



Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church





GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Livestreamed Service
September 13, 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)

Here I Am, Lord

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,

My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night,
 they turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 My hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro-vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear My
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak My
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give My

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 word to them. Whom shall I send?
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

Parts (optional)

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You call - ing in the night. (in the night.)

I will go, Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.

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 (from Baptist Women in Ministry)

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: Loving God, Creator of heaven and earth; like a mother you feed us with gifts that sustain our bodies and enrich our lives.

People: We praise you, God of creation, for the bounty of your goodness. We give thanks for those who have taught us. Your gifts are for all people.

Leader: God of compassion, you chose women and men and made them alive to your love. They have spoken your truth; they marked places with stones as signs of your presence.

People: We thank you, eternal God, for people faithful to your truth; they have been symbols of your presence, as the body of Christ.

Leader: God of redemption, you came to us, as one like us, calling us to be your community of priests. Siblings, we are called . . .

People: Called to follow Jesus. What a challenge! What an opportunity!

Leader: Called to move, as he did, among the people; to feel with them, to care for them; to touch them and be touched by them.

People: Called to name, as he did, the oppressions that destroy our world; those of which we are already aware, and those whose injustices we have not yet learned to recognize or name.

Leader: Called to discern those gifts of life God has hidden deep within each of us.

People: Called to discover and share those gifts of our hearts, our hands, and whole selves.

Leader: Called to place our gifts in God's hands—the holy hands from which they came. Called to follow Jesus . . .

People: And yes, we can answer; we can follow, because we have been called first to love.

Leader: Called to be God's children.

People: Called by name.

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Stacks

Ministry Chair Introductions

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me; Spir - it of the

The first system of the hymn consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (Bb). It begins with a fermata over the first measure. The melody features a series of chords and eighth notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat. It provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and eighth notes.

liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a fermata over the first measure of the top staff. The lyrics are: "liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me,". The musical notation includes various chordal textures and rhythmic patterns in both staves.

fill me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

The third system concludes the hymn. It features a fermata over the first measure of the top staff. The lyrics are: "fill me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me." The notation includes a final cadence in both staves.

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Al Whitehouse

◆ **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

Acts 6:1-6

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.

Deacon Testimony

Anthony Warren

Deacon Ordination

Commissioning of the New Deacon Board

Unison

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, dwell with me, I would gra - cious be;
 2. Truth - ful Spir - it, dwell with me, I would truth - ful be;
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, dwell with me, I would ho - ly be;
 4. Might - y Spir - it, dwell with me, I would might - y be;

help me now Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee;
 help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee;
 show Thy mer - cy ten - der - ly, make me more like Thee;
 help me now Thy power to see, I would be like Thee;

and, with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine re - veal;
 and, with wis - dom kind and clear, Thy life in mine ap - pear;
 sep - a - rate from sin I would and cher - ish all things good,
 'gainst all weap - ons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield;

and, with ac - tions bold and meek, for Christ my Sav - ior speak.
 and, with ac - tions, lov - ing - ly, speak Christ's sin - cer - i - ty.
 and what - ev - er I can be give Him who gave me Thee.
 let Thy word my weap - on be, Lord, Thine the vic - to - ry.

◆ **Benediction**

Rev. Efird

◆ **Postlude**

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

arr. Don Hustad

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Focus on Community

Prayer Concerns

Jim Allen

Marjorie Floyd

Miriam Rodriguez

Nell Allen

James Mark Frazier

(Roz Slawson's sister)

Peter Barboriak

(Sue Hughes' brother)

Fred Seeger

(Valerie Brooks' friend)

Joe Malone *(Virgil and
Gail Jones' friend)*

The Family of Jayne Smallwood

Gilles Bikindou

Janet Merriman

*Kathi Smith (at the death of her
brother, Tom Dineen)*

Kitty Blanton

(Roz Slawson's friend)

Alison Zieglmeier

Marjorie Floyd

SylviaMorgan

Our partner church, Ebenezer
Baptist, Cuba

James Mark Frazier

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



Assuming that the COVID-19 numbers continue to improve in North Carolina, we are going to have a few outdoor events this fall beginning with an outdoor Worship Service on **Sunday, September 27 at 11am** (weather and pandemic permitting). Stay tuned for

more details including updated COVID-19 guidelines for being on campus.

Announcements and Updates

Backpack Buddies Update

This summer the Backpack Buddy program has served our Cary neighbors in conjunction with food distribution at the Kirk of Kildaire. Additionally, the Kirk has been providing meals to homeless families with 85 school age children who reside in hotels. Because our Cary neighbors will continue to be well served by the schools and community food distribution sites, the decision was made to use the Backpack Buddy bags this fall to provide supplemental weekend food for the homeless children. We will be packing 120 bags each week for delivery to the families on Fridays. Greenwood Forest will be responsible for packing bags, and the Kirk will be responsible for delivering the bags. If your family would like to volunteer to pack bags, or if you have double-bagged plastic grocery bags to donate, please contact Karen Upchurch at kaupchurch@gmail.com.

