



Greenwood Forest

Baptist Church

August 2, 2026



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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Visitor Form



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

GFBC 101- Today!

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 today, we'll have a lunch and afternoon retreat that orients participants to the values, history, and community of the church.

Budget Presentation and Business Meeting

There will be a churchwide Budget presentation during Faith Formation time on **Sunday, August 9 at 9:45 AM**. On **Sunday, August 23rd at 2pm**, we will be conducting a churchwide business meeting. All are encouraged to attend as we prepare for the new church fiscal year!

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 last summer rehearsal date is **August 16**. We'd love to see you there!

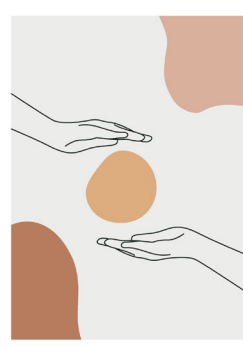
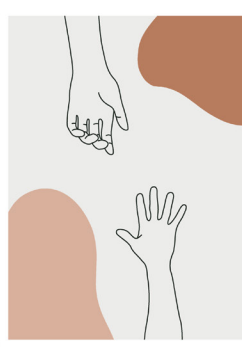
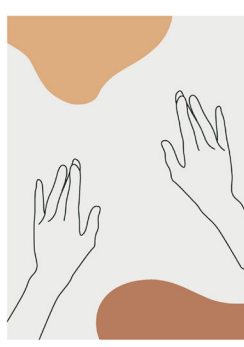
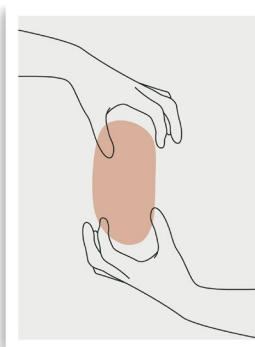
Thank You

Thank you from the Finance Committee: Thanks for your support of GFBC and our ministries through your presence, talents, and financial gifts. Each act of faith and giving is magnified as we work together to minister to each other and our neighbors. You are making a difference!

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.

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
Rick Hollings (Mary Whitehouse's father)
Marissa Kruzewski
Leanne Ritter (at the death of her uncle, Jackie Flowers)
Kathy and Lee Taylor
Nancy Watson
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 | Tenth 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 | Listen, God Is Calling | arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Welcome to Worship | Rev. Lauren Hayes

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship (Isaiah 55:1-3a) 📖

Hear, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

And you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

Without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

And your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

Listen, so that you may live.

Invocation | Rev. Amanda Warren

✝ **Hymn** | All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (pg. 8)

Offertory Prayer | Diana McGahan

Offertory | Desert Soul | Rend Collective (pg. 11)

✝ **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.

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

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

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** | Come Away from Rush and Hurry (pg. 9)

Reading | Matthew 14:13-21 | Rev. Hayes

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

Anthem | City Called Heaven | arr. Josephine Poelinitz (pg. 11)

Sermon | Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Communion

Prayer of Confession: **Merciful God, we confess that we
have not loved you with our whole heart. We have
failed to be obedient disciples. We have failed to be an
obedient church. We have not done your will, we have
broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,
we've not loved our neighbors, and we've not heard
the cry of the needy. Forgive us for what we have done
and for what we've left undone, and free us for joyful
obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Mystery of Faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will
come again.**

† **Hymn** | Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (pg. 10) 

† **Benediction** | Rev. Dr. Stacks

Postlude | The God of Abraham Praise | arr. Richard Proulx

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).

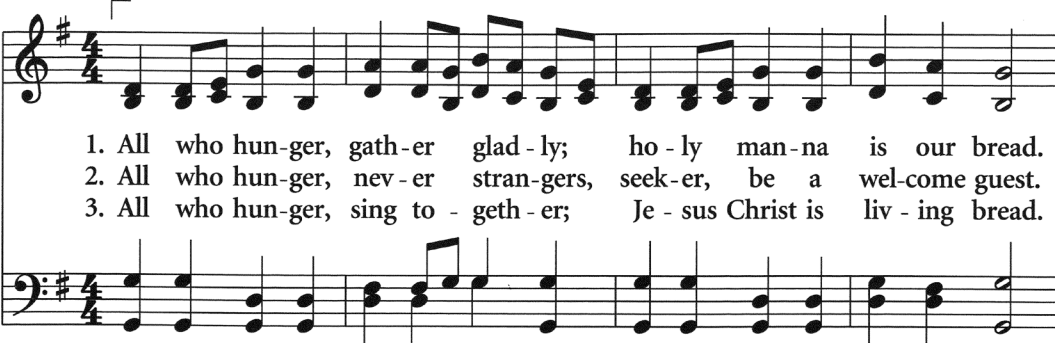
Communion

During Communion, we gather
around the table as Christ
showed us, to remember and
give thanks. We have an open
table—all who wish to take
Communion are invited. We
practice intinction, which means
you receive a piece of bread
and dip it in the cup. A gluten-
free option is available on the
altar.

