



Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church





GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Livestreamed Service

August 30, 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**

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efird

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Efird

Backpack/Device Blessing

◆ Hymn

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de -
2. Though none go with me, I still will fol - low; though none go
3. My cross I'll car - ry, till I see Je - sus; my cross I'll
4. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; the world be -

cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
with me, I still will fol - low; though none go with me, I still will
car - ry, till I see Je - sus; my cross I'll car - ry, till I see
hind me, the cross be - fore me; the world be - hind me, the cross be -

Je - sus; no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fol - low; no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
Je - sus; no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fore me; no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It features a treble and bass clef staff for each system. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides harmonic support with chords and single notes. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble clef.

Offertory Prayer

Rick Hoyle

◆ 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.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

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

Satan, Your Kingdom Must Come Down

Uncle Tupelo

Satan, your kingdom must come down,
Satan, your kingdom must come down,
I heard the voice of Jesus say
Satan, your kingdom must come down.

I'm gonna pray until they tear your kingdom down,
Pray until they tear your kingdom down,
I heard the voice of Jesus say
Satan, your kingdom must come down.

I'm gonna shout until they tear your kingdom down,
I'm gonna shout until they tear your kingdom down,
I heard the voice of Jesus say
Satan, your kingdom must come down.

Satan, your kingdom must come down,
Satan, your kingdom must come down,
I heard the voice of Jesus cry
Satan, your kingdom must come down.

Sermon

The Life We Must Lose

Rev. Dr. Stacks

◆ **Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Stacks

◆ **Postlude**

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Focus on Community

Prayer Concerns

Emma Aeppli

Jim Allen

Nell Allen

Peter Barboriak
(Valerie Brooks' friend)

Gilles Bikindou

Kitty Blanton

Marjorie Floyd

James Mark Frazier
(Sue Hughes' brother)

Julia Gaffney *(at the
death of her mother,
Sharon Dunbar)*

Sharon Guenther

Jean Haynie

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

Alison Zieglmeier

Our partner church,
Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba

Announcements and Updates

Called Business Meeting | Wednesday, September 9

We will have a called business meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30pm to address payment for a property repair.

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 meets Mondays at 2pm, Crossroads on Sundays at 9:30am, Generations every other Thursday at 6:30pm, and Agape 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.

Give a Year-End Gift

Please consider giving an extra gift this Sunday to help us close our budget deficit on this final Sunday of the budget year. Every gift counts! Thank you in advance for your generosity and your commitment to the work of ministry here at Greenwood Forest.

Save the Date! ONE Wake Founding Assembly

Tuesday, October 13, 7-9pm

Register for the event here: www.onewake.org/launch

For the last three years leaders from our church have invested their time and talent to build ONE Wake: an exciting new broad based social justice organization composed of 41 religious and non-profit organizations across Wake County.

During the Founding Assembly, ONE Wake will:

- (1) Announce the results of an ambitious non-partisan effort to contact over 20,000 eligible voters for voter registration and assistance with absentee ballots;
- (2) Unveil its social justice action agenda on affordable housing, education, and jobs created with the input of over 3,300 Wake County residents;
- (3) Invite candidates from every party, elected officials, and corporate leaders to work with ONE Wake and our church to address these important issues;
- (4) Kick off a non-partisan Get-Out-The-Vote Campaign to ensure that every registered voter in our community votes in the upcoming election.

The total turnout goal for this event is 2,000 members from ONE Wake institutions. Greenwood Forest has pledged to deliver 75 people.

Questions? Please contact Beth Jernigan at rjernigan9@nc.rr.com.



