



Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church





GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost | Livestreamed Service

July 19, 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.

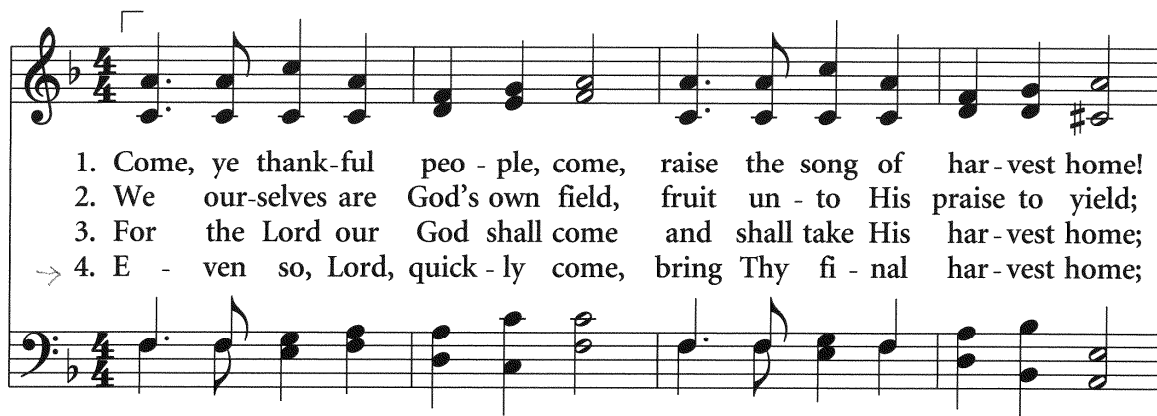
Welcome to worship!