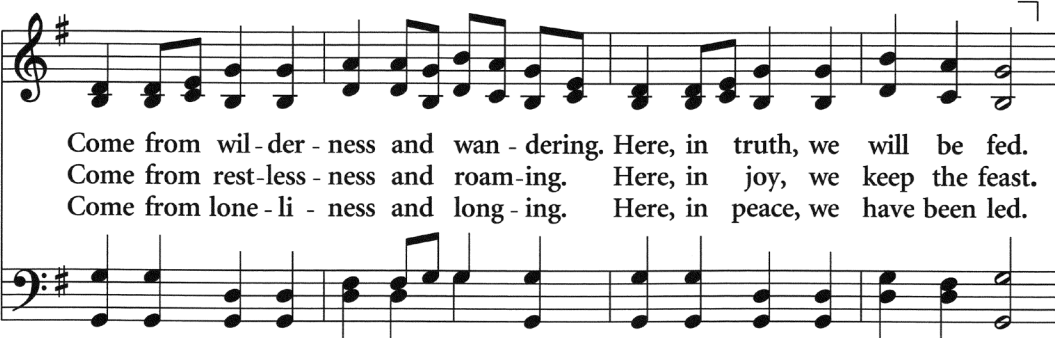
Thank You!

Our hymn leader today is
Leanne Glasgow.

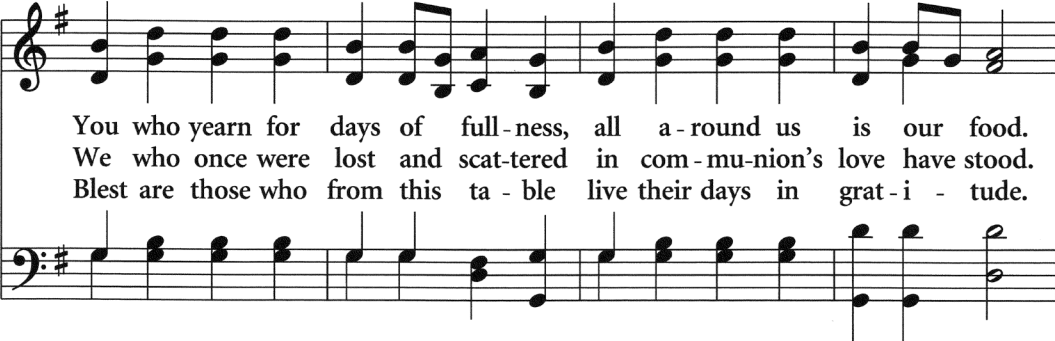
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
2. All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3. All who hun-ger, sing to - geth-er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



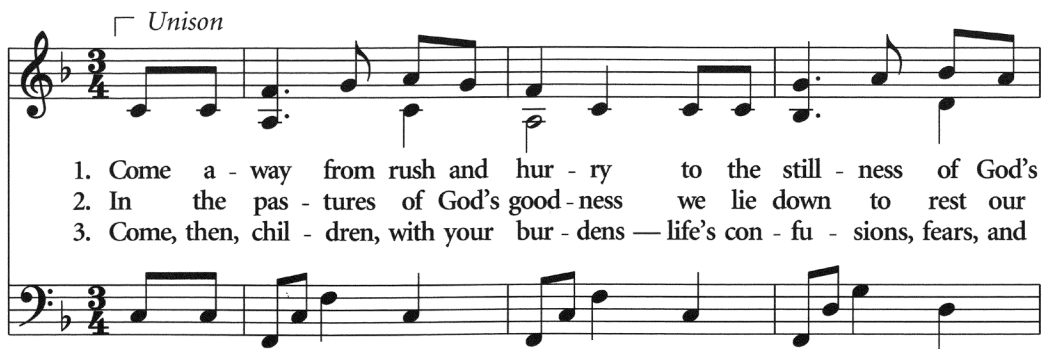
You who yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We who once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



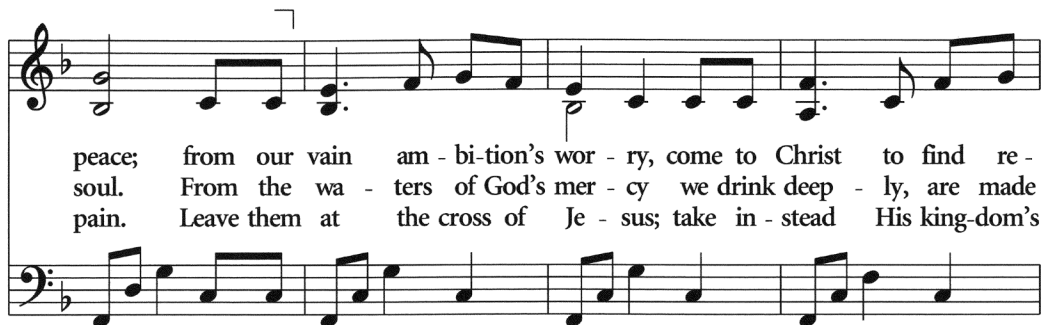
Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Come Away from Rush and Hurry

