



Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church





GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost | Worship on the Lawn
October 25, 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!



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FOR WE ARE GOD'S SERVANTS, WORKING
TOGETHER

YOU ARE GOD'S FIELD, GOD'S BUILDING

1 CORINTHIANS 3:9

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 90:1-6, 13-17)

Luke Perrin

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place

People: In all generations.

Leader: Before the mountains were brought forth,

People: Or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

Leader: From everlasting to everlasting

People: You are God.

Leader: You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

**People: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.**

Leader: You sweep them away; they are like a dream,

People: Like grass that is renewed in the morning;

Leader: In the morning it flourishes and is renewed;

People: In the evening it fades and withers.

Leader: Turn, O LORD! How long?

People: Have compassion on your servants!

Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

People: So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Leader: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,

People: And as many years as we have seen evil.

Leader: Let your work be manifest to your servants,

People: And your glorious power to their children.

Leader: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands;

People: O prosper the work of our hands!

Invocation

Luke Perrin

1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God, my Fa - ther, there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
 morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed, Thy
 hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

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.

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

The Promised Land

arr. M Durham

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.
I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land,
Oh who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

Oh the transporting rapt'rous scene
That rises to my sight!
Sweet fields arrayed in living green
And rivers of delight!
I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land,
Oh who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

Filled with delight, my raptured soul
Would here no longer stay!
Though Jordan's waves around me roll,
Fearless I'd launch away.
I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land,
Oh who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

Sermon

Looking from the Mountaintop

Rev. Efird

Unison

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom and Thou my true word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise,
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and Thou my high tower,
 Thou and Thou on - ly first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 raise Thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

◆ Postlude

Today's hymns come from *Celebrating Grace* (Celebrating Grace Inc.). Copyrighted music use is covered by CCLI License #1243530 and OneLicense #A-721397.

Focus on Community

Prayer Concerns

Jim Allen
 Nell Allen
 Audrey Baldwin
(Sandy Duncan's mother)
 Peter Barboriak
(Valerie Brooks' friend)
 Gilles Bikindou
 Kitty Blanton
 Marjorie Floyd
 James Mark Frazier
(Sue Hughes' brother)

Joe Malone
(Virgil and Gail Jones' friend)
 Jon McGee
(Valerie Brooks' 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
 Stephen Stacks
(at the death of his grandmother)
 Alison Zieglmeier

 Our partner church,
 Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba

Announcements and Updates



TONIGHT: Town Hall & Business Meeting

Join us for a Town Hall conversation via Zoom at 6pm on this Sunday, October 25. At the Town Hall, we will explore how repurposing our property could 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.

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. A card box will be available for you to extend your retirement well wishes to Sandy during the Drive-by Reception.

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. Youth meet for Alpha & Omega every Sunday afternoon. Contact your Faith Formation leadership for more details.

October and November Employment Anniversaries

On behalf of the GFBC family, the Personnel Ministry celebrates the employment anniversaries of Rev. Lauren Efird, Senior Pastor and Helen Bishop, Organist.



GFBC called **Rev. Lauren Efird** into our Youth Ministry on October 2, 2011, and then, on October 23, 2016, installed her as our Senior Pastor. In all of these years, we have witnessed her devotion and sacrifice as she cared for us, prayed over us, welcomed the births of our children, celebrated graduations, blessed our marriages, and mourned with us in times of sadness and loss. Lauren, we are grateful for your ministry and the support your family gives to you as you serve our church. We are eager to continue our journey with you as our Pastor as we rise to our own callings to Christlike service.



Helen Bishop became our Organist on November 1, 1999 and has filled our church with musical excellence for twenty-one years. Our worship would not be complete without her musical blessings and inspirations. We acknowledge the untold hours of devotion that she provides to prepare our choirs and musicians for their worship offerings. Helen, we thank you for sharing your many musical gifts to inspire us to move our feet, clap our hands, and add our voices in praise each Sunday.