an inclusive
community
of faith

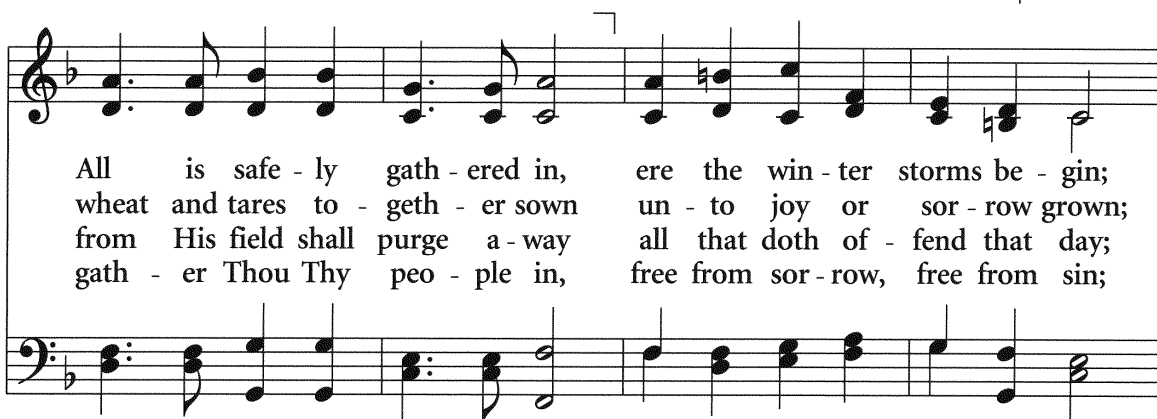
Chiming of the Hour

◆ Gathering Hymn

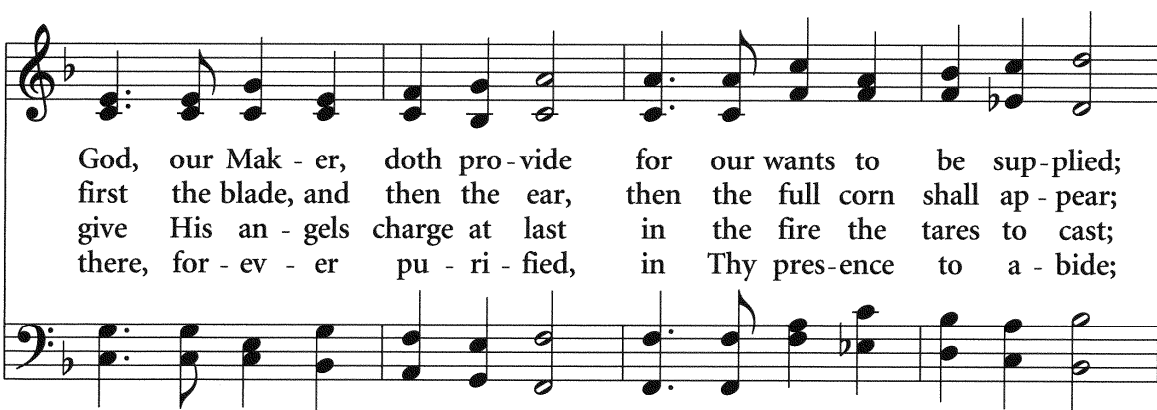
Come, Ye Thankful People Come



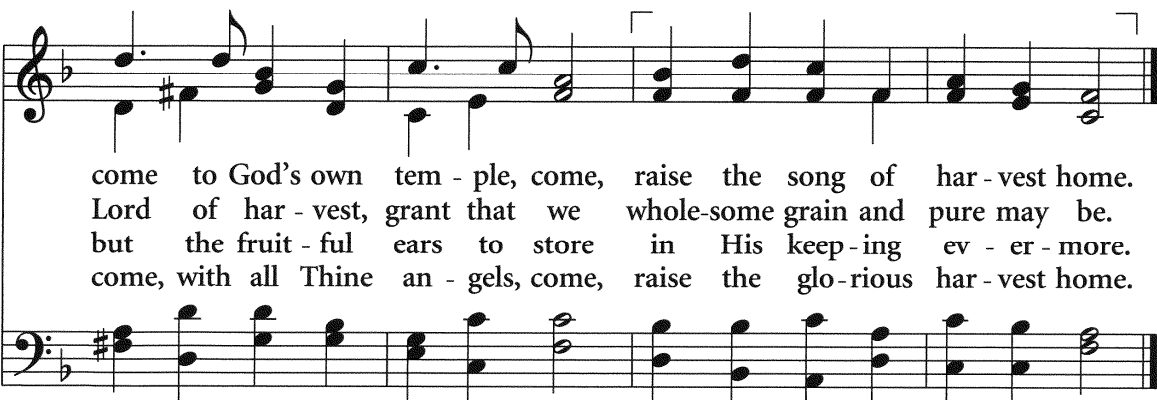
1. Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home!
 2. We our-selves are God's own field, fruit un - to His praise to yield;
 3. For the Lord our God shall come and shall take His har-vest home;
 → 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come, bring Thy fi - nal har-vest home;



All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown un - to joy or sor - row grown;
 from His field shall purge a - way all that doth of - fend that day;
 gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;
 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear;
 give His an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in Thy pres - ence to a - bide;



come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in His keep - ing ev - er - more.
 come, with all Thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

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 139)

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

Leader: You discern my thoughts from far away.

People: You search out my path and are acquainted with all my ways.

Leader: Even before a word is on my tongue,

People: O Lord, you know it completely.

Leader: You hem me in, behind and before,

People: And lay your hand upon me.

Leader: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

People: It is so high that I cannot attain it.

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts;

People: You knit me together in my mother's womb.

Leader: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

People: Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Leader: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,

People: Intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Leader: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

People: In your book were written all the days that were formed for me.

Leader: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

People: How vast is the sum of them!

Leader: I try to count them – they are more than the sand;

People: I come to the end – I am still with you.

