



Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church





GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost | Livestreamed Service

June 28, 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

Nothing But the Blood
Lyrics by Stephen Stacks

1. What makes us all ci - ti - zens? Nothing but the blood of
 2. What tears down our bor - der walls? Nothing but the blood of
 3. What se - cures our lib - er - ty? Nothing but the blood of
 4. What calls us to move past hate? Nothing but the blood of

4
 Je - sus. What re - names us as God's kin? Nothing but the blood of
 Je - sus. What force can u - nite us all? Nothing but the blood of
 Je - sus. What dis - arms the pow'rs that be? Nothing but the blood of
 Je - sus. What trans - forms our bro - ken state? Nothing but the blood of

8
 Je - sus. O pre - cious is the flow that de - stroy's the
 Je - sus.
 Je - sus.
 Je - sus.

12
 sta - tus quo, — No oth - er fount I know, nothing but the blood of Je - sus!

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 145:8-14)

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful,

People: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: The Lord is good to all,

People: And God's compassion is over all that God has made.

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

People: And all your faithful shall bless you.

Leader: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,

People: And tell of your power,

Leader: To make known to all people your mighty deeds,

People: And the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

People: And your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Leader: You are faithful in all your words,

People: And gracious in all your deeds.

Leader: You uphold all who are falling,

People: And raise up all who are bowed down.

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Stacks

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart,
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart,
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart,
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, in my heart,
 in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Dr. Stacks

◆ Presentation of the Offering

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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 7:15-25

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

Heart Won't Stop

John Mark and Sarah McMillan

There is not a man or a beast,
Nothing on the land or underneath,
Oh, nothing that could ever come between
The love you have for me.

I could lay my head in Sheol,
I could make my bed at
The bottom of the darkness deep, oh,
But there is not a place I could escape you.

Your heart won't stop
Coming after me,
Your heart won't stop
Coming after me,
Your heart won't stop
Coming after, coming after me.

There is not an angel of the stars,
There is not a devil in the dark,
Oh, nothing that could change
The way you are, the love you have for me.

Sermon

The Evil Close at Hand

Rev. Efirid

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea, but
 2. Just as I am, and wait - ing not to
 3. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with
 4. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight,
 5. Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, wilt
 6. Just as I am, Thy love un - known hath

that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou bidd'st me
 rid my soul of one dark blot, to Thee, whose blood can
 man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears, with -
 rich - es, heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need in
 wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause Thy prom - ise
 bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be Thine, yea,

come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 Thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

◆ **Benediction**

Rev. Efirid

◆ **Postlude**

Finale in D Minor

Eric Thiman

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Focus on Community

Prayer Concerns

Jim Allen	Janet Merriman	Miriam Rodriguez
Nell Allen	<i>(Roz Slawson's friend)</i>	<i>(Roz Slawson's sister)</i>
Peter Barboriak <i>(Valerie Brooks' friend)</i>	John Morgan	Fred Seeger
Gilles Bikindou	Sara McMillan Perkinson <i>(Leon and Sue Perkinson's</i>	Alison Zieglmeier
Kitty Blanton	<i>daughter-in-law)</i>	Our partner church, Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba
Marjorie Floyd	Gerald Radford	
James Mark Frazier <i>(Sue Hughes's brother)</i>	<i>(Susan Beck's friend)</i>	

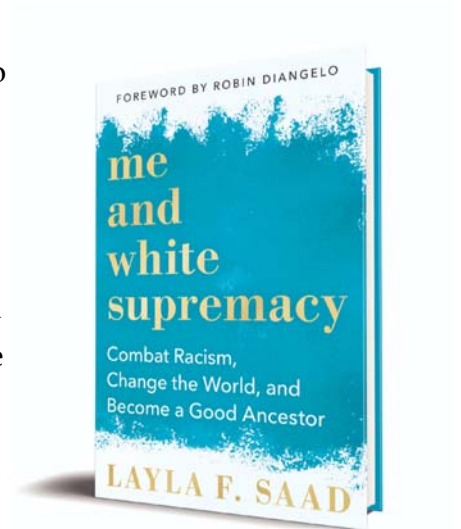
Cultivate Community Challenge

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

Antiracist Reading Groups

As we continue our commitment to fighting racism in 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 at stephen.stacks@gfbccary.org 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 Karen Upchurch at kaupchurch@gmail.com.

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	\$ 15,957	\$ 910,518
Less Together We Build Giving	\$ 517	\$ 290,378
Less Other Designated Giving	<u>\$ 1,140</u>	<u>\$ 41,972</u>
Actual Stewardship Giving	\$ 14,300	\$ 578,168
Stewardship Giving needed to fully subscribe budget	<u>\$ 14,533</u>	<u>\$ 658,669</u>
Over (Under)	\$ (233)	\$ (80,501)

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: \$ _____
- 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