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 Jazzmoné 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	\$ 13,578	\$ 1,031,888
Less Together We Build Giving	\$ 4,042	\$ 299,944
Less Other Designated Giving	<u>\$ 745</u>	<u>\$ 46,619</u>
Actual Stewardship Giving	\$ 8,791	\$ 685,325
Stewardship Giving needed to fully subscribe budget	<u>\$ 14,533</u>	<u>\$ 789,466</u>
Over (Under)	\$ (5,742)	\$ (104,141)

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
(919)-467-0481
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

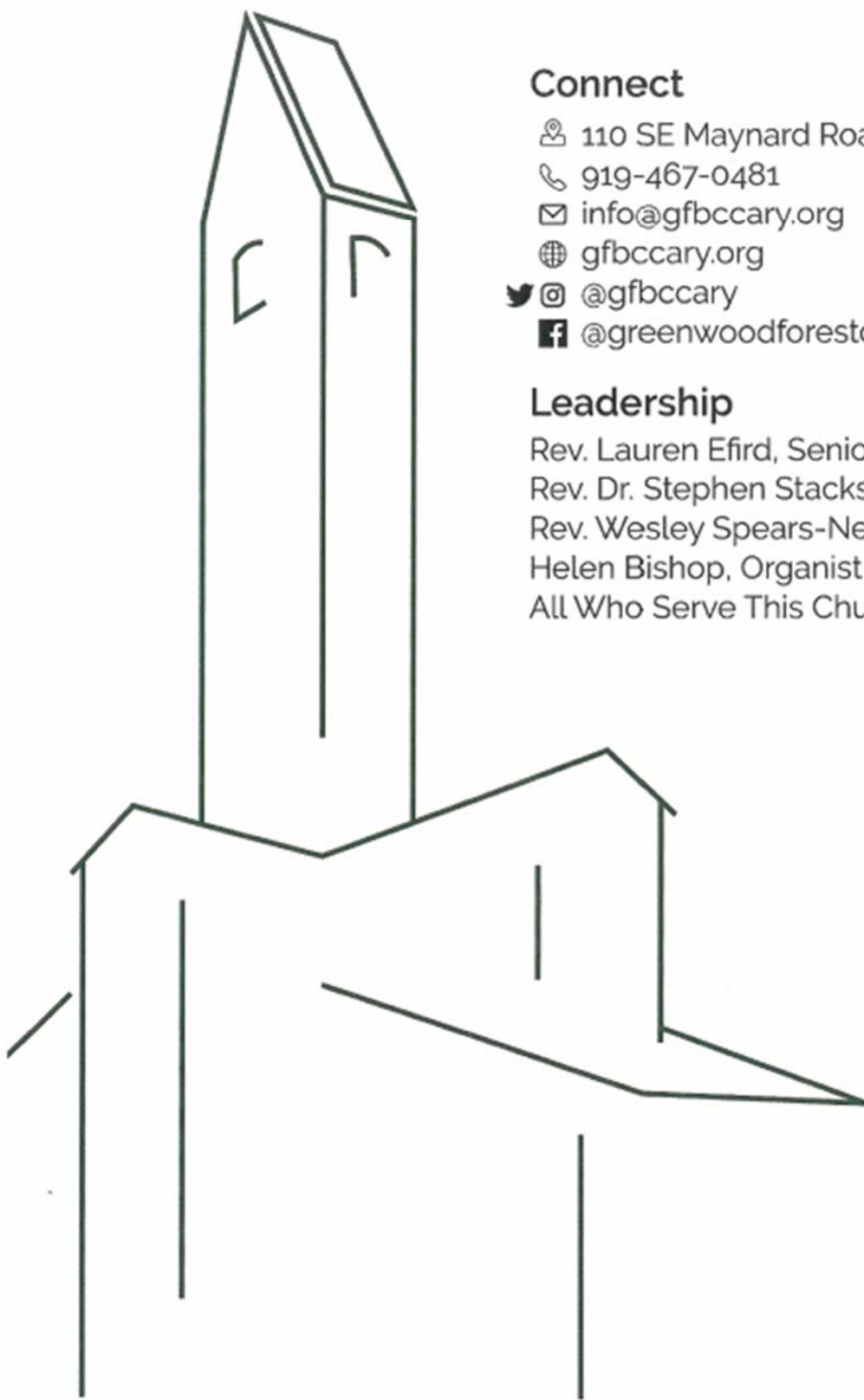
- If weekly, what day of the week: _____ (If on a holiday, debit occurs day before)
- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: _____

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
