



Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church





GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost | Worship on the Lawn
September 27, 2020

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efirid

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

◆ Passing of the Peace

Rev. Efirid

Call to Worship (Psalm 103:1-8)

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

People: And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

People: And do not forget all God's benefits –

Leader: Who forgives all our iniquity,

People: Who heals all our diseases,

Leader: Who redeems our life from the Pit,

People: Who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,

Leader: Who satisfies us with good as long as we live

People: So that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader: The Lord works vindication and justice,

People: For all who are oppressed.

Leader: God's ways were made known to Moses,

People: God's acts to the people of Israel.

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

People: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Anthem

We Will Make No Peace with Oppression

Porter's Gate

We will make no peace, no peace, no peace with oppression,
We will make no peace, no peace.

Those who live by the sword will die by the sword.
We will stand against violence of every form.
We will march in the streets, "No justice, no peace!"
Arm and arm with our neighbor, 'til we all stand free.

Almighty God, help us not to be afraid.
Almighty God, give us your strength.

We will make no peace, no peace, no peace with oppression.
We will make no peace, no peace.

We won't turn away from the pain of our brothers,
Cries of our sisters, grieving of our mothers.
We won't turn away from destructive politicians,
Overflowing prisons, corruption in our systems.

Almighty God, help us not to be afraid.
Almighty God, give us your strength.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

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.

Homily

A Song of Hope

Rev. Efird

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
 3. My sin — oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

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way, when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what -
 come, let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that
 thought: my sin, not in part, but the whole — is
 sight, the clouds, be rolled back as a scroll, the

8

ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is
 Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and has
 nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, praise the
 trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall descend, "E - ven

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well, it is well with my soul.”
 shed His own blood for my soul.
 Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well with my
 so” — it is well with my soul. It is well

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soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 with my soul;

Celebrating Grace Hymnal 573
 WORDS: Horatio G. Spafford, 1876
 MUSIC (VILLE DU HAVRE 11.8.11.9 with refrain): Philip P. Bliss, 1876

◆ **Benediction**

Rev. Efirid

◆ **Postlude**

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Victor Labenske

*The flowers were given today by Jay and Doris Martin in honor of their 70th Wedding Anniversary.
 Congratulations to the Martins for reaching this special milestone!*

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Focus on Community

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
Frances Parker
(Felice Parent's mother)

Sara McMillan Perkinson
*(Leon and Sue Perkinson's
daughter-in-law)*
Miriam Rodriguez
(Roz Slawson's sister)
Fred Seeger
Alison Zieglmeier

Our partner church,
Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba

Prayer Concerns

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.

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!

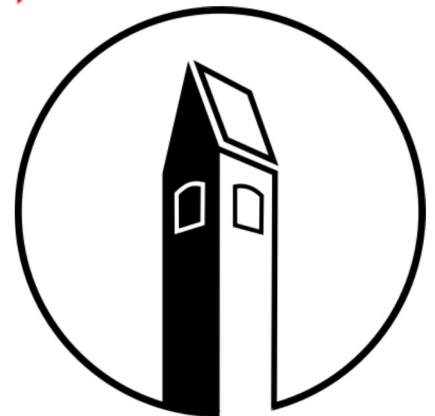
The Get Out The Vote campaign, as with all ONE Wake activity, is non-partisan and not affiliated with or supportive of any individual candidate or party.



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
PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH, CARY
PULLEN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
RALEIGH MENNONITE
SOUTEAST 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

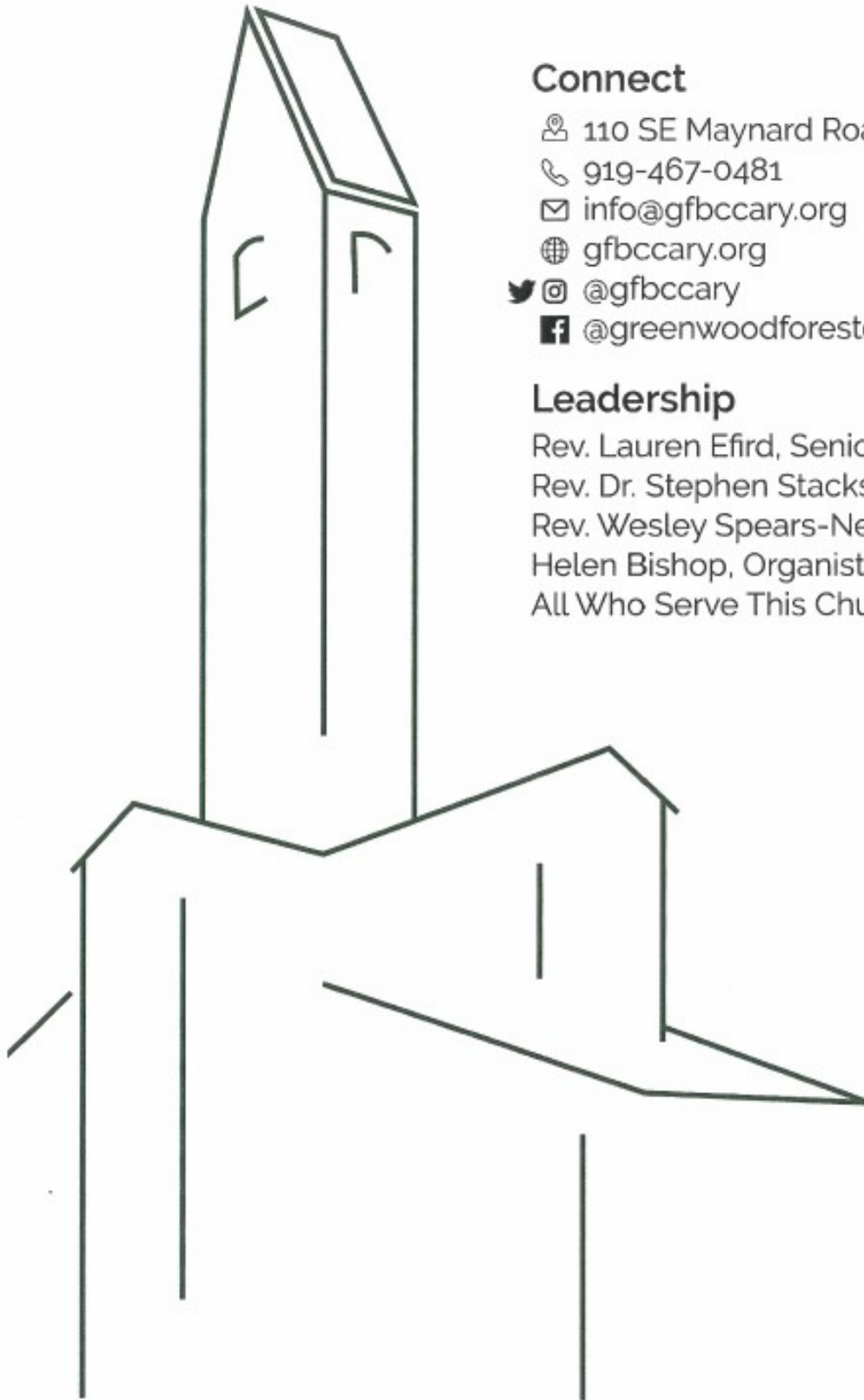
- If weekly, what day of the week: _____ (If on a holiday, debit occurs day before)
- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: _____

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: _____



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Leadership

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Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church
