



**Greenwood Forest**  
Baptist Church





## **GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH**

All Saints Sunday | Livestreamed Service

November 1, 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

For All the Saints

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
 2. Thou wast their Rock, their For-tress, and their Might;  
 3. O blest com-mun-ion, fel-low-ship di-vine!  
 4. And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long,  
 5. From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast,

who Thee by faith be-fore the world con-fessed,  
 Thou, Lord, their Cap-tain in the well-fought fight;  
 We fee-bly strug-gle, they in glo-ry shine,  
 steals on the ear the dis-tant tri-umph song,  
 through gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,

Thy name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.  
 Thou in the dark-ness drear their one true light.  
 yet all are one in Thee, for all are thine. Al-  
 and hearts are brave a-gain, and arms are strong.  
 sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost:

le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

## Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efird

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

## ◆ Passing of the Peace

### Call to Worship (Psalm 34:1-10, 22)

Luke Perrin

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times;

**People: God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

**People: Let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: O magnify the LORD with me,

**People: And let us exalt God's name together.**

Leader: I sought the LORD, and the Lord answered me,

**People: And delivered me from all my fears.**

Leader: Look to God, and be radiant;

**People: So your faces shall never be ashamed.**

Leader: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,

**People: And was saved from every trouble.**

Leader: O taste and see that the LORD is good;

**People: Happy are those who take refuge in God.**

Leader: O fear the LORD, you holy ones,

**People: For those who fear God have no want.**

Leader: The young lions suffer want and hunger,

**People: But those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

Leader: The LORD redeems the life of God's servants;

**People: None of those who take refuge in God will be condemned.**

## Invocation

Luke Perrin

## Caregiver Commissioning



◆ Hymn

You Know My Name

Tasha Cobbs Leonard



1. You know my name, \_\_\_\_\_ you know my name, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. You know my name, \_\_\_\_\_ you know my name, \_\_\_\_\_



you know my name, \_\_\_\_\_ you know my name, \_\_\_\_\_  
 you know my name, \_\_\_\_\_ you know my name, \_\_\_\_\_



Oh how you walk with me, \_\_\_\_\_ Oh how you talk with me, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Oh how you com-fort me, \_\_\_\_\_ Oh how you coun-sel me, \_\_\_\_\_



Oh how you tell me, \_\_\_\_\_ that I am your own, \_\_\_\_\_  
 It still a-maz-es me, \_\_\_\_\_ that I am your friend, \_\_\_\_\_



So now, \_\_\_\_\_ I pour out \_\_\_\_\_ my heart to you, \_\_\_\_\_



Here in \_\_\_\_\_ your pre-sence \_\_\_\_\_ I am made new, \_\_\_\_\_

Offertory Prayer

Anthony Warren

◆ 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**

Revelation 7:9-17

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.**

**Remembrance of the Saints**

For All the Saints Who've Shown Your Love

John Bell

For all the saints who've shown your love  
In how they live and where they move,  
For mindful women, caring men,  
Accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name,  
Whose faith increased the Savior's fame,  
Who sang your songs and shared your word,  
Accept our gratitude, good Lord.

For all the saints who named your will,  
And showed the kingdom coming still  
Through selfless protest, prayer and praise,  
Accept the gratitude we raise.

Bless all whose will or name or love  
Reflects the grace of heav'n above.  
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,  
Your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

Sermon

A Great Cloud of Witnesses

Rev. Efirid

◆ Hymn

In Unity We Lift Our Song

1. In u - ni - ty we lift our song of grate - ful a - dor -  
2. For sto - ries told and told a - gain to ev - ery gen - er -  
3. For sa - cred scrip - tures hand - ed down, a bless - ed trust and  
4. For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the

a - tion, for broth - ers brave and sis - ters strong. What  
a - tion, to give us strength in times of pain, to  
treasure, which give us hope when hope is gone and  
Giv - er. Our strength, our guide, our nur - turing breast whose

cause for cel - e - bra - tion. For those whose faith - ful - ness  
give us con - so - la - tion. Our spir - its to re - vive  
make us weep with plea - sure. And when our eyes grow blind  
hand will yet de - liv - er. Who keeps us till the day

has kept us through dis - tress, who've shared with us our plight,  
 to keep our dreams a - live, when we are far from home  
 and death is close be - hind, we shall re - cite them still  
 when night shall pass a - way, when hate and fear are gone

who've held us in the night, the bless - ed con - gre - ga - tion.  
 and e - vil sea - sons come; how firm is our foun - da - tion.  
 whose words our hearts can fill with hope be - yond all mea - sure.  
 and all our work is done, and we shall sing for - ev - er.

