



Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church





GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost | Livestreamed Service

August 2, 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

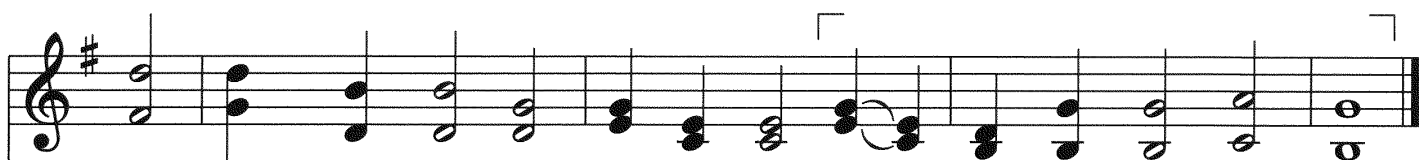
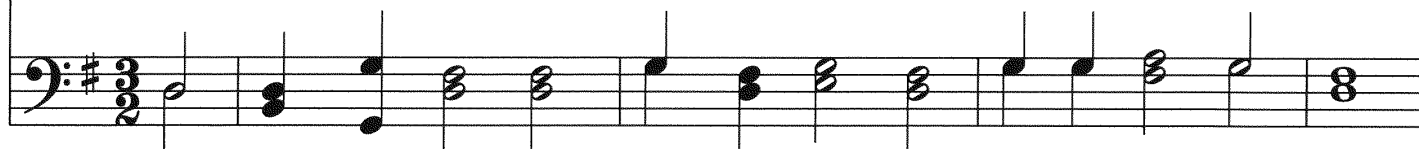
Chiming of the Hour

◆ Gathering Hymn (vv. 1, 3, 4 & 5)

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3. Je - sus, the name that calms my fears, that bids my sor - rows cease;
4. He breaks the power of can - celed sin, He sets the pris - oner free;
5. He speaks, and lis - tening to His voice, new life the dead re - ceive;
6. To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be ev - er, ev - er given



the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of His grace.
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of Thy name.
 'tis mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears; 'tis life and health and peace.
 His blood can make the foul-est clean, His blood a - vailed for me.
 the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.



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 (Isaiah 55:1-3a)

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

People: And you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Leader: Come, buy wine and milk

People: Without money and without price.

Leader: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

People: And your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Leader: Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

People: And delight yourselves in rich food.

Leader: Incline your ear, and come to me;

People: Listen, so that you may live.

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Stacks

◆ Hymn

Fix Me, Jesus

If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Refrain

1 John 1:9

Oh, fix me; Oh, fix me;
Je - sus Je - sus

fix me.
Oh, fix me, Lord. Fix me, Je - sus, fix me.
fix me. fix me, Lord.

Verses

1. Fix me for my long, white robe; Fix me, Je - sus, fix me.
2. Fix me for my jour - ney home; Fix me, Je - sus, fix me.

D.C.

Fix me for my star - ry crown; Fix me, Je - sus, fix me.
Fix me for my dy - ing bed; Fix me, Je - sus, fix me.

Offertory Prayer

Jennifer Whaley

◆ 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.**

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

I Know the Lord Laid His Hands on Me

arr. Smail

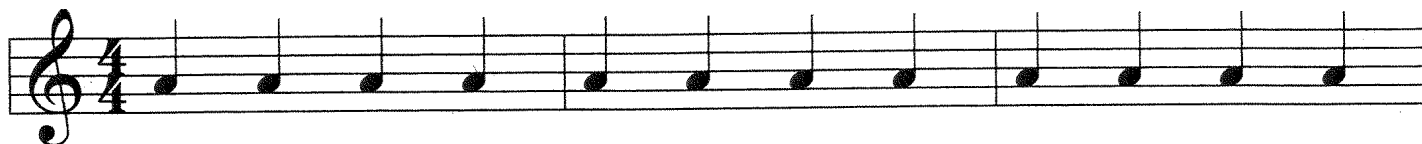
*Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord laid his hands on me.
Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord laid his hands on me.*

Did ever you see the like before?
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me,
King Jesus preaching to the poor.
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me.

