



Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church





GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH

Third Sunday after Pentecost | Livestreamed Service

June 21, 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 to learn more.

Welcome to worship!

**an inclusive
community
of faith**

Chiming of the Hour

◆ Gathering Hymn

And Can It Be

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - terest
 2. He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
 3. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
 4. No con-dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His
 in - fi - nite His grace), emp - tied Him - self of all but
 sin and na - ture's night; Thine eye dif - fused a quick - ening
 all in Him, is mine! A - live in Him, my liv - ing

pain? For me, who Him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing
 love, and bled for Ad - am's help - less race; 'tis mer - cy
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light. My chains fell
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap -

love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst
 all, im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
 off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
 proach th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

die for me?
reach - es me! A - maz - ing love! How can it
fol - lowed Thee. A - maz - ing love! How
Christ my own.

be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!
can it be that Thou, my God,

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739
MUSIC: Thomas Campbell, 1835

SAGINA
8.8.8.8.8 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 69:7-10, 11-15, 16-18)

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: It is for your sake that I have borne reproach,

People: **That shame has covered my face.**

Leader: I have become a stranger to my kindred,

People: **an alien to my mother's children.**

Leader: It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;

People: **The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.**

Leader: When I humbled my soul with fasting, they insulted me for doing so.

People: **When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.**

Leader: But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD.

People: **At an acceptable time, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.**

Leader: With your faithful help rescue me from sinking in the mire;

People: **Let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.**

Leader: Do not let the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up,

People: Or the Pit close its mouth over me.

Leader: Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;

People: According to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

Leader: Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress—

People: Make haste to answer me!

Leader: Draw near to me, redeem me,

People: Set me free!

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Stacks

◆ Hymn

We Know That Christ is Raised

Capo 3: (D) (Asus) (A) (A/G) (D/F#)
F Csus C C/B^b F/A



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

(D) (A) (D) (E7) (A)
F C F G7 C



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

(Am) (D) (G) (Em) (Bm)
Cm F B^b Gm Dm



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:

1-3 4
(Em) (D) (Asus) (A) (Em) (D)
Gm F Csus C Gm F



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Beginning with an allusion to Romans 6:9, this exuberant baptismal hymn unfolds the implications of our incorporation into Christ's new life, making us "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The text was written to fit this expansive tune by a distinguished British composer.

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. Wesley Spears-Newsome

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 6:1-11

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.

I was once dead in sin alone and hopeless
 A child of wrath I walked condemned in darkness
 But your mercy brought new life and in your love and kindness
 Raised me up with Christ and made me righteous

*You have bought me back with the riches of
 Your amazing grace and relentless love
 I'm made alive forever with you, life forever
 By your grace I'm saved.*

Lord, you are the light that broke the darkness
 You satisfy my soul when I am heartless
 If I ever forget my true identity
 Show me who I am and help me to believe

My sin has been erased, I'll never be the same
 My sin has been erased, I'll never be the same

Sermon

Rev. Paula Clayton Dempsey

◆ Hymn

There is a Balm in Gilead

*(see following page)***◆ Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Stacks

◆ Postlude

Listen, God is Calling

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

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There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

Fine

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

Unison

1. Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged and think my work's in vain, but
 2. If you can't preach like Pe-ter, if you can't pray like Paul, just

D.C.

then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain.
 tell the love of Je-sus, and say He died for all.

WORDS: African-American spiritual (Jer. 8:22)
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual; harm. J. Harold Moyer
 Harm. © 1956 Faith and Life Press

BALM IN GILEAD
 7.6.7.6 with refrain

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's brother)

Eric Hall

*(at the death of his
father)*

Janet Merriman

(Roz Slawson's friend)

Jackie Miller

(Amanda Warren's aunt)

John Morgan

Sara McMillan Perkinson

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

Gerald Radford

(friend of Susan Beck)

Miriam Rodriguez

(Roz Slawson's sister)

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.

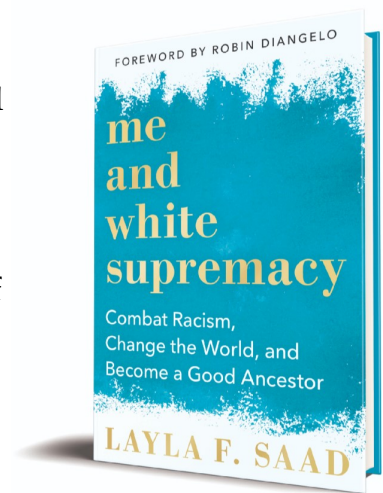
Announcements and Updates

Thank You for Your Books and Games Donations

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the book and games drive over the past few weeks! We were able to deliver dozens of full boxes and bags of quality books and games to our neighbors this week. These donations fill a vital gap for neighborhood children as library access is still somewhat limited. The books and games will be distributed on Saturdays along with Backpack Buddy bags and more food distributed at the Kirk of Kildaire feeding site. We also owe a special thanks to Karen Upchurch and Judy Vaccaro for accepting, sorting, and packing all your generous gifts!