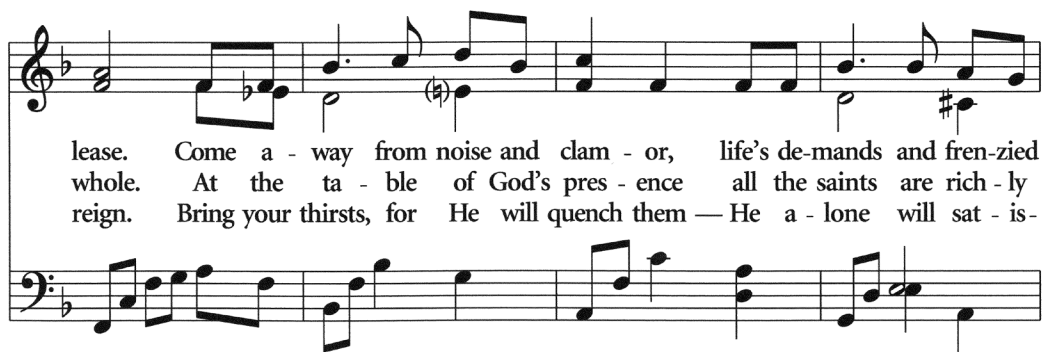
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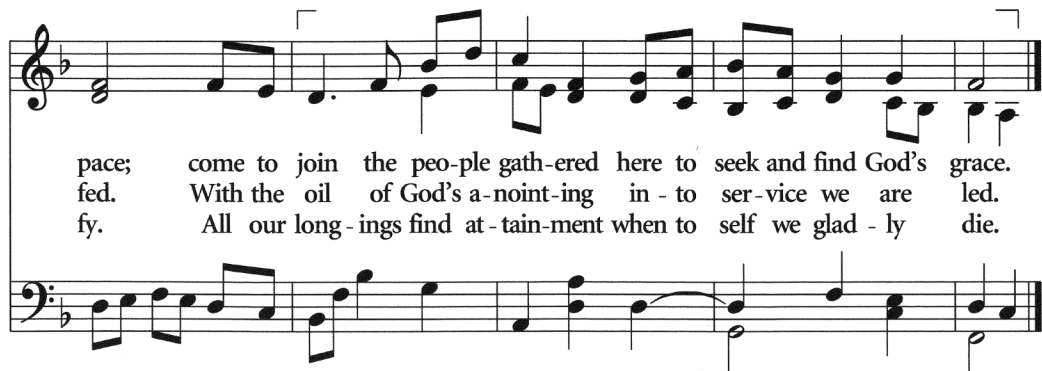
1. Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the still - ness of God's
2. In the pas - tures of God's good - ness we lie down to rest our
3. Come, then, chil - dren, with your bur - dens — life's con - fu - sions, fears, and



peace; from our vain am - bi-tion's wor - ry, come to Christ to find re -
soul. From the wa - ters of God's mer - cy we drink deep - ly, are made
pain. Leave them at the cross of Je - sus; take in - stead His king-dom's



lease. Come a - way from noise and clam - or, life's de-mands and fren-zied
whole. At the ta - ble of God's pres - ence all the saints are rich - ly
reign. Bring your thirsts, for He will quench them — He a - lone will sat - is -



pace; come to join the peo-ple gath-ered here to seek and find God's grace.
fed. With the oil of God's a-noint-ing in - to ser-vice we are led.
fy. All our long-ings find at-tain-ment when to self we glad - ly die.

10 Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$



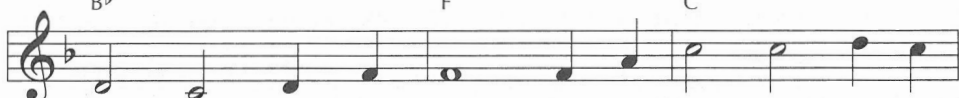
1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) F (Bm) Dm



le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
 room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
 gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
 name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) B $\flat$ (D) F (A) C



food for - ev - er - more.
 came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
 with you; do not fear!"
 tell your love and care.

(Bm) Dm (F $\sharp$ m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$ (A) C (D) F



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$ (D) F



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Anthem | City Called Heaven

arr. Josephine Poelinitz, soloist Catherine Glasgow

I am a poor pilgrim, a poor pilgrim of sorrow
I'm left in this old wide world, this old wide world alone
Oh I ain't got no hope, got no hope for tomorrow
I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home

Sometimes I'm tossed and I'm driven, Lord
Sometimes I just don't know which way to turn
Oh I heard of a city, of a city called heaven
I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home

Offertory | Desert Soul

(Rend Collective)

Performed by Catherine Glasgow, Julianne Rejesus & Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

I love you Lord, but I want to love you more
I need you, God, but I want to need you more
I'm lost without your creative spark in me
I'm dead inside unless your resurrection sings

I'm desperate for a desperate heart
I'm reaching out, I'm reaching

All that I am is dry bones
Without you, Lord, a desert soul
I am broken, but running
Towards you God, you make me whole

You are exactly what we need
Only you can satisfy



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