

Roman Hurko

Remember us, O Lord, in your kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they
will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers
for they will be called sons of God.

Rejoice and be glad
for your reward will be great in heaven!

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

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

1 2
D D D/C#

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# B m G A D

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

Last time
F# B m D/A F# B m 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.

Quirky, Queer, and Wonderful

Quirk - y, queer, and won - der - ful, dis - tinct, u - nique, and odd -

all of our hu - man - i - ty re - veals the face of God.

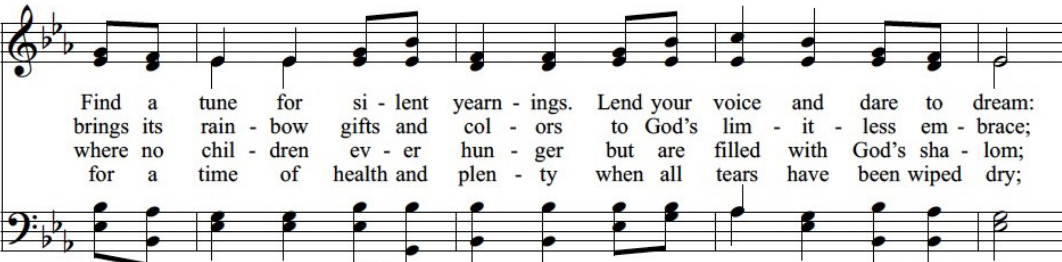
1. No "nor - mal" can en - com - pass or com - pre - hend the range
 2. From Je - sus we learn rid - dles; he said the last is first.
 3. To Pe - ter God pre - sent - ed un - touch - a - ble cui - sine
 4. In Christ the false di - vi - sions of gen - der, class, and race,
 5. The man - y parts that form us each serve a diff - 'rent role.

of all the kinds of peo - ple that God cre - a - ted strange!
 He tweaked re - ceived re - li - gion with roles that he re - versed.
 and said, "Do not call dir - ty what I de - clare is clean."
 can nev - er sep - a - rate us from God's a - bun - dant grace.
 In Christ we are one bod - y, made ho - ly, good, and whole.

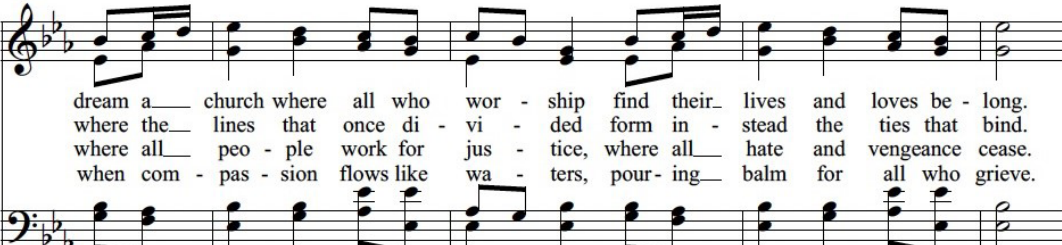
Sing a New World Into Being



1. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful theme.
 2. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der class and race.
 3. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less find a home.
 4. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient proph - ets' cry



Find a tune for si - lent yearn - ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:
 brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em - brace;
 where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger but are filled with God's sha - lom;
 for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped dry;



dream a church where all who wor - ship find their lives and loves be - long.
 where the lines that once di - vi - ded form in - stead the ties that bind.
 where all peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all hate and vengeance cease.
 when com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour - ing balm for all who grieve.



Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!
 Sing a new world in - to be - ing: risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!
 Sing a new world in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.
 Sing a new world in - to be - ing: live the prom - ise you be - lieve!



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