◆ **Benediction**

Rev. Efirid

◆ **Postlude**

Postlude on "Old Hundreth"

Fred Bock

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*Our hymn leader for today is Blair Biser.*

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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

Marjorie Floyd

James Mark Frazier

*(Sue Hughes' brother)*

Joe Malone

*(Virgil & 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 & Sue Perkinson's  
daughter-in-law)*

Miriam Rodriguez

*(Roz Slawson's sister)*

Fred Seeger

*(at the death of his brother-  
in-law)*

Elizabeth Stacks

*(at the death of her  
grandfather)*

Alison Zieglmeier

Our partner church,

Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba

## ***Announcements and Updates***

### **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.



### **Outdoor Movie Night**

We will be hosting an Outdoor Movie Night on November 6 at 6pm. This all-ages event will be a screening of Pixar's *Coco*.

Attendees need to bring their own seating, but snacks will be provided. Social distancing and mask-wearing are still required. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **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.

A graphic featuring several hands of different colors (blue, purple, orange, yellow) holding each other in a supportive grip. The background is a mix of blue and purple geometric shapes.

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[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



# All Saints Sunday

*This week, we remember the members of our community who have died since last All Saints.*

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Rev. Dr. Luther Brewer (July 5, 1933 – November 28, 2019)

Marion Chase (September 28, 1924 – February 15, 2020)

Ann Corwin (January 9, 1934 – March 23, 2020)

Mildred McCray (April 3, 1932 – April 26, 2020)

Shirlene Smith (July 17, 1936 – November 10, 2019)

David Thomas (May 19, 1924 – August 18, 2020)

Iris Thomas (January 28, 1927 – June 4, 2020)

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*Let not your hearts be troubled ... I go to prepare a place for you.*

## **ONE Wake: Promoting Community Benefits with the Raleigh Planning Commission**

Church members involved with ONE Wake at Greenwood Forest have been sending emails to the Raleigh Planning Commission this week regarding the Downtown South development happening down I-40 from Cary. The proposed development has fast-tracked community engagement and engaged less than 200 Raleigh residents. By contrast, ONE Wake, with far fewer resources conducted listening sessions that engaged thousands of people across Raleigh and Wake County in a short time frame in 2019 regarding similar issues. Letters asked the Raleigh Planning Commission to only approve the Downtown South project zoning requests if:

1. Stormwater protections and standards were implemented that accounted for environmental justice concerns. ONE Wake worked with Partners for Environmental Justice to develop standards, which can be read here: [onewake.org/downtown\\_south](http://onewake.org/downtown_south)
2. Low-impact development and green infrastructure be included in any present or future site plans at Downtown South.
3. A community benefits agreement or other legally binding agreement must be signed in order to protect the interests of current Southeast Raleigh residents. ONE Wake has offered to negotiate this agreement.

Letters went to the Raleigh Planning Commission for meetings that took place on both Friday, October 23 and Thursday, October 29. The volume of feedback led Commissioner Nicole Bennett to remark, "I don't know how we look to see if something is reasonable and in the public interest if we don't consider the public. We saw [in Kane Realty's presentation today] lots of pretty maps...on not one of those maps did I see the name of a community. I didn't see Biltmore Hills, I didn't see Rochester Heights, I didn't see Caraleigh." The development is still in process of consideration.

If you would like to take part in future ONE Wake actions, you can sign up for alerts at [onewake.org/research\\_action\\_team\\_signup](http://onewake.org/research_action_team_signup).

## **Opportunity for Feedback: Town of Cary Transportation**

Plans for Cary's future include a significant investment in transportation. Cary is currently seeking feedback on plans for a "Multi-Modal Center," or MMC. An MMC includes a transportation hub (buses, regional and commuter rail, cycling, ride-share, and rapid transit), community space for gatherings, and commercial and/or residential space. You can learn more about the project and give feedback at [publicinput.com/downtownMMC](http://publicinput.com/downtownMMC). It's important to emphasize your Christian values in public feedback for the common good! Be sure to communicate how important it is that such a center benefits low-wage neighbors and those without access to transportation, for example.