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Stacks

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

John 14:2

Refrain

Plen - ty good room, plen - ty good room,

plen - ty good room in my Fa - ther's king - dom,

Plen - ty good room, plen - ty good room, just

choose your seat and sit down. Last time

Verses

1. I would not be a sin - ner,
2. I would not be a li - ar, I'll
3. I would not be a back - slid - er,

tell you the rea - son why; cause

if my Lord should call on me I

would - n't be read - y to die. D.C.

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

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

arr. Stephen Stacks

I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to thee.

*Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Sermon

Weeds Among Wheat

Rev. Efird

1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair Your
 3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4. You, Cre - a - tor, God, have writ - ten Your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in Your like - ness

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of love in ac - tion
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and good - ness
 dog - mas that ob - scure Your plan. In our com - mon quest for jus - tice
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re - sponse and ser - vice

help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.
 fear will die and hope in - crease, fear will die and hope in - crease.
 may we hal - low life's brief span, may we hal - low life's brief span.
 earth its des - ti - ny may find, earth its des - ti - ny may find.

◆ **Benediction**

Rev. Efirid

◆ **Postlude**

Gather Us In

arr. Jeffrey Honoré

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Focus on Community

Prayer Concerns

Jim Allen

Nell Allen

Peter Barboriak
(Valerie Brooks' friend)

Gilles Bikindou

Kitty Blanton

Tom Coltrane
*(at the death of his father,
Worth Coltrane)*

Marjorie Floyd

James Mark Frazier
(Sue Hughes' brother)

Sharon Guenther

Janet Merriman

(Roz Slawson's friend)

Warren Miller, Jr.
(Randy Palmer's cousin)

John and Sylvia Morgan

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

Jennifer Prilliman
(Linda Chappell's friend)

Gerald Radford
(Susan Beck's friend)

Miriam Rodriguez
(Roz Slawson's sister)

Fred Seeger

Sally Shaver
*(at the death of her mother,
Mildred Shaver)*

Martha Smith and
Allison Smith *(at the
death of Martha's brother
and Allison's uncle, Dr.
Thomas Teague)*

Dave Thomas

Alison Zieglmeier

Our partner church,
Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba

Announcements and Updates

Churchwide Business Meeting | Today, Sunday, July 19

Please plan to join us tonight for a churchwide business meeting, Sunday, July 19 at 6pm. This meeting will be conducted virtually via Zoom. Details about how to join the meeting and documents to review will be sent out following today's virtual worship service.

Invitation to Communion | Today, Sunday, July 19

Everyone is invited to join the business meeting call at 5:30pm today to participate in a communion service prior to the start of the meeting at 6pm. Please provide your own elements and fellowship with us before the meeting gets started.

Antiracist Reading Groups

Our antiracist reading groups began reading their first book this week. If you did not join this session but are interested in joining for the next book we read, email Rev. Stacks at stephen.stacks@gfbccary.org.

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 Stewardship Ministry

Dear Congregation,

You can help ensure we finish our church giving year strong! As the summer is upon us and some of our regular routines are put aside for trips to the beach or relaxing days at home, I want to encourage you to keep up your regular giving!

Our church's work and outreach continue, even if we cannot be physically together. Thanks to all of you who have continued to send your tithes by mail or online – and a big thanks to all of you who have switched to regular online giving. If you have any questions about sending in your gifts – or setting up online giving – please contact the church office or see the details on the following page.

In Peace, Elizabeth Biser, Stewardship Deacon

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	\$ 16,921	\$ 947,207
Less Together We Build Giving	\$ 296	\$ 290,919
Less Other Designated Giving	<u>\$ 430</u>	<u>\$ 43,530</u>
Actual Stewardship Giving	\$ 16,195	\$ 612,758
Stewardship Giving needed to fully subscribe budget	<u>\$ 14,533</u>	<u>\$ 702,268</u>
Over (Under)	\$ 1,662	\$ (89,510)

Way to Give at GFBC

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.

Ways to tithe:

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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info@gfbccary.org

- 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
