



Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church





GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH

Stewardship Sunday | Livestreamed Service

October 4, 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)

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2. All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to- geth- er; Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You who yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We who once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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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 25:1-10)

Luke Perrin

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in you I trust;

Leader: Do not let me be put to shame;

People: Do not let my enemies exult over me.

Leader: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

People: Let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

People: Teach me your paths.

Leader: Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

People: For you are the God of my salvation; I wait for you.

Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD,

People: And of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Leader: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

People: According to your steadfast love remember me, O LORD!

Leader: Good and upright is the LORD;

People: Therefore God instructs sinners in the way.

Leader: God leads the humble in what is right,

People: And teaches the humble in the way.

Leader: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

People: For those who keep God's covenant and decrees.

Invocation

Luke Perrin

1. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; what have I to ask be - side?
 2. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; cheers each wind - ing path I tread,

Can I doubt His ten - der mer - cy, who through life has been my guide?
 gives me grace for ev - ery tri - al, feeds me with the liv - ing bread;

Heaven - ly peace, di - vin - est com - fort, here by faith in Him to dwell!
 though my wea - ry steps may fal - ter, and my soul a - thirst may be,

For I know what - e'er be - fall me, Je - sus do - eth all things well;
 gush - ing from the Rock be - fore me, lo! a spring of joy I see;

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◆ **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 16:2-15

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

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

Better Than Life

Andrew Ehrenzeller

Every night, every day
I'll never cease giving you praise.
Your love is better than life.
I have found in your presence
The world is right and it all makes sense.

Your love is better than life.

*So I'll bless you as long as I have breath.
I will praise you with everything I have to give.
I hunger for heaven, oh I, I thirst for your presence.
My soul is satisfied.*

Hiding out in your shadow,
When it moves I will follow.
This love is better than life.
Even in the valley of the driest bones
You say the word, make them rattle and roll.
Your love brings us back to life.

I'll hold on when you call my name.
Just a whisper sings it loud.
I know that I will never be the same
Since you've come around.

Sermon

Bread of Heaven

Rev. Efird

◆ **Hymn (vv. 1, 2 & 5)**

(see next page)

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

◆ **Benediction**

Rev. Efird

◆ **Postlude**

Holy Manna

arr. John Ferguson

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Unison

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin-est wheat;

come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

Fine

1. As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to You our praise and grat - i - tude,
3. Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
4. The mys-tery of Your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
5. You give Your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

D.C.

so when You call Your fam-ily, Lord, we fol - low and re-joyce.
 that You should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heav-en-ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one-ness in the Lord?
 the One the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in Your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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
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

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
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 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

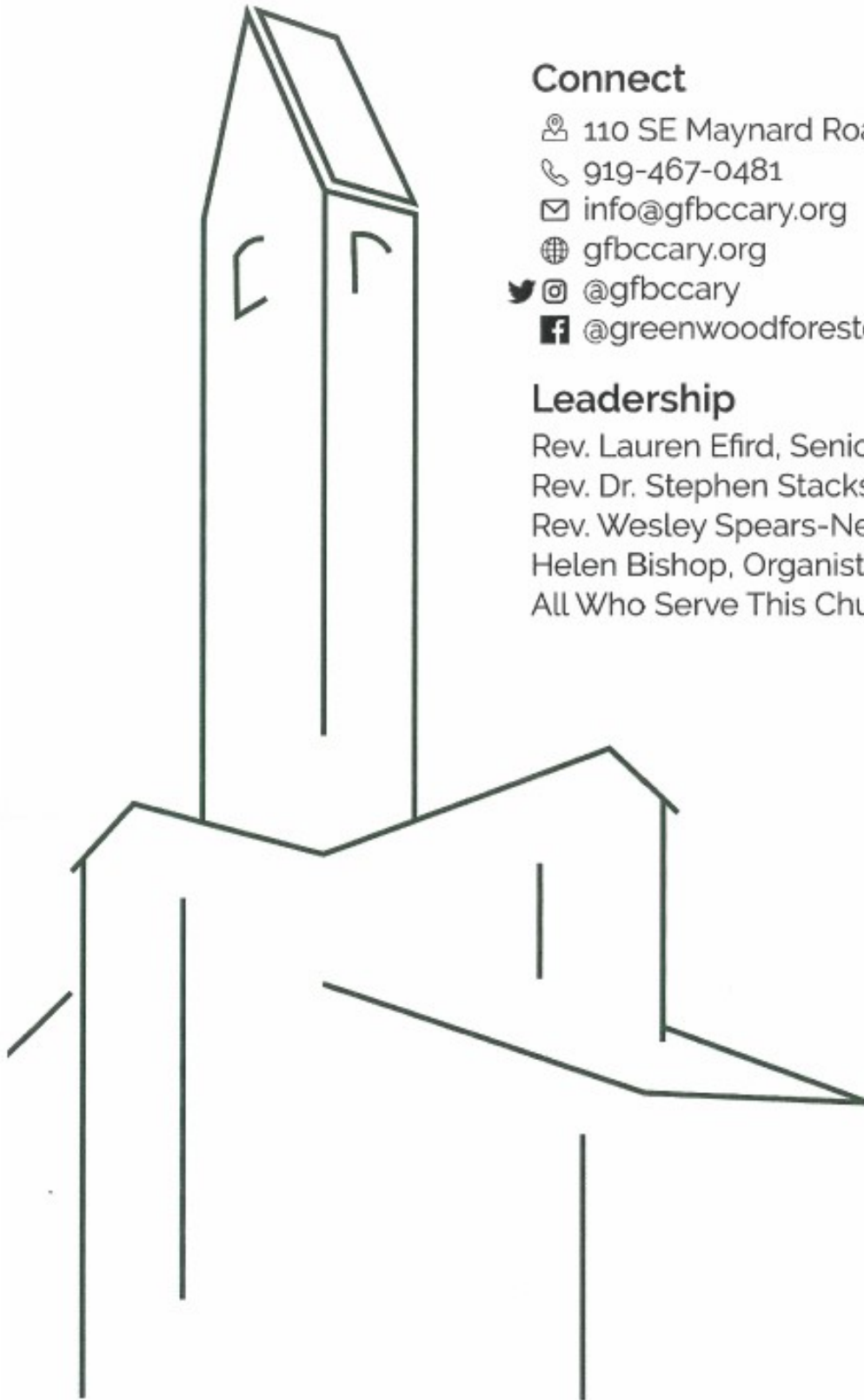
- If weekly, what day of the week: _____ (If on a holiday, debit occurs day before)
- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: _____

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. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church
