



**Greenwood Forest**  
Baptist Church





## **GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Second Sunday after Pentecost | Livestreamed Service

June 14, 2020

Welcome to Greenwood Forest!

We are so glad you've chosen to join us this week. GFBC 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, ages, abilities, and backgrounds. We are each beloved by God and we are happy to welcome you to our church this morning exactly as you are.

We would love to get to know you and for you to get to know us better. Follow us on social media or visit [gfbccary.org](http://gfbccary.org) to learn more.

Welcome to worship!

**an inclusive  
community  
of faith**

## Chiming of the Hour

## ◆ Gathering Hymn

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to  
 2. Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by Thy  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -

sing Thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
 help I'm come; and I hope by Thy good plea - sure  
 strained to be! Let Thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,

call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 safe - ly to ar - rive at home. I am bound for the king - dom, will you  
 bind my wan - dering heart to Thee.

go to glo - ry with me? Hal - le - lu - jah, praise the Lord.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758; refrain anonymous (1 Sam. 7:12)

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; arr. John Drakestone, 1956

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WARRENTON  
8.7.8.7 with refrain

## Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efird

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## ◆ Passing of the Peace

Rev. Efird

## Call to Worship (Psalm 100)

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness; Come into God's presence with singing!**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

**People: It is God that made us; and not we ourselves.**

Leader: We are God's people,

**People: And the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,

**People: And the courts of the Lord with praise.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord.

**People: Bless God's name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,

**People: And God's faithfulness to all generations.**

## Invocation

Rev. Dr. Stacks

◆ Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross, on which the  
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sor - row and  
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 (Gal. 6:14)  
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1824

HAMBURG  
 LM

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Dr. Stacks

◆ Presentation of the Offering

OLD 100TH

*As our offering is presented back to God, we will sing the following doxology:*

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.

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Stacks

*We affirm each prayer with the following response:*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*We conclude the Prayers of the People with 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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

Romans 5:1-8

Rev. Efird

*We affirm the reading of Scripture with the following response:*

Reader: The word of God for us, the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

Sing, Sing Redeemed

Coram Deo Music

Let me sing of my redeemer  
Who spoke it all to be  
Whose voice breathed light into the dark  
And who's breathing life in me

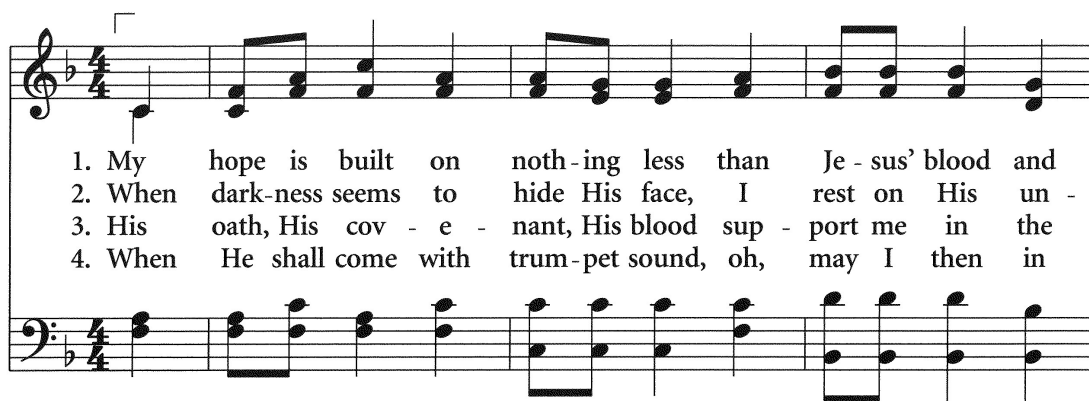
Let me sing of my redeemer  
Who went down, down, down  
Who fought and won my pardon  
And sealed me for his own

Oh sing, sing, redeemed  
For the One who made us free  
Oh sing, sing, redeemed  
Father, Son, and Spirit three

Let me sing of my redeemer  
Who awoke my troubled soul  
Whose arresting love called my heart  
And caused my mind to know