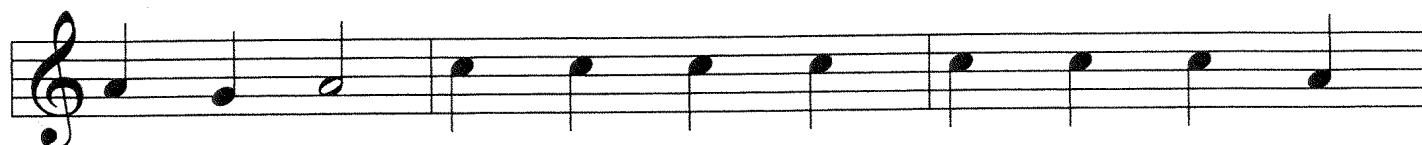
Oh, wasn't that a happy day
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me.
When Jesus washed my sins away?
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me.

Sermon

Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews



1 "Si - lence! Fren - zied, un - clean spir - it," cried God's heal - ing,
 2 Lord, the de - mons still are thiv - ing in the gray cells
 3 Si - lence, Lord, the un - clean spir - it, in our mind and



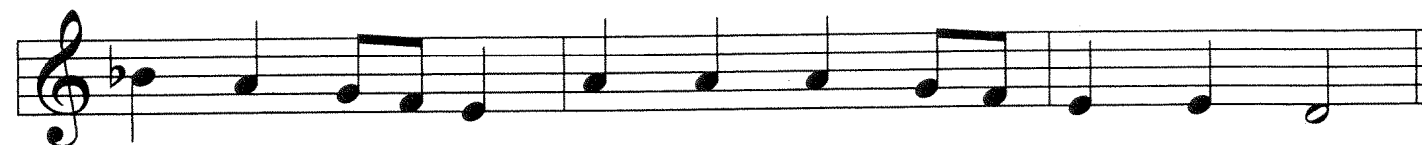
Ho - ly One. "Cease your rant - ing! Flesh can't bear it.
 of the mind: ty - rant voic - es, shrill and driv - ing,
 in our heart. Speak your word that when we hear it



Flee as night be - fore the sun." At Christ's voice the de - mon
 twist - ed thoughts that grip and bind, doubts that stir the heart to
 all our de - mons shall de - part. Clear our thought and calm our



trem - bled, from its vic - tim mad - ly rushed, while the crowd that
 pan - ic, fears dis - tort - ing rea - son's sight, guilt that makes our
 feel - ing; still the frac - tured, war - ring soul. By the pow - er



was as - sem - bled stood in won - der, stunned, and hushed.
 lov - ing fran - tic, dreams that cloud the soul with fright.
 of your heal - ing make us faith - ful, true, and whole.

◆ **Benediction**

Rev. Efirid

◆ **Postlude**

Concluding Voluntary

American Church Organ
Voluntaries, 1856

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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)

Sharon Guenther

Janet Merriman

(Roz Slawson's friend)

John and Sylvia Morgan

Sara McMillan Perkinson

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

Miriam Rodriguez

(Roz Slawson's sister)

Fred Seeger

Allison Smith

Melissa, Riley, and Hunter

Smith (Diane Smith's
great nephew's family at
the death of their
husband and father,
Steven)

Dave Thomas

Alison Zieglmeier

Our partner church,
Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba

Announcements and Updates

Antiracist Reading Groups

Our antiracist reading groups are completing their reading of *Me and White Supremacy* by Layla Saad, and are preparing to begin *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi. If you are interested in joining us, now would be an excellent time. We will begin reading *How to Be an Antiracist* on August 12, so please email Rev. Stacks at stephen.stacks@gfbccary.org by next Sunday, August 9 if you would like to participate.

School Supplies Drive for Our Neighbors

Please donate school supplies for our neighbors. The suggested list is below. You may drop off items in the bins outside the Fellowship Hall on Friday, July 31 and Friday, August 7. If shipping directly from online, ship your items to the Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church, 200 High Meadows Drive, Cary, NC 27511.

Suggested School Supplies:

Binders (1 inch)	Colored Pencils
Composition Notebooks	Crayons
Ear Buds	Erasers
Folders	Glue Sticks
Hand Sanitizer	Highlighters
Index Cards	Ink Pens
Markers	Notebooks
Pencil Boxes	Pencil Pouches
Pencil Sharpeners	Pencils (#2)
Pens	Plastic Bags
Plastic Folders with Prongs	Sanitizing Wipes
Scissors	Sticky Notes
Wide-Ruled Paper	Wipes

