



**Greenwood Forest**  
Baptist Church





## **GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Livestreamed Service

October 11, 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](http://gfbccary.org) to learn more.

Welcome to worship!

**an inclusive  
community  
of faith**

Chiming of the Hour

◆ Gathering Hymn

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

Unison

1. Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the still - ness of God's  
 2. In the pas - tures of God's good - ness we lie down to rest our  
 3. Come, then, chil - dren, with your bur - dens — life's con - fu - sions, fears, and

peace; from our vain am - bi-tion's wor - ry, come to Christ to find re -  
 soul. From the wa - ters of God's mer - cy we drink deep - ly, are made  
 pain. Leave them at the cross of Je - sus; take in - stead His king-dom's

lease. Come a - way from noise and clam - or, life's de-mands and fren-zied  
 whole. At the ta - ble of God's pres - ence all the saints are rich - ly  
 reign. Bring your thirsts, for He will quench them — He a - lone will sat - is -

pace; come to join the peo-ple gath-ered here to seek and find God's grace.  
 fed. With the oil of God's a-noint-ing in - to ser-vice we are led.  
 fy. All our long - ings find at - tain-ment when to self we glad - ly die.

## 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

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God!

**People: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork!**

Leader: Day to day pours forth speech,

**People: And night to night declares knowledge.**

Leader: They do not speak or use words.

**People: Their voice is not heard, yet it goes throughout the earth.**

Leader: In the heavens, God has set a tent for the sun.

**People: It comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,**

Leader: And like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

**People: Its rising is from the end of the heavens.**

Leader: Nothing is hid from its heat.

**People: Praise the Lord!**

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

**People: The decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;**

Leader: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

**People: The commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;

**People: The ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**

Leader: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

**People: Sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Leader: Moreover by them is your servant warned;

**People: In keeping them there is great reward.**

Leader: But who can detect their errors?

**People: Clear me from hidden faults.**

Leader: Keep back your servant also from the insolent;

**People: Do not let them have dominion over me.**

Leader: Then I shall be blameless,

**People: And innocent of great transgression.**

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

**People: Be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

## Invocation

Rev. Spears-Newsome

◆ Hymn

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

D G A D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the

Bm E Asus A D G

wil - der - ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,

A D Bm

spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id - ness,

G A D G D Fine

wind, wind on the sea.

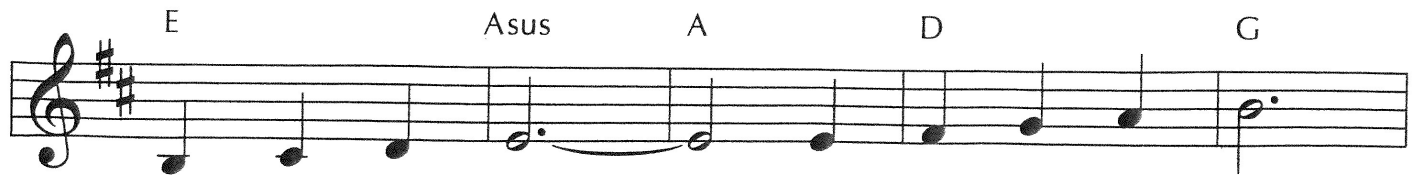
D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the  
 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the  
 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a  
 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient

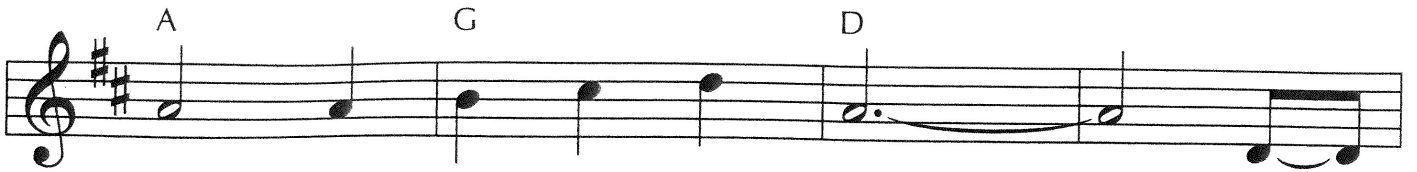
D Bm

deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

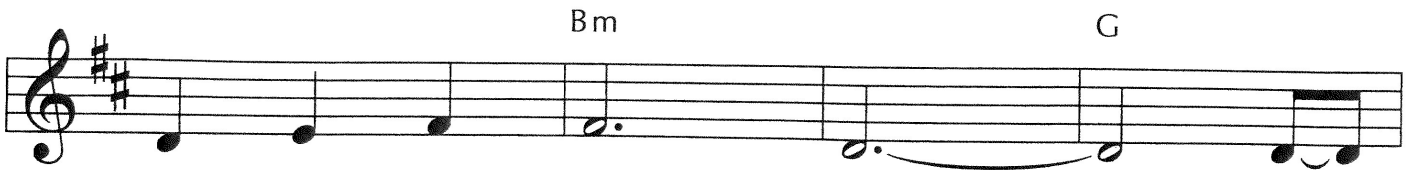
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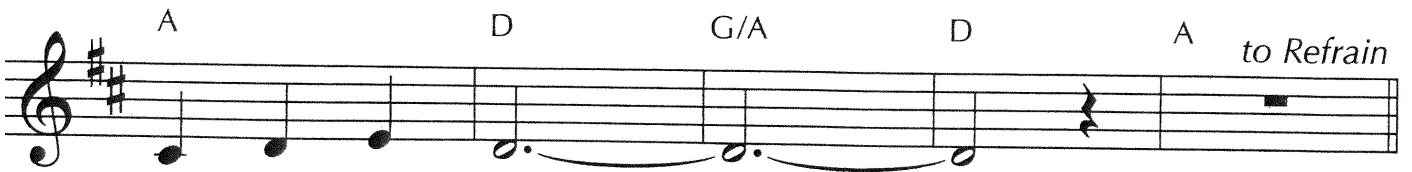
val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -  
law and a land. When they were con - found -  
whole world was still. And down in the cit -  
cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -



ons you called to each thing, "A -  
ed with i - dols and lies, then you  
y, you called once a - gain when you  
sions; our men clear their eyes. With



wake from your slum - bers and  
spoke through your proph - ets to  
blew through your peo - ple on the  
bold new de - ci - sions your



rise on your wings."  
o - pen their eyes.  
rush of the wind.  
peo - ple a - rise.

### Offertory Prayer

#### ◆ 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**

Luke Perrin

*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 20:1-20

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**

Lead Me, Lord

S. S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord.  
Lead me in thy righteousness.  
Make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou and thou only  
Who makest me dwell in safety.

**Sermon**

Community Rules

Rev. Efird

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;  
 2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's Light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on My breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."  
 look un - to Me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, wea - ry, and worn, and sad;  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;

I found in Him a rest - ing - place, and He has made me glad.  
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in Him.  
 and in that Light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.



◆ **Benediction**

Rev. Efirid

◆ **Postlude**

Send the Light

arr. Mary McDonald

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***Focus on Community***

**Prayer Concerns**

Jim Allen

Nell Allen

Audrey Baldwin

*(Sandy Duncan's mother)*

Peter Barboriak

*(Valerie Brooks' friend)*

Gilles Bikindou

Kitty Blanton

Ashley, Keith, and Valerie

Brooks

Marjorie Floyd

James Mark Frazier

*(Sue Hughes' brother)*

Joe Malone

*(Virgil and Gail Jones' friend)*

Janet Merriman

*(Roz Slawson's friend)*

Sylvia Morgan

Randy Palmer

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

Alexander Soyars

Alison Zieglmeier

Our partner church,

Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba



## *Announcements and Updates*

### **Town Hall Conversation and Business Meeting | October 25**

Join us for a Town Hall conversation via Zoom at 6pm on Sunday, October 25. At the Town Hall, we will explore how repurposing our property can help us embrace our church's vision for the future. A small group of congregants has been researching this topic and will present their findings as well as guide us through this conversation. After the Town Hall, we will move into a Business Meeting, where we will vote on next steps to aid us in a discernment process. We will also conduct a few normal business items.

### **Save the Date: Drive-By Reception for Sandy Duncan | November 8**

Sandy Duncan, is retiring as the director from Greenwood Forest Children's Center. She has been beloved by the GFCC community for 34 years, the last 18.5 years as director. Sandy's commitment to the GFCC has made it what it is, and so many are grateful for her long and dedicated career. She has established a wonderful reputation for GFCC and placed it on firm ground for our future. Both Greenwood Forest Baptist Church and Greenwood Forest Children's Center want to make sure there is an opportunity to extend congratulations to Sandy and thank her for her service. Please plan to join us for a Drive-By Reception on Sunday, November 8 from 2-4pm.