**Sermon**

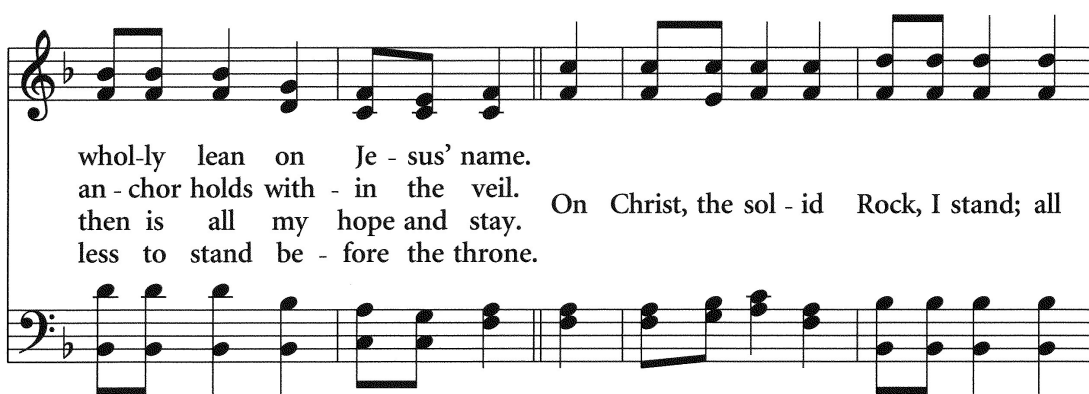
Rev. Efird



1. My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and  
 2. When dark-ness seems to hide His face, I rest on His un -  
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood sup - port me in the  
 4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in



righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, He  
 Him be found, dressed in His righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834  
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

SOLID ROCK  
 LM with refrain  
 Alternate tune, MELITA

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## *Focus on Community*

### **Prayer Concerns**

Jim Allen

Nell Allen

Peter Barboriak

*(Valerie Brooks' friend)*

Gilles Bikindou

Kitty Blanton

Marjorie Floyd

James Mark Frazier

*(Sue Hughes' brother)*

Roella Mellnik

Janet Merriman

*(Roz Slawson's friend)*

Jackie Miller

*(Amanda Warren's aunt)*

John Morgan

Jeff Parent

*(at the death of his father)*

Sara McMillan Perkinson

*(Leon and Sue Perkinson's  
daughter-in-law)*

Gerald Radford

*(friend of Susan Beck)*

Miriam Rodriguez

Fred Seeger

Dave Thomas

Nancy Walters

*(Susan Beck's mother-in-  
law)*

Alison Zieglmeier

Our partner church,

Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba

### **Cultivate Community Challenge**

As we miss being able to worship together, we encourage you to think of this time as physical distancing instead of social distancing. Our connections to each other are more important than ever. The Cultivate Community Challenge until we are able to be together in person again is to continue to find creative ways to connect with each other.



## *Announcements and Updates*

### **Business Meeting**

We will be having a church business meeting this Sunday night, June 14, at 7:00pm to discuss important structural changes to the church's operations during and after the pandemic, including a bylaw change proposed by the Deacon Board. Details of proposed changes were sent to you via email on May 31.

### **Books and Games Drive for Local Children**

With the libraries closed for safety reasons during the pandemic, many children have been stuck at home without access to important resources. Greenwood Forest will collect children's and young adult books (as well as board games) to help kids have access to important enrichment and fun this summer. If you have books or games you would like to donate, there will be collection boxes outside the Fellowship Hall entrance on Saturday, June 13, where you can drop them off. The goal of an outside bin is to minimize contact and follow social distancing practices, so if you end up dropping something off at the same time as another Greenwood Forest family, please maintain 6ft distance and wear masks and gloves. Please do not try and drop off donations on days outside the appointed dates, as there will be nowhere to collect them.