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,

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 Ministry

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

	<i>This Week</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Total Giving	\$ 16,538	\$ 971,406
Less Together We Build Giving	\$ 2,817	\$ 294,086
Less Other Designated Giving	<u>\$ 410</u>	<u>\$ 44,165</u>
Actual Stewardship Giving	\$ 13,311	\$ 633,155
Stewardship Giving needed to fully subscribe budget	<u>\$ 14,533</u>	<u>\$ 731,334</u>
Over (Under)	\$ (1,222)	\$ (98,179)

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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Cary, NC 27511
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info@gfbcccary.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

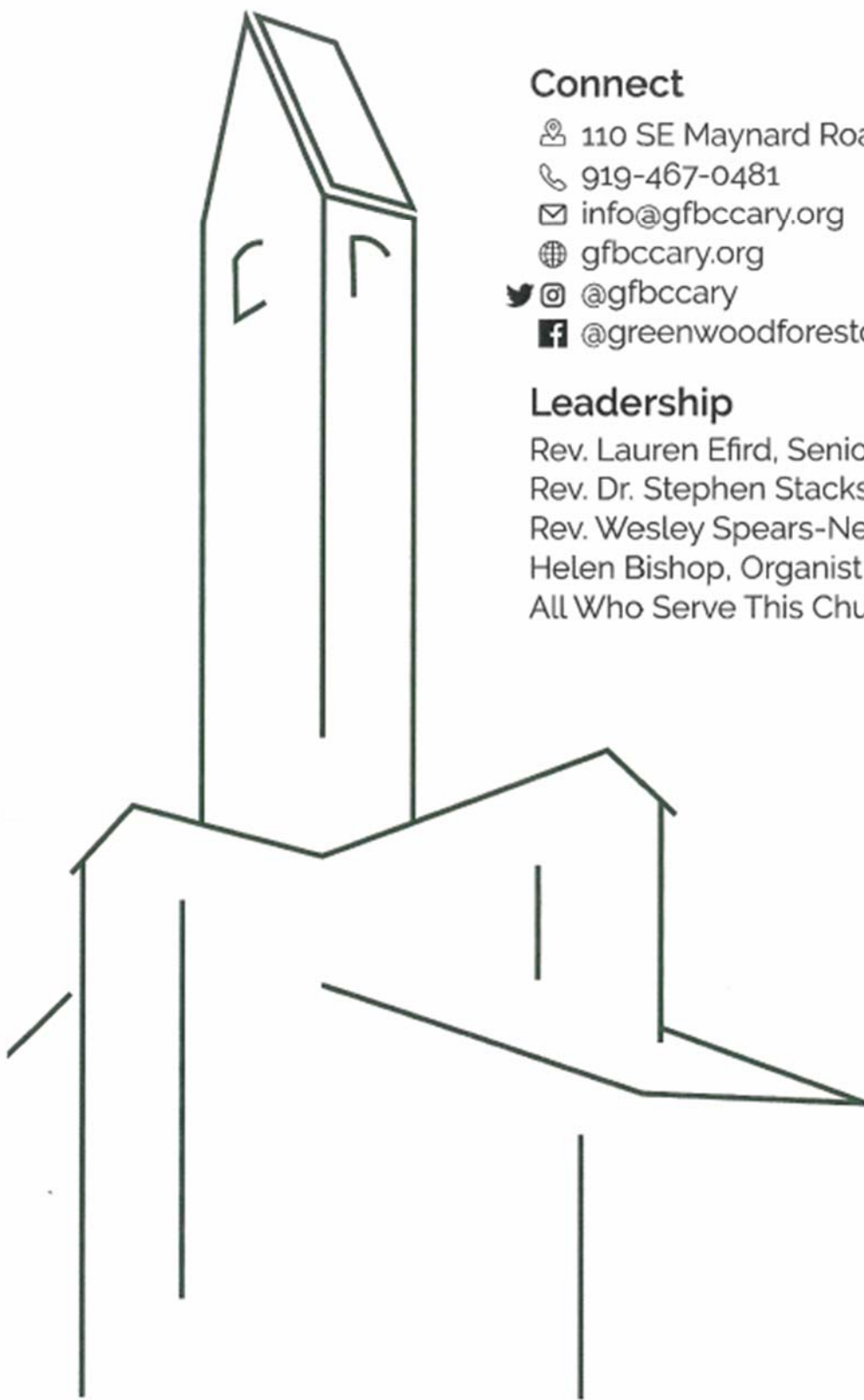
- If weekly, what day of the week: _____ (If on a holiday, debit occurs day before)
- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: _____

Amount of Each Debit: \$ _____

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