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

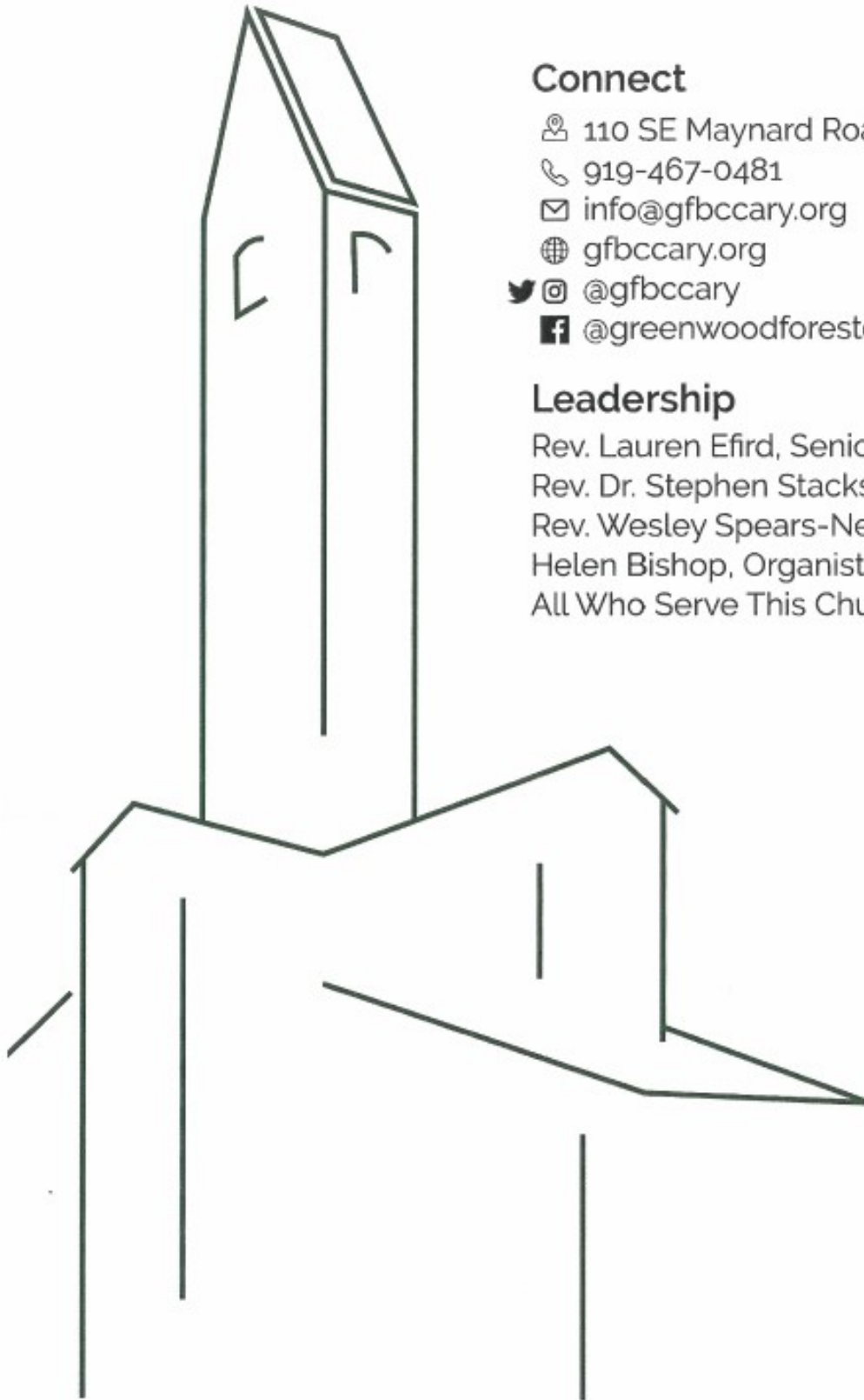
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- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: _____

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
