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Baptist Church





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Welcome to Greenwood Forest!

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



# Order of Worship

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**Prelude** Built on a Rock arr. Wilbur Held

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Gathering Hymn (vv. 1 and 3)** Will You Come and Follow Me  
(see page 3)

**Welcome to Worship** Rev. Lauren Efrid

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Call to Worship (Psalm 62:5-12)** Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence,

**People: For my hope is from God.**

Leader: God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;

**People: I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: On God rests my deliverance and my honor;

**People: My mighty rock, my refuge is in God.**

Leader: Trust in God at all times, O people;

**People: Pour out your heart before God our refuge.**

Leader: Those of low estate are but a breath,

**People: Those of high estate are a delusion;**

Leader: In the balances they go up;

**People: They are together lighter than a breath.**

Leader: Put no confidence in extortion,

**People: And set no vain hopes on robbery;**

Leader: If riches increase,

**People: Do not set your heart on them.**

Leader: Power and steadfast love belong to God,

**People: For God repays to all according to their work.**

**Invocation** Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

# Will You Come and Follow Me

Unison

1. Will you come and fol - low Me if I but call your name?  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when You but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low You and nev - er be the same.

Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known,  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
 In Your com - pa - ny I'll go where Your love and foot - steps show.

will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?  
 Will you let Me an - swer prayer in you and you in Me?  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
 through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

**Hymn**

Dear Lord, Creator Good and Kind

*(see page 5)*

**Offertory Prayer**

Rick Chappell

**Presentation of the Offering**

GLORIA PATRI

*As our offering is presented back to God, we will sing the following doxology:*

Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, 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**

Jonah 2:10-3:10


Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

*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.**


# Dear Lord, Creator Good and Kind



1 \*Dear Lord, Cre - a - tor good and kind, for-give our fool - ish  
2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard be - side the Syr - ian  
3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O calm of hills a -  
4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings  
5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy



ways; re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in  
sea the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let  
bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the  
cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and  
balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak



pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.  
us, like them, with - out a word rise up and fol - low thee.  
si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!  
let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.  
through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

**Anthem**

Jonah's Song

Jeff Borque

I called out unto the Lord  
 In the throes of my deep distress  
 From the depths of hell I cried  
 And you heard my feeble voice  
 For you cast me into the deep  
 In the heart of the raging seas  
 And the flood surrounded me  
 All your waves passed over me

The waters closed over me  
 I sank to the mountains feet  
 A prisoner of the earth  
 Where the gates lock shut forever  
 Then I said, "I am cast away,  
 But I know to whom I pray."  
 When my lungs drew my last breath  
 You snatched me from the jaws of death

With the voice of thanksgiving  
 I will sacrifice to you  
 Ever while I am living  
 I'll do what I said I'd do  
 For salvation belongs to you

I won't turn my back on God's mercy  
 No, I won't turn my back on God's mercy  
 Oh, don't turn you're back on God's mercy  
 No, don't turn you're back on God's mercy

**Sermon**

Flying Pigs in Nineveh

Rev. Efird

**Hymn**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*(see page 7)***Benediction**

Rev. Efird

**Postlude**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

arr. Robert J. Powell

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# There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'There's a Wideness in God's Mercy'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2. There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more grac - es for the good;  
3. But we make His love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;  
4. For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;  
5. If our love were but more sim - ple, we could take Him at His word;

there's a kind - ness in His jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in His blood.  
and we mag - ni - fy His strict - ness with a zeal He will not own.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
and our lives would be more lov - ing in the like - ness of our Lord.





*ministry*  
*monday*

February 8  
Team A @ 6:30pm  
Team B @ 7:30pm

**Team A:** Children, Congregational Care, Finance, Missions,  
Outreach, Worship, Fellowship  
**Team B:** Discipleship, Personnel, Properties, Youth

# Antiracist Reading Groups

Our antiracist reading groups continue on their journey of discovery and transformation! On January 24 at 2pm, we will conclude our history unit with a Zoom call featuring author, pastor, and activist Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, after which we will begin a new unit on identity. Now is an excellent time to join the journey. Email Rev. Dr. Stacks if you are interested.



Jan. 24  
2pm  
Zoom





## Prayer List\*

Emma Aeppli	Rebecca Hester	Gena
Jim Allen	(Valerie Brooks' friend)	(Kathy and Dan Watkin's friend)
Nell Allen	Annette King	
Peter Barboriak	Janet Merriman	Carol Wells
(Valerie Brooks' friend)	(Roz Slawson's friend)	Gladys Wells
Gilles Bikindou	Sylvia Morgan	Rissa Wolff and Nick
Kitty Blanton	Frances Parker	Barbadoro
Ashley Brooks	(Felice Parent's mother)	(Josh Mills' friends)
Carol Crews	Barry Patchett	Alison Zieglmeier
(Katie Lockhart's aunt)	Sara McMillan Perkinson	Our partner church,
James Mark Frazier	(Leon and Sue	Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba
(Sue Hughes' brother)	Perkinson's daughter-in-	
Tommy Hayes	law)	
(Lauren Efrid's father)	Bryant Stallings	

*\*To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names rotate off and can be re-added upon request.*

### Prayer for this Week

Consider the words of St. Clement of Rome in your prayers this week as he discusses our Scripture reading from worship:

*If we review the various ages of history, we will see that in every generation the Lord has offered the opportunity of repentance to any who were willing to turn to God. When Noah preached God's message of repentance, all who listened to him were saved. Jonah told the Ninevites they were going to be destroyed, but when they repented, their prayers gained God's forgiveness for their sins, and they were saved, even though they were not of God's people. We should be suppliant before God and turn to God's compassion, rejecting empty works and quarreling and jealousy, which only lead to death."*

**Quoted in Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals**



## **Updated Event Book**

You can access an updated event book containing information for the first part of 2021 at [gfbccary.org/eventbook](http://gfbccary.org/eventbook). It includes updates on our ministry areas and events you can expect for the next several months.