### **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.

### **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.



YOU CAN MAKE YOUR BUDGET YEAR PLEDGE AT  
[gfbccary.org/commit](http://gfbccary.org/commit)

FOR WE ARE GOD'S SERVANTS, WORKING  
**TOGETHER**  
YOU ARE GOD'S FIELD, GOD'S BUILDING  
1 CORINTHIANS 3:9

### September Finance Update

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Congregational General Fund Giving    | \$48,033   |
| Congregational Giving Target          | \$53,624   |
| Outside Receipts to General Fund      | \$114      |
| General Fund Disbursements            | \$60,134   |
| Over/Under Giving Target              | \$(5,477)  |
| Over/Under Receipts vs. Disbursements | \$(11,987) |

*We want to see you there!*



Public Launch on Oct. 13 @ 7pm  
Register for Zoom Event at  
[onewake.org/launch](http://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](http://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*





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- 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

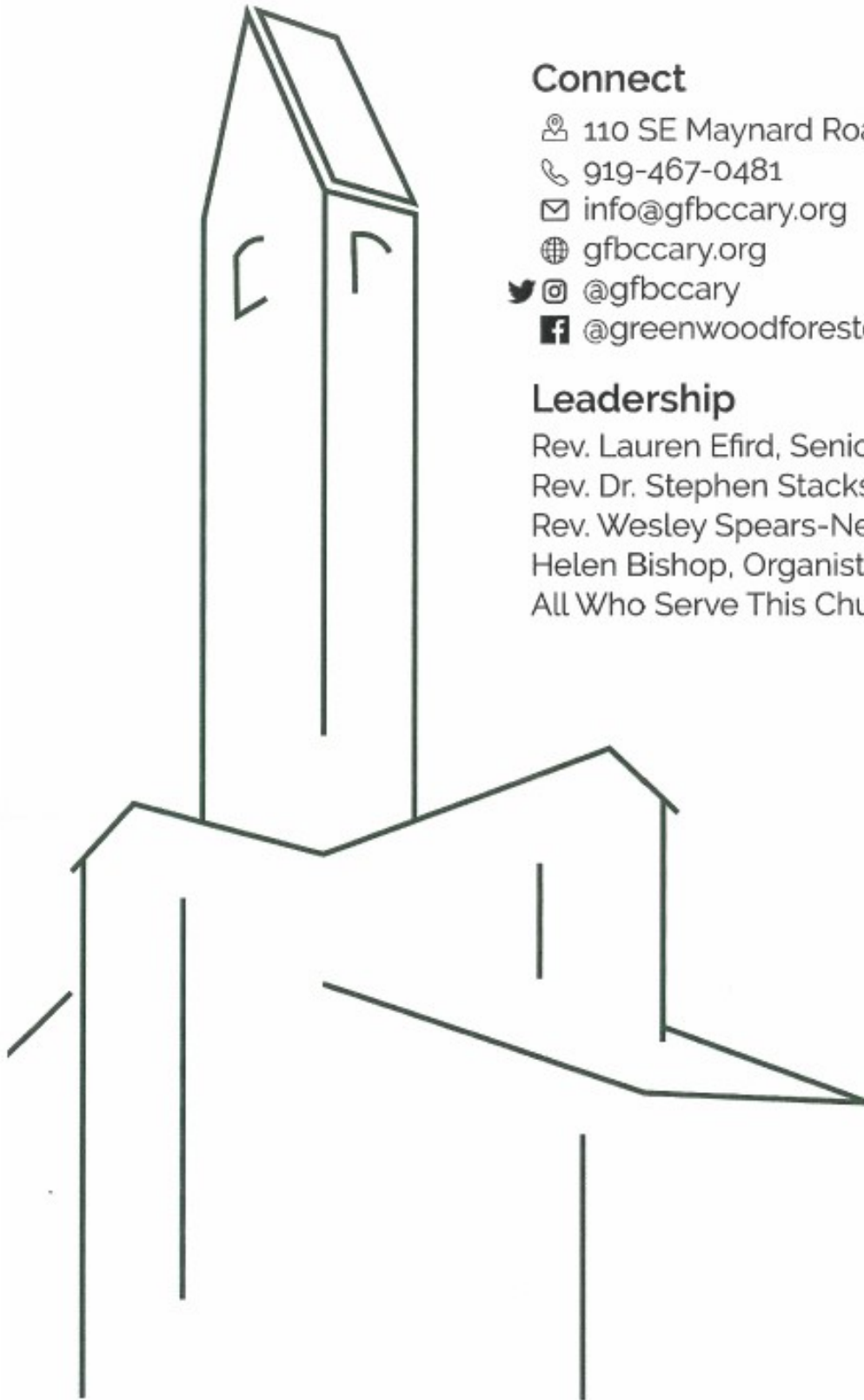
- If weekly, what day of the week: \_\_\_\_\_ (If on a holiday, debit occurs day before)
- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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