### **Antiracist Reading Groups**

As we continue our commitment to fighting racism in our ourselves and our community, we are forming antiracist reading groups. In order to be effective allies and participants in the movement for racial justice we must educate ourselves on our history, on white supremacy, and on the most effective ways to eliminate it. We strongly encourage all members interested in continued action against racism to join a group. The groups will begin the first week of July, and we will work through an incredible list of books and excerpts for the next year. The first book we will read is *Me and White Supremacy* by Layla Saad (A note to our congregants of color: this book is particularly written for white and white passing people, as a guide to interrogating white privilege and white supremacy within themselves. You are welcome to read it as well but we felt it necessary to begin with some groundwork for our white members so that we could have more productive conversations about the rest of the readings). Email Rev. Stacks if you would like to join a group.

### **Backpack Buddies Update**

Due to the ongoing hunger crisis resulting from the pandemic, the Backpack Buddies program will not be going on hiatus this summer. Because the program is continuing beyond its normal end date, we will need new packers, food purchasers, deliverers, and new double-bagged plastic bags to deliver food. Groups for any of these roles are still limited to families that are already exposed to one another on a regular basis so that we can keep our volunteers safe. If you or your family would like to serve in any of these roles or you have plastic bags you'd like to donate, please contact Rev. Spears-Newsome.

### Faith Formation via Zoom

In addition to the upcoming antiracist reading groups, some of our Faith Formation classes are meeting via Zoom. Special Studies is meeting Mondays at 2pm, Crossroads is meeting Sundays at 9:30am, and Agape is meeting at various times on Sundays. Contact your Faith Formation leadership for more details.

### Update from the Finance Committee

2019-2020 Budget: \$864,000  
Amount supported through  
stewardship giving: \$804,000

	<i>This Week</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Total Giving	\$ 17,787	\$ 884,182
Less Together We Build Giving	\$ 1,256	\$ 289,641
Less Other Designated Giving	<u>\$ 730</u>	<u>\$ 40,677</u>
Actual Stewardship Giving	\$ 15,801	\$ 553,864
Stewardship Giving needed to fully subscribe budget	<u>\$ 14,533</u>	<u>\$ 615,070</u>
Over (Under)	\$ 1,268	\$ (75,739)

### Update from the Stewardship Committee

In the midst of the pandemic, there is something simple that we can all do for the church that will make a huge difference – set up online giving. Every Sunday that we are not at church, we experience a decline in giving. Even though we are not physically together, the church still has to pay its bills, our wonderful staff, and make sure that our church is prepared to help the most vulnerable among us especially during this pandemic.

There are three ways to tithe online:

1. Set up an automatic payment through your bank using the “Bill Pay” function. This will result in your bank mailing a check to the church on a weekly or monthly basis.
2. Give online through the church website. Simply go to [gfbccary.org/give](http://gfbccary.org/give) to access the online giving module.
3. Set up an automated bank draft by filling out the form attached to the bulletin, attaching a voided check, and mailing it to the church office at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, 110 SE Maynard Road, Cary, NC 27511.

Together, we can make sure that Greenwood Forest can continue to serve our community for years to come!



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- New Draft
- Replace Existing Draft
- Cancel Draft

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Authorization Agreement for Automated Bank Draft

### Automated Payment Authorization

I (we) hereby authorize Greenwood Forest Baptist Church to initiate debit entries to my (our) account designated below at the depository financial institution named below and to debit same account. I authorize credit entries, if necessary, for any debit entries that are determined to be in error. I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until Greenwood Forest Baptist Church has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination that is to be received at least five (5) business days prior to the proposed effective date of the termination of the authorization.

