



Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church





GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Livestreamed Service
September 20, 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 & 2)

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side: bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent,

hold me with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 be Thou still my strength and shield, be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

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 114)

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

People: Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel God's dominion.

Leader: The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

People: The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

Leader: Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

People: O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

Leader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

People: Who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Stacks



“Crossing the Red Sea” by Yoram Raanan (yoramraanan.com)

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter chil - dren,

Wade in the wa - ter, God's gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

Verses

1. See that host all dressed in white,
2. See that band all dressed in red, God's gon-na trou-ble the
3. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

wa - ter. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - el - ite,
Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,
Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

God's gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter. D.C.

Offertory Prayer

Rick Chappell

◆ 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. Wesley Spears-Newsome

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

Exodus 14:19-31

Luke Perrin

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.

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
 Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
 Leave to your God to order and provide;
 In every change God faithful will remain.
 Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
 Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
 To guide the future as in ages past.
 Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
 All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 The Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
 When we shall be forever with the Lord,
 When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
 Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
 All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Sermon

Leaving Egypt Behind

Rev. Efirid

◆ Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

*(see following pages)***◆ Benediction**

Rev. Efirid

◆ Postlude

Higher Ground

arr. Mark Hayes

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1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chast - ening
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty; let our re - joic - ing rise, high as the lis - tening
 died; yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; Thou who hast by Thy might, led us in - to the

skies, let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet, come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered,
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee.

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 Thee; shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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)
Joe Malone
(Virgil and Gail Jones' friend)

Janet Merriman
(Roz Slawson's friend)
Sylvia Morgan
Sara McMillan Perkinson
(Leon and Sue Perkinson's daughter-in-law)
Miriam Rodriguez
(Roz Slawson's sister)
Fred Seeger
Sally Shaver
(at the death of her sister-in-law, Jackie Shaver)

The Family of Jayne Smallwood
Kathi Smith
(at the death of her brother, Tom Dineen)
Alison Zieglmeier

Our partner church, Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba

WORSHIP ON THE LAWN

9.27.20 @ 11am

Weather permitting, we will have our first outdoor event of the fall on September 27: Worship on the Lawn! Masks and social distancing are required. Anyone experiencing symptoms associated with Covid-19 should not attend. Bring your own seating (e.g., quilts, chairs). The online livestream will still be available. Visit gfbccary.org/covid-19 for a complete set of policies and procedures for coming on campus during the pandemic.



Meet Luke Perrin, Greenwood Forest's New Intern!

Luke is a second-year student at Duke Divinity School, interested in the intersection of faith and public life. He is from Hickory, North Carolina, however he spent several years living in Raleigh when he studied political science at NC State. In his spare time, he enjoys playing golf, shopping for vinyl records, and rewatching *The West Wing*. He's excited to serve at GFBC this year, and hopes to safely connect with folks soon!

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. This year, we will be using 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. If you would like to know any given week's giving numbers in between the monthly reports, email the Church Office Administrator.

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	Personnel
7:15pm Social Time for Teams A and B	Finance	Properties
	Missions	Youth
7:30pm Team B Large Group	Outreach	
7:45 pm Team B Committees	Worship	

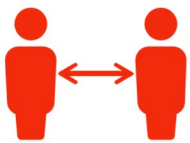


IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE

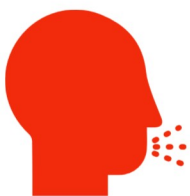
This week, Greenwood Forest sent out our revised policies and procedures for presence at the church via email. The Deacon Board and staff put together these measures for your safety and the safety of your fellow church members. They include (but are not limited to) the three important guidelines below. Please carefully read all the policies at gfbccary.org/covid-19 before coming to any on-campus church activities, including Worship on the Lawn on September 27.



**wear your mask at all
times**



**keep your distance (6 ft.
at minimum)**



**if you have symptoms,
stay home**

ONE Wake

Founding Assembly: Tues. Oct. 13, 7-9pm

For over three years, leaders from Greenwood Forest have invested their time and talent in ONE Wake—an exciting new broad-based community organization composed of 41 religious and non-profit institutions in Wake County. Now it's time to publicly launch our effort!

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 3,000 Wake County residents—including Greenwood Forest members!
- (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 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.



VOTING



HOUSING



EDUCATION



JOBS

Register Today: www.onewake.org/launch



GOTV

Get Out The Vote

ONE Wake works to **Get Out The Vote**

The summer of 2020 has been perilous and ONE Wake has been doing everything we can to help. ONE Wake has been active this year in an attempt to lessen the harsh impacts of COVID-19 on folks who are struggling more now than ever before. We succeeded in supporting allocation of over \$7 million dollars 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 voting. Each ONE Wake member institution wants to achieve 100% voter registration in its own membership and to encourage everyone to develop a plan for voting. If you aren't registered to vote, ONE Wake Core team members can help you register electronically.

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 GOTV efforts by Greenwood Forest 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 our team may be contacting you soon either via email, text, or telephone in our attempt to support the GOTV initiative, but don't wait. If you have questions, reach out to us today.

To connect with the GOTV effort or be registered to vote, contact Rev. Spears Newsome (wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org) and Leta Huntsinger (letabird@bellsouth.net) today! They will connect you with the Core Team or help you get registered or request a ballot!

