



Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church





GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost | Livestreamed Service

August 16, 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**

Preparation for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

◆ Gathering Hymn (vv. 1 & 3)

Love Lifted Me

1. I was sink-ing deep in sin, far from the peace-ful shore, ver - y deep-ly
2. All my heart to Him I give, ev - er to Him I'll cling, in His bless-ed
3. Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove, Je - sus com-plete-ly saves; He will lift you

stained with-in, sink-ing to rise no more; but the Mas-ter of the sea
pres - ence live, ev - er His prais-es sing; love so might-y and so true
by His love out of the an - gry waves; He's the Mas-ter of the sea,

heard my de-spair-ing cry, from the wa-ters lift - ed me, now safe am I.
mer - its my soul's best songs; faith-ful lov-ing ser-vice, too, to Him be-longs.
bil - lows His will o - bey; He your Sav-ior wants to be, be saved to - day.

Love lift - ed me! Love lift - ed me! When noth-ing
e - ven me! e - ven me!

1 else could help, Love lift - ed me. 2 Love lift - ed me.

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 85:8-13)

Blair Biser

Leader: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,

People: For God will speak peace to those who turn in their hearts.

Leader: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God,

People: That God's glory may dwell in our land.

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

People: Righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Leader: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,

People: And righteousness will look down from the sky.

Leader: The Lord will give what is good; our land will yield its increase.

People: Righteousness will go before the Lord, and make a path for God's steps.

Invocation

Blair Biser

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
 3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose

is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He has said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee, I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

Offertory Prayer

Alice Price

◆ 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.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Rev. Efirid

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.

My heart is heavy and tired in this valley.
Mountains grow higher and higher, but I can't find you.
I'll keep lifting my eyes; I know you're with me.

I hear your voice when you cry: comfort, comfort!
Sorrow may last for a night, but in the morning
Your joy breaks in with the light; I know you're with me.

*I know you're with me, and you are for me,
You've been behind me, you go before,
You walk beside me, through darkest valleys,
I know you are with me.*

You led me here where it's dry, out in the desert.
You bring these bones back to life, you put together.
You sing a song of delights, I know you're with me.

You will be praised.
I will, I will wait.

◆ Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand —
2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near —

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
when my life is al - most gone;

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light —
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall —

take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

◆ **Benediction**

Rev. Efird

◆ **Postlude**

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Focus on Community

Prayer Concerns

Emma Aepli	James Mark Frazier	Miriam Rodriguez
Jim Allen	<i>(Sue Hughes' brother)</i>	<i>(Roz Slawson's sister)</i>
Nell Allen	Sharon Guenther	Fred Seeger
Peter Barboriak	Janet Merriman	Allison Smith
<i>(Valerie Brooks' friend)</i>	<i>(Roz Slawson's friend)</i>	Dave Thomas
Gilles Bikindou	John and Sylvia Morgan	Jenny Williams
Kitty Blanton	Sara McMillan Perkinson	<i>(at the death of her sister, Patricia Ellis)</i>
Marjorie Floyd	<i>(Leon and Sue Perkinson's daughter-in-law)</i>	Alison Zieglmeier
		Our partner church, Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba

Announcements and Updates

Church Business Meeting | August 16

Join us tonight, Sunday, August 16, for a Church Business Meeting at 6pm via ZOOM. The details regarding the meeting will be sent following today's worship service. We will be voting on the 2020-2021 Budget and Nominating Slate.

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. The Kindergarten through Fifth Grade Faith Formation Class meets twice a month. Contact your Faith Formation leadership for more details.

Update from the Stewardship Ministry

Dear Congregation,

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 later in this bulletin. In addition, if you receive offering envelopes in the mail but no longer need them because you are giving via an alternate method, email info@gfbccary.org to let the church office know you would like to cancel your mailed envelopes.

Please consider giving an extra gift before the end of the month of August to help us close our 2019-2020 budget gap. With your help, we can finish the year strong!

In Peace, Elizabeth Biser, Stewardship Deacon



ONE Wake

ONE WAKE – GET OUT THE VOTE 2020!

As you know, Greenwood Forest Baptist Church is an active member of ONE Wake, a broad-based community organization dedicated to bettering the lives of all kinds of families in Wake County. ONE Wake is made up of a coalition of institutions dedicated to work for its members by involving a diversity of people in non-partisan activities. A list of member organizations is given below and more information can be found at www.ONEWake.org.

ONE Wake Member Institutions

Antioch Bible Fellowship
Baptist Grove Church
Bazzel Creek MBC
Beth Shalom
Cary First Christian Church
Christ the King Lutheran Church
Church of the Good Shepherd
Common Threads
Dorcas Ministries
Eastern Wake Ministers Alliance
Raleigh First Baptist Church
First UMC Cary
Friendship Chapel Baptist Church
Good Shepherd UCC
Greenwood Forest Baptist Church
Iglesia Fiesta Cristiana
Islamic Association of Raleigh

Macedonia New Life Church
Open Table UMC
Pleasant Grove MBC
Pleasant Grove Church, Cary
Pullen Memorial Baptist Church
Raleigh Mennonite
Southeast Raleigh Table
St. Ambrose Episcopal Church
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
St. John's Baptist Church
St. John's Episcopal Church
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Tapestry Church
The Fountain of Raleigh
UU Fellowship of Raleigh
Watts Chapel MBC

ONE Wake has been active this year in an attempt to lessen the harsh impacts of the Coronavirus on folks who are struggling more now than ever before. One of its most recent successes was supporting the allocation of over \$7 million dollars in emergency federal funds to be used for homeless families and families needing housing assistance in Wake County. ONE Wake also supported the RIMA (Raleigh Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance) walk in downtown Raleigh following the murders of George Floyd and others at the hands of police.