### Financial Institution Information

Financial Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Routing Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (9 digits on bottom left corner of check)

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Type:  Checking  Savings

### Account Information

Account Holder Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Full Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Debit Account Every:  Month  Twice a Month  Week

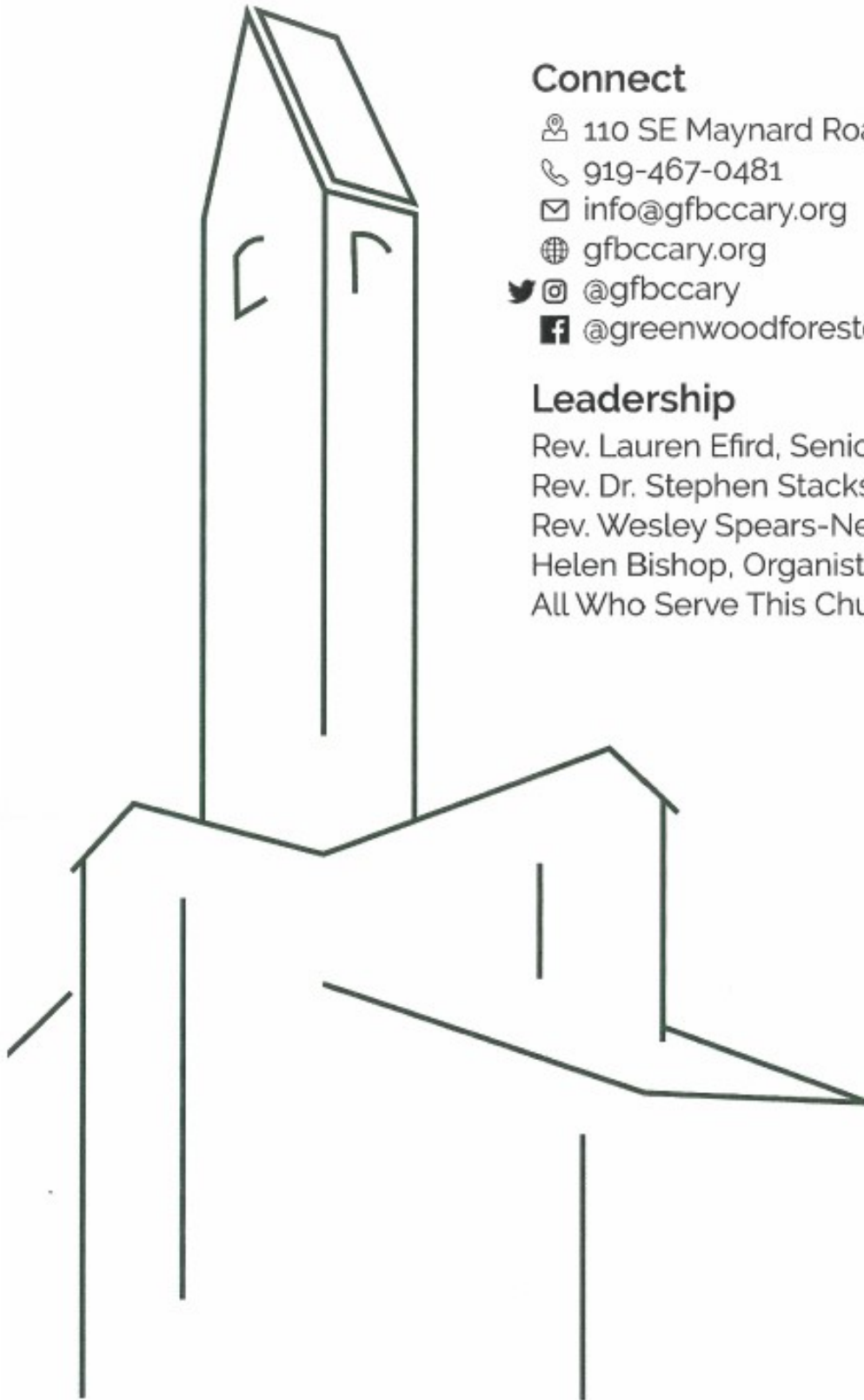
- If weekly, what day of the week: \_\_\_\_\_ (If on a holiday, debit occurs day before)
- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Each Debit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Stewardship Giving Portion: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Designated Giving to : \_\_\_\_\_ Portion: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Designated Giving to : \_\_\_\_\_ Portion: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Designated Giving to : \_\_\_\_\_ Portion: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a voided check to this document.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Leadership

Rev. Lauren Efird, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church

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