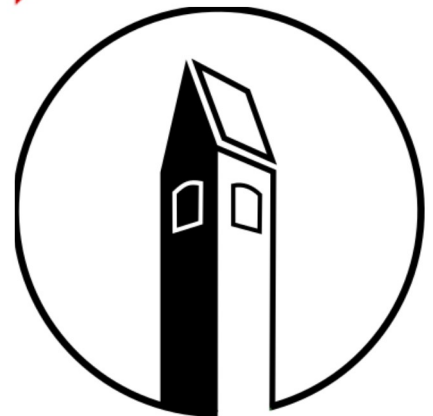
The Get Out The Vote campaign, as with all ONE Wake activity, is non-partisan and not affiliated with or supportive of any individual candidate or party.



Member Institutions

You can find out more at www.onewake.org!

ANTIOCH BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
BAPTIST GROVE CHURCH
BAZZEL CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
BETH SHALOM
CARY FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
COMMON THREAD
DORCAS MINISTRIES
EASTERN WAKE MINISTERS ALLIANCE
RALEIGH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, CARY
FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH
IGLESIA FIESTA CRISTIANA
ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION OF RALEIGH
MACEDONIA NEW LIFE CHURCH
OPEN TABLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PLEASANT GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
PLEASURE 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
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF RALEIGH
WATTS CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



www.onewake.org/launch

Ways to Give



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!



see bank draft form on next page





Greenwood Forest Baptist Church
 110 SE Maynard Road
 Cary, NC 27511
 (919)-467-0481
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

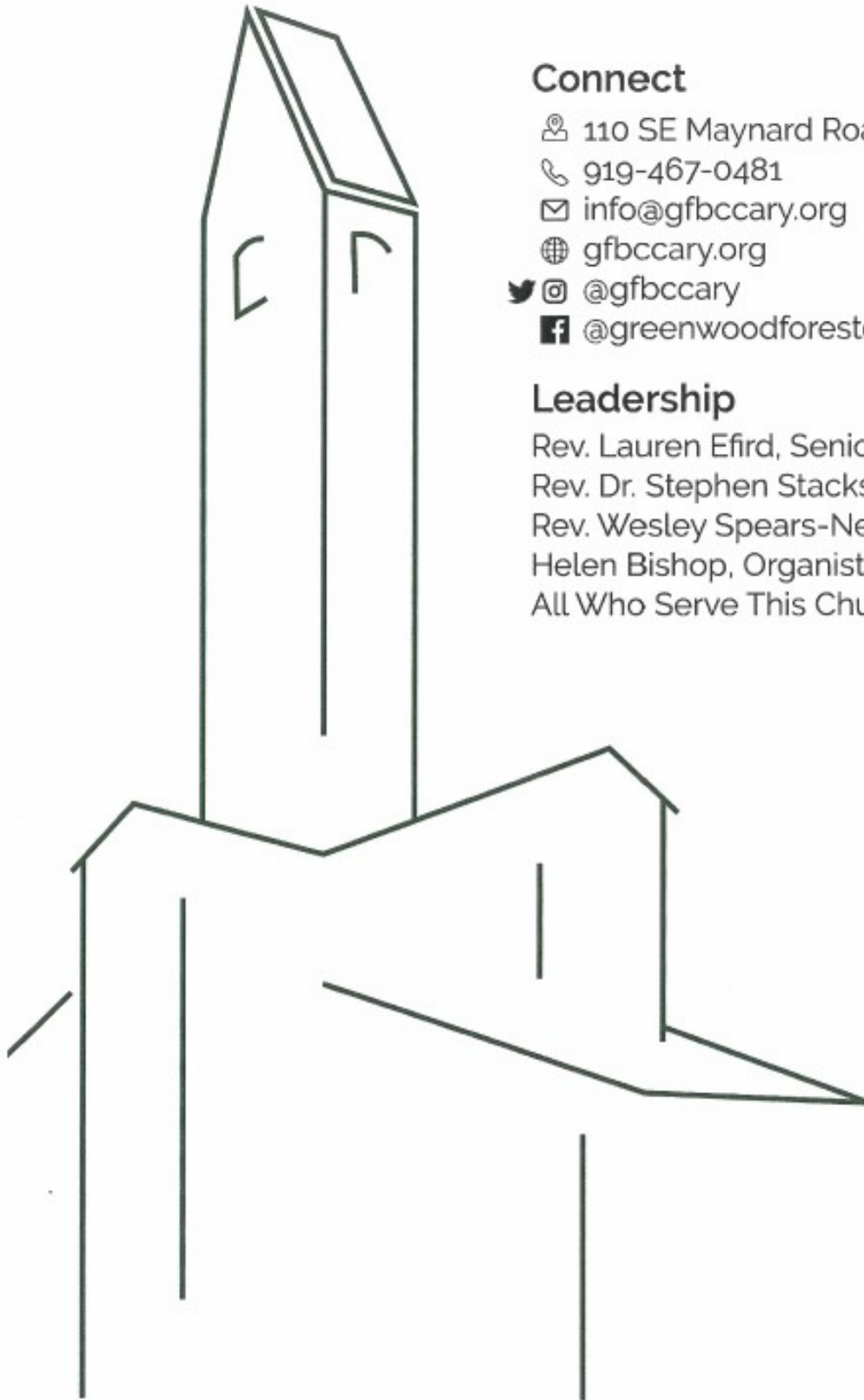
- If weekly, what day of the week: _____ (If on a holiday, debit occurs day before)
- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: _____

Amount of Each Debit: \$ _____

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

Please attach a voided check to this document.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Connect

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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
