



Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church





GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH

Lay Leadership Sunday | Livestreamed Service

November 15, 2020

Welcome to Greenwood Forest!

We are so glad you've chosen to join us this week. Greenwood Forest 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**

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome to Worship

Jennifer Whaley

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

◆ **Passing of the Peace**

Call to Worship (Psalm 123)

Catherine and Sean Glasgow

Leader: To you I lift up my eyes,

People: O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

Leader: As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,

People: As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

Leader: So our eyes look to you our God,

People: Until you have mercy upon us.

Leader: Have mercy upon us, O LORD,

People: For we have had more than enough of contempt.

Leader: Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease,

People: More than its fill of the contempt of the proud.

Invocation

Catherine and Sean Glasgow



Unison

1. Stir Your church, O God, our Fa - ther, move through-out its
 2. Make Your church a liv - ing wit - ness to the pow - er
 3. Give to us a so - cial con - science which en - a - bles
 4. Chal - lenge us, O God, our Fa - ther, to the tasks which

life to - day; cul - ti - vate a sense of mis - sion
 of its Lord; send us to the world a - round us
 us to see that all folk are Your cre - a - tion
 must be done for Your church to find ful - fill - ment

in our hearts and minds, we pray. Help us to re -
 with Your Spir - it and Your Word: to the in - ner
 and that they have dig - ni - ty. Let us feel, with
 in the way taught by Your Son. With a - ware - ness

new com-mit-ment to a way of min - is - try which in - ter - prets
cit - y tur-moil, to af - flu - ent sub - urbs, too — to all those who
real com-pas-sion, needs of bod - y, mind, and soul; for these needs may
of our pur-pose, with com-mit-ment to Your call, may we help pre -

for our cul - ture how Your truth can make us free.
need Your mes - sage send us forth to tell of You.
we pro - vide them min - is - try which makes them whole.
pare the time when Christ will reign as Lord of all.

Offertory Prayer

Al Whitehouse

◆ 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

Andy Jarrell

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

Matthew 25:14-30

Roz Slawson

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.

Reflection

Steve Denning

Anthem

Christ is the World's Light

David Scwoebel

Christ is the world's Light, Christ and none other,
Born in our darkness he became our brother,
If we have seen him we have seen the Father,
Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other,
No one can serve him and despise another,
Who else unites us one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other,
Sold once for silver murdered here our brother,
He who redeems us reigns with God the Father,
Glory to God on high!

Give God the glory, God and none other,
Give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father,
Give God the glory, God in us our brother,
Glory to God on high!

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Ellie Beal

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.

Reflection

Gerry Ritter

◆ Hymn

Soon and Very Soon

(see next page)

◆ Benediction

Madeline Walden

◆ Postlude

His Eye is on the Sparrow

arr. Martha Mier

*Blair Biser was our hymn leader.
Our prelude was played by Teri Edwards.
Our postlude was by Sally Shaver.*

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1. Soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King;
 2. No more dy - ing there, we are going to see the King;
 3. No more cry - ing there, we are going to see the King;

Hal-le - lu - jah!

soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King;
 no more dy - ing there, we are going to see the King;
 no more cry - ing there, we are going to see the King;

Hal-le - lu - jah!

soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King.
 no more dy - ing there, we are going to see the King.
 no more cry - ing there, we are going to see the King.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King.
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King.
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King.

Focus on Community

Prayer Concerns

Jim Allen	Joe Malone	Sara McMillan Perkinson
Nell Allen	(Virgil & Gail Jones' friend)	(Leon & Sue Perkinson's daughter-in-law)
Audrey Baldwin	James Marlowe	Miriam Rodriguez
(Sandy Duncan's mother)	Janet Merriman	(Roz Slawson's sister)
Peter Barboriak	(Roz Slawson's friend)	Fred Seeger
(Valerie Brooks' friend)	Sylvia Morgan	Kathi Smith
Gilles Bikindou	Frances Parker	Dick Suddarth
Kitty Blanton	(Felice Parent's mother)	Alison Zieglmeier
Marjorie Floyd	Dorothy McDermott	
James Mark Frazier	(MaryBeth McDermott's mother)	Our partner church, Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba
(Sue Hughes' brother)		

Announcements and Updates

Ministry Monday

We will have Ministry Monday on **November 16 at 6pm** to discuss the various ministries of the church. Committees will meet together via Zoom, and we will have large group sessions to hear big picture updates. See the schedule below for meeting times. A Zoom link will be sent via email.

Meeting Schedule	Team A	Team B
6pm Team A Large Group	Children	Discipleship
6:15pm Team A Committees	Congregational Care	Personnel
7:15pm Social Time for Teams A and B	Finance	Properties
	Missions	Youth
7:30pm Team B Large Group	Outreach	
7:45 pm Team B Committees	Worship	

Town Hall and Business Meeting Recording | From October 25

If you were unable to attend the Town Hall and Business Meeting held on October 25, we now have a webpage where we will be collecting essential resources on property repurposing. Here you can find the recording of the meeting, the slideshow from the presentation, examples of other churches that have successfully repurposed part of their property, and the members of the discernment committee. The page can be easily accessed at www.gfbccary.org/repurposing.