# 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

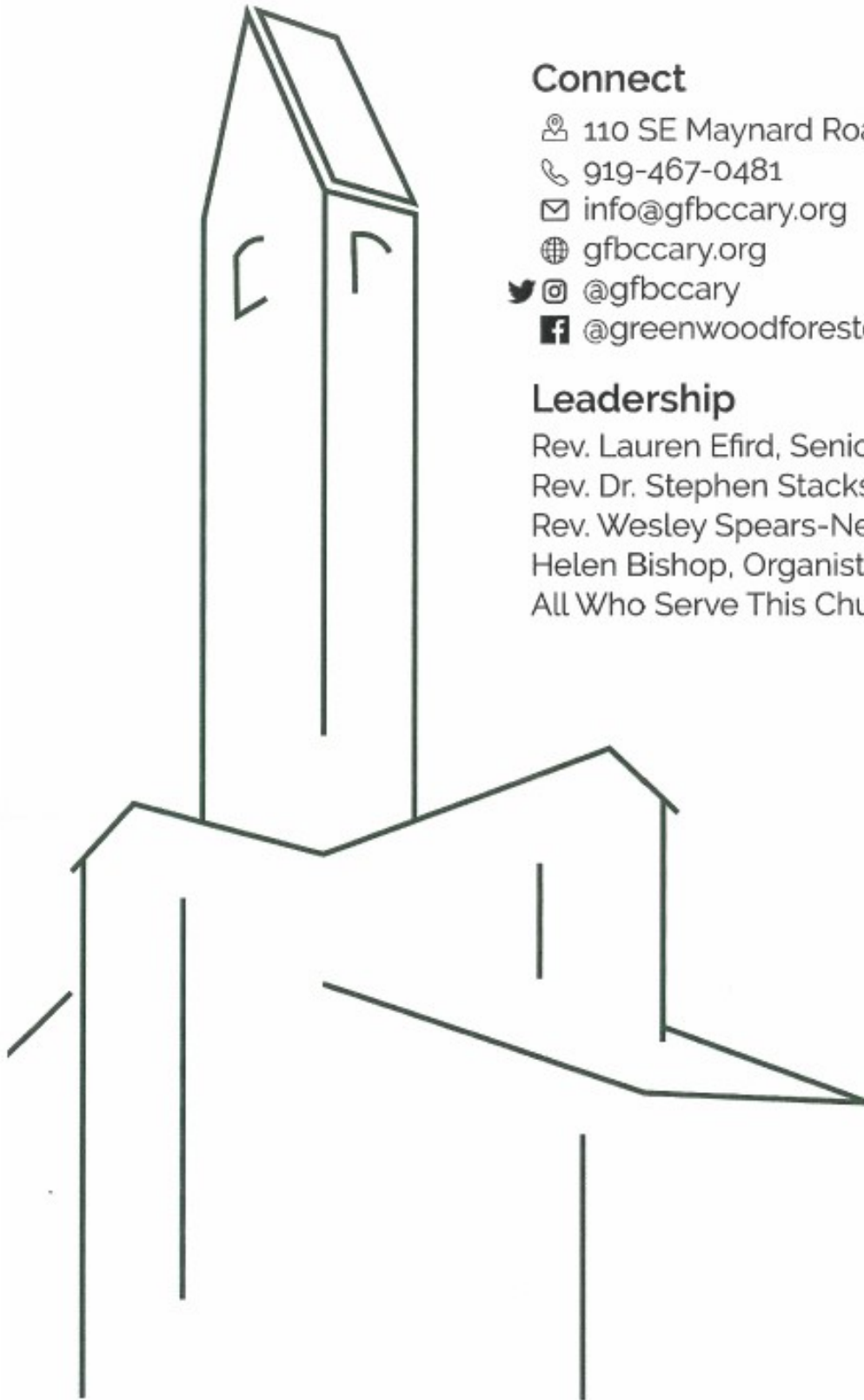
- If weekly, what day of the week: \_\_\_\_\_ (If on a holiday, debit occurs day before)
- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Each Debit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Stewardship Giving Portion: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Designated Giving to : \_\_\_\_\_ Portion: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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**Please attach a voided check to this document.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church

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