Faith Formation via Zoom

As we continue to practice social distancing, many 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.

Finance Info Announcement

This budget year, we are making a small change in how we report financial data to the congregation. Instead of reporting data each week, we will close each month's books and report the monthly giving, receipts, and disbursements.

Ministry Monday

We will have Ministry Monday on September 21 at 6pm to discuss the various ministries of the church. Committees will meet together via Zoom, and we will have large group sessions to hear big picture updates. See the schedule below for meeting times. A Zoom link will be sent via email.

| Meeting Schedule | Team A | Team B |
|---|---------------------|---------------|
| 6pm Team A Large Group | Children | Discipleship |
| 6:15pm Team A Committees | Congregational Care | Fellowship |
| 7:15pm Social Time for Teams A and B | Missions | Finance |
| | Outreach | Personnel |
| 7:30pm Team B Large Group | Worship | Properties |
| 7:45 pm Team B Committees | | Youth |

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!

Ways 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 on the next page of this 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@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

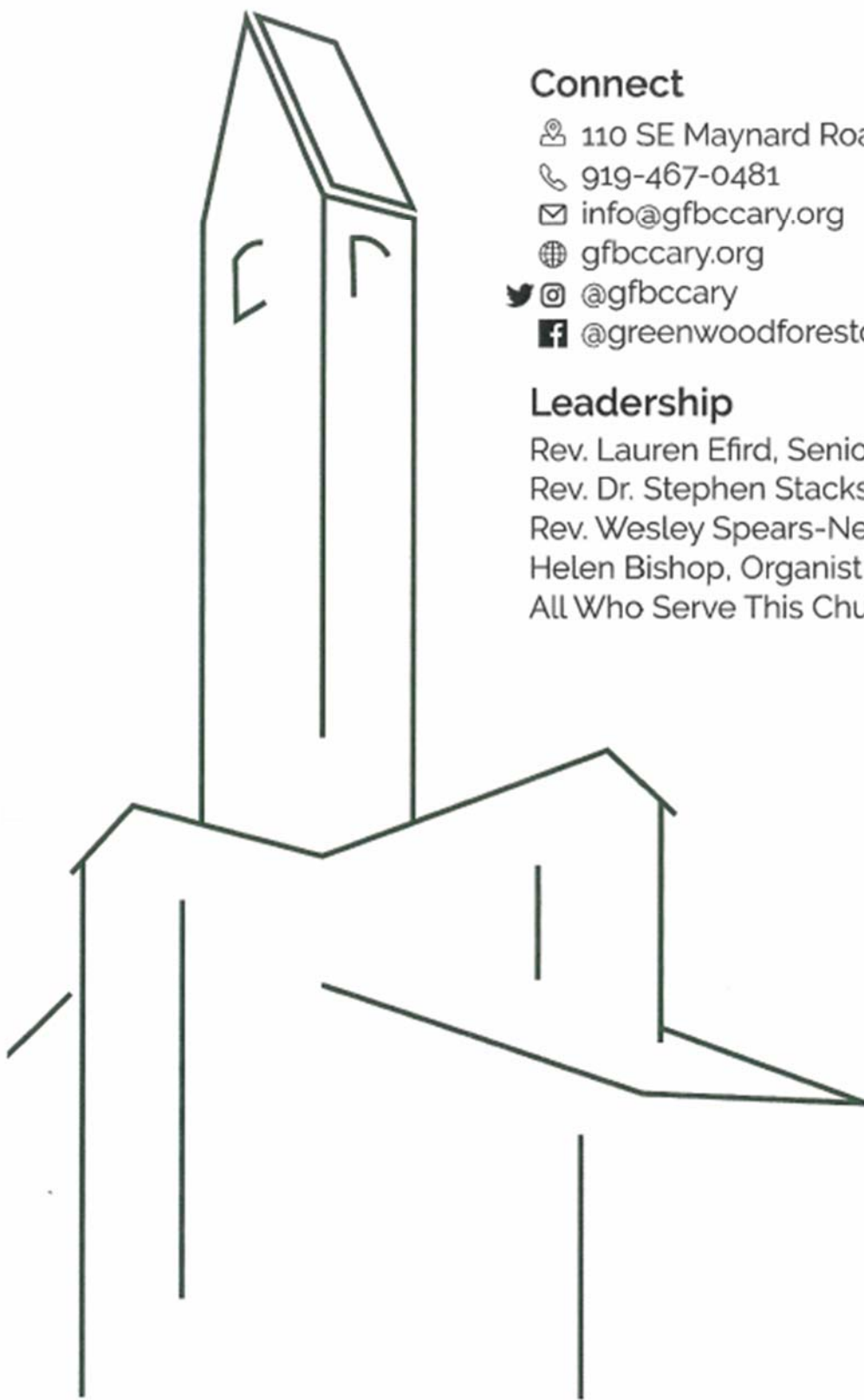
- If weekly, what day of the week: _____ (If on a holiday, debit occurs day before)
- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: _____

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

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Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church