Faith Formation via Zoom

As we continue to practice social distancing, many of 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.

“Souper” Love Feast

**November 22 @ 6pm
Virtual Event**

Join us as we
construct Advent
Wreaths together in
anticipation of the
coming holidays!



Finance Update

Below are finance updates from the end of the 2019-2020 budget year as well as October 2020. Our ongoing practice will be to include the previous month's financial information in the bulletin as soon as it becomes available.

2019-2020 Fiscal Year	Final Totals	
Congregational Giving	\$696,046	
Congregational Giving Target	\$804,000	
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$107,954)	
Other Receipts	\$143,082	
Total Giving and Receipts	\$839,129	
Total Disbursements	\$834,745	
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	\$4,384	
Together We Build Giving	\$301,488	

Previous Month	October 2020	Year-to-Date
Congregational Giving	\$49,387	\$97,420
Congregational Giving Target	\$53,624	\$107,248
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$4,237)	(\$9,828)
Other Receipts	\$1,218	\$1,332
Total Giving and Receipts	\$50,605	\$98,752
Total Disbursements	\$68,968	\$129,102
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	(\$18,363)	(\$30,350)
Together We Build Giving	\$2,566	\$15,366

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

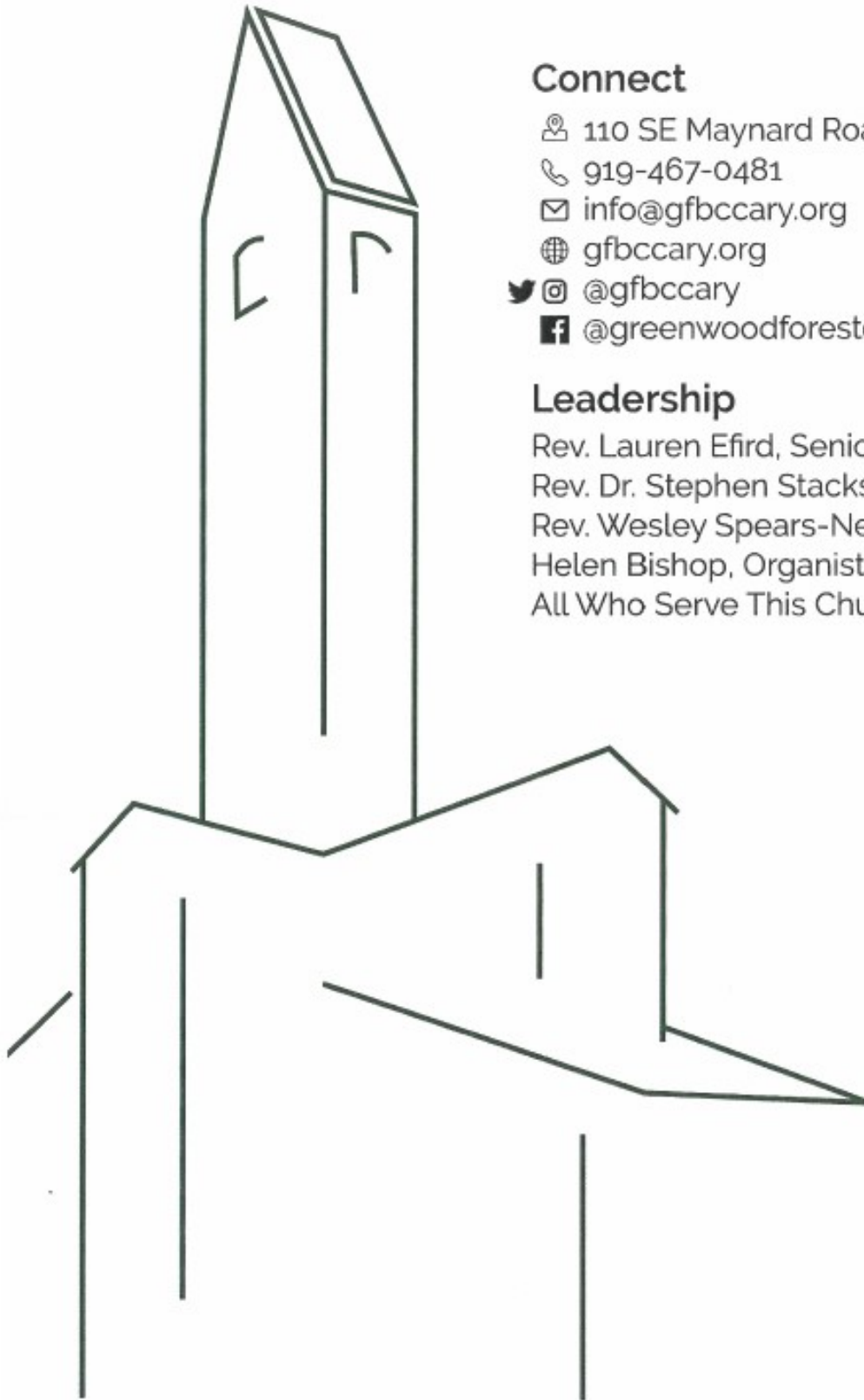
- If weekly, what day of the week: _____ (If on a holiday, debit occurs day before)
- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: _____

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

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