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	\$ 10,379	\$ 894,561
Less Together We Build Giving	\$ 220	\$ 289,861
Less Other Designated Giving	<u>\$ 155</u>	<u>\$ 40,832</u>
Actual Stewardship Giving	\$ 10,004	\$ 563,868
Stewardship Giving needed to fully subscribe budget	<u>\$ 14,533</u>	<u>\$ 615,070</u>
Over (Under)	\$ (4,529)	\$ (80,268)

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 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

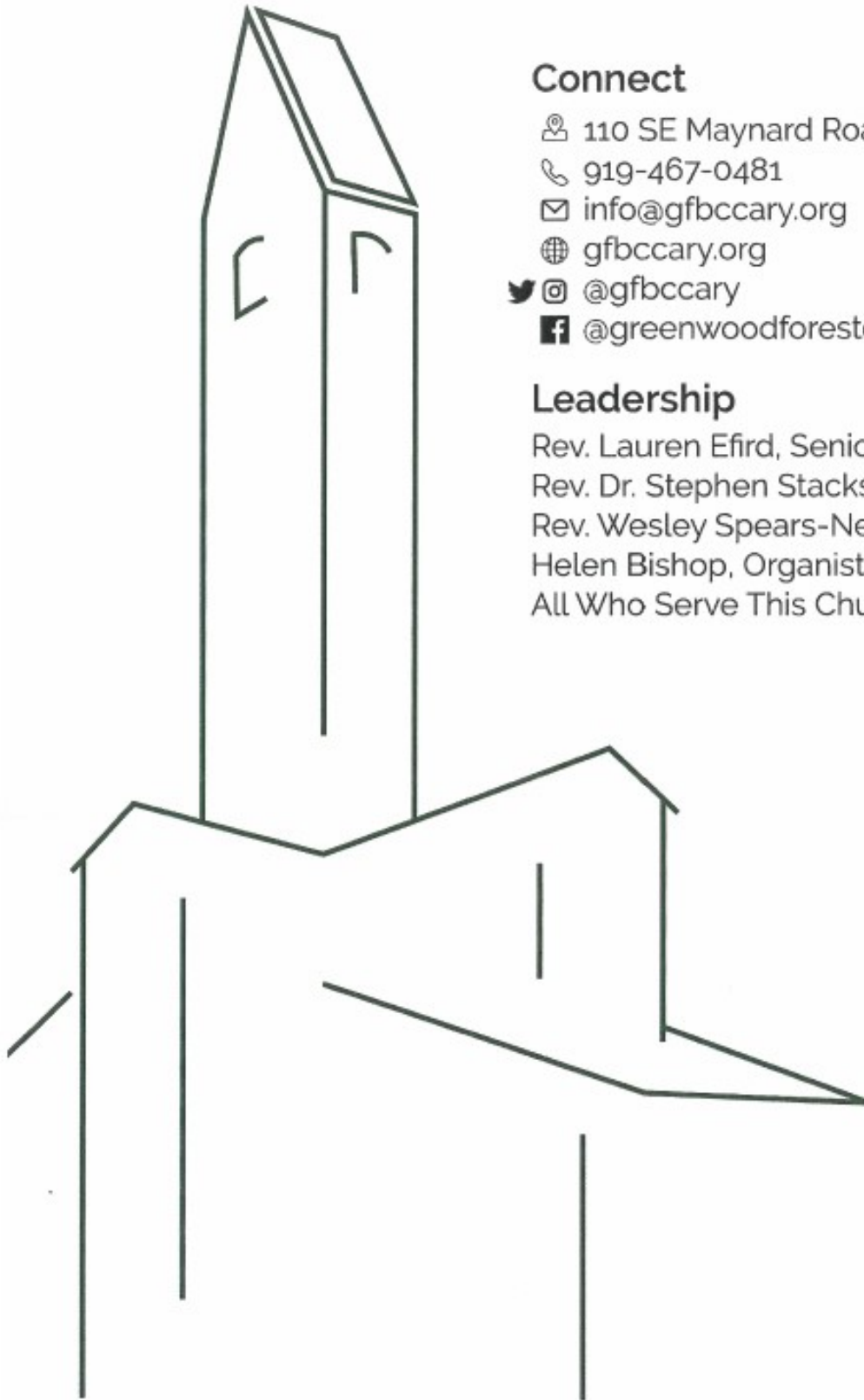
- If weekly, what day of the week: _____ (If on a holiday, debit occurs day before)
- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: _____

Amount of Each Debit: \$ _____

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

Please attach a voided check to this document.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church