The current initiative being undertaken by ONE Wake focuses on our readiness to vote in the upcoming 2020 election. Each member institution wants to support 100 percent voter registration in its own organization and to encourage everyone to develop a plan for voting in the upcoming election. For members of GFBC who are not already registered to vote, ONE Wake Core team members can help you register electronically. If you have questions, you can reach out to Leta Huntsinger (letabird@bellsouth.net) or any other member of the Core Team (Beth Jernigan, Greg Upchurch, Vivian Denning, Randy Palmer, Gerry Ritter, Mark Soyars, Judy Vaccaro, Meg Spears-Newsome, or Jazzmone' Sutton).

In an effort to reach beyond our church family, we would like to encourage everyone to reach out to five members of your own social network to make sure that they are registered to vote and have a plan (either in person or via absentee ballot) to vote.

The GET OUT THE VOTE efforts by GFBC Core Team members and other member institutions will be tracked electronically by ONE Wake and the results can be viewed at www.ONEWake.org/voterreg. A member of the GFBC Core team may be contacting you soon either via email, text, or telephone in our attempt to support the **GET OUT THE VOTE** initiative, but don't wait. If you have questions, you can reach out to one of the Core Team today.

Stay tuned for more!

Update from the Finance Ministry

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

	<i>This Week</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Total Giving	\$ 15,083	\$ 1,003,083
Less Together We Build Giving	\$ 1,220	\$ 295,726
Less Other Designated Giving	<u>\$ 635</u>	<u>\$ 45,644</u>
Actual Stewardship Giving	\$ 13,228	\$ 661,713
Stewardship Giving needed to fully subscribe budget	<u>\$ 14,533</u>	<u>\$ 760,400</u>
Over (Under)	\$ (1,305)	\$ (98,687)

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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- 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

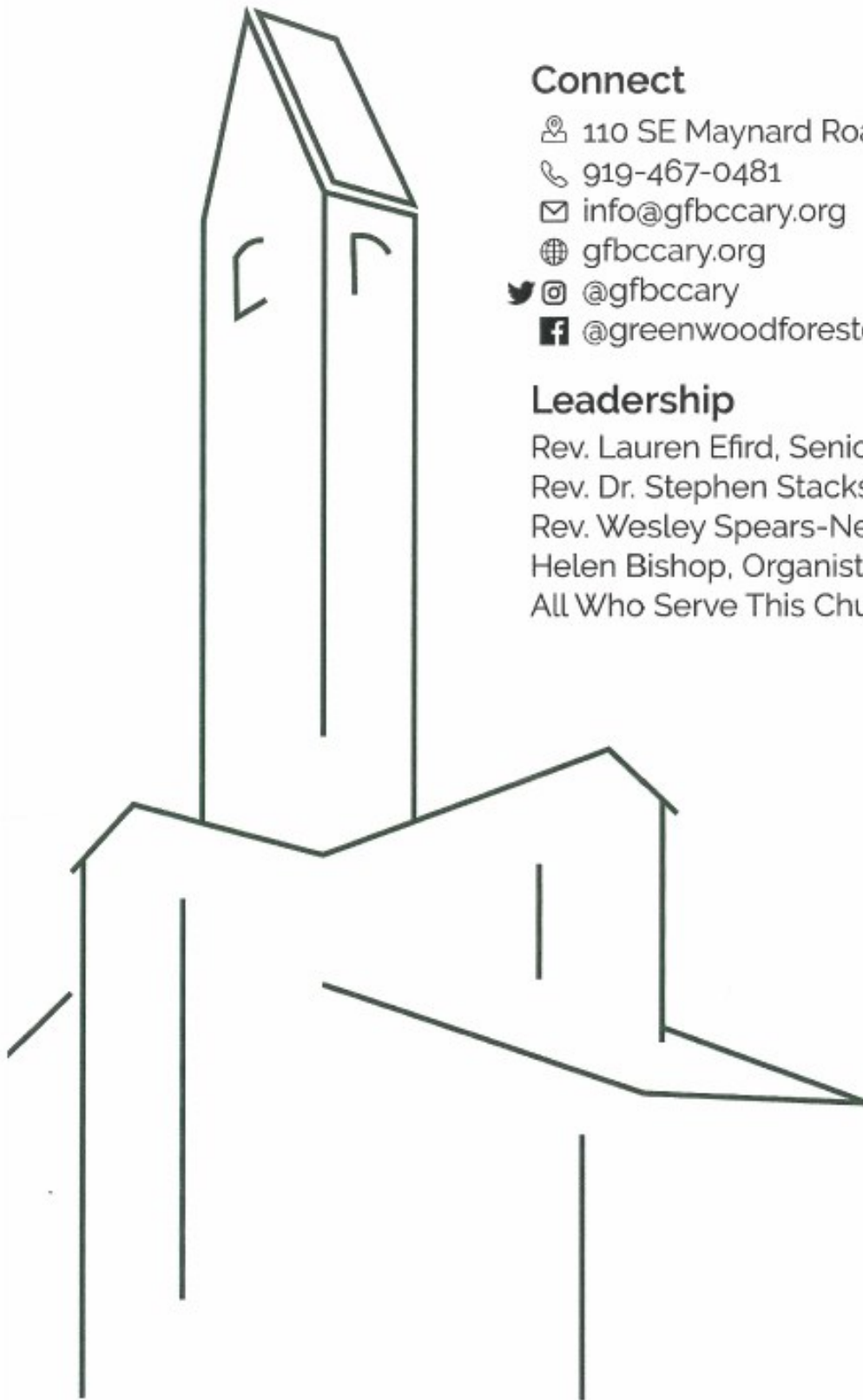
- If weekly, what day of the week: _____ (If on a holiday, debit occurs day before)
- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: _____

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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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