## **New Teaching Series Begins February 14 | Rising Strong after COVID**

Rev. Dr. Stacks will lead in an overview of the concepts from Brené Brown's book *Rising Strong*, which is about embracing transformative and courageous recovery as individuals and as institutions in the wake of trauma. In this case, we will be applying the book (and its intersections with Christianity) to how we might seize the opportunities available to us in the wake of this collective trauma to rise strong as a church, and move courageously into the future.

## **January Employment Anniversaries**

On behalf of the Greenwood Forest family, the Personnel Ministry celebrates the employment anniversaries of Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor of Community and Youth Ministry and Randy Palmer, Custodian.

Greenwood Forest Baptist Church called **Wesley Spears-Newsome** into ministry on January 3, 2017. Wes has led our ONE Wake organizing that addresses extensive community needs including affordable housing and community inclusion. Wes has also shepherded our youth through respect, love, and faith formation. And his powerful voice lifts us all up when he prays over us and offers scripture readings. We give thanks today for Wes, Meg, and Evelyn.

**Randy Palmer** became our Custodian on January 27, 2004 and throughout those 17 years has provided care and stewardship over our Sanctuary and throughout our facilities and campus. We celebrate what he does while we give thanks for who he is and for his joyful spirit. It is always a blessing to hear his voice in our Praise Team musical offerings, and it is especially a blessing when Zelma lifts us up with her own voice in praise and jubilation. We give thanks today for Randy, Zelma, and their grandson KJ.



*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—especially during this pandemic.*

## December Finance Update

	Dec. 2020	Year-to-Date
Congregational Giving	\$84,506	\$232,343
Congregational Giving Target	\$71,512	\$245,790
Congregational Giving Under/Over	\$12,994	(\$13,447)
Other Receipts	\$5,086	\$9,129
Total Giving and Receipts	\$89,592	\$241,472
Total Disbursements	\$56,695	\$239,914
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	\$32,897	\$1,558
Together We Build Giving	\$29,918	\$59,392

### Ways to Tithe

1. Set up an automatic payment through your bank using the “Bill Pay” function. This results in your bank mailing a check to the church weekly or monthly.
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.



# 2020: Year in Review

Without question, 2020 has been a very difficult year. Despite it all, Greenwood Forest's community has tried to make it a meaningful year. Here's a recap of many of the things we did together in 2020!



## January

We launched the Together We Build campaign to retire the church's debt and lean into an inclusive vision of who Greenwood Forest could become. \$608,635.73 have been pledged already!



## February

High school seniors went on a Senior Retreat to commemorate their time in the youth group and look toward the future.

## March

Greenwood Forest hosts a Discipleship Retreat featuring Rev. Maria Swearingen on "Lenten Lies."



## April

In a hotly-contested competition, Greenwood Forest's first annual Hymn Madness Tournament sees "It Is Well" take the title.



## May

Greenwood Forest hosted a Blood Drive, meeting a dire need in the midst of a pandemic.

## June

We graduated High School Seniors.



Inspired by protests around the country after the death of George Floyd, Greenwood Forest engaged in marches and started anti-racist reading groups that are still ongoing.

### July



Over the summer, we participated in a book drive when the libraries closed and a school supply drive in advance of a strange school year.

### August

### September

We ordained new deacons (including Anthony Warren as a first-time deacon) and welcomed a new ministerial intern (Luke Perrin, Duke Divinity School).



Greenwood Forest held a socially-distant outdoor worship service at the close of summer.

### October



After over three years of work, Greenwood Forest helped launch ONE Wake, a broad-based community organized dedicated to improving the lives in Wake County.

### November

We began a discernment process about how best to use our property to further the mission of the church.



### December

For the holidays, we donated Christmas gifts for our neighbors, held celebrations for all ages, had virtual services and gatherings, created a church cookbook, sung Lessons and Carols, and worshipped at all our Christmas Eve services.



# 2020: Year in Review

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In addition to all of these unique events and efforts, even during a pandemic, Greenwood Forest continued these important ongoing efforts:

## **Sunday Morning Worship**

We acted early and decisively when news reached us of community spread of the coronavirus. Greenwood Forest shifted to a brand-new livestream model of worship new to everyone involved. As the year went on, we improved and fine-tuned our livestream, which is available every week at [gfbccary.org/live](https://gfbccary.org/live).

## **Faith Formation Opportunities**

Many of our Faith Formation classes and Small Groups have continued to meet virtually (or even sometimes outdoors!) during the pandemic. We've also hosted special teaching series available to everyone.

## **Backpack Buddies**

An already vital ministry became even more important during the pandemic as food insecurity rates skyrocketed. We continue to deliver bags of food to families in need with members shopping, packing, and delivering these backpacks.

## **Family Promise**

Greenwood Forest hosted the last in-person Family Promise week before the Wake County organization moved families into isolated transitional housing because of the pandemic. We also participated in a modified Family Promise week that involved delivering important supplies and groceries to families in the housing program.

## **Youth and Children's Activities**

Our children and youth have continued to meet during the pandemic, children on designated weeks during Faith Formation and youth weekly at their normal time for Alpha & Omega, a two-hour weekly discipleship event.

## **Music Ministry**

Our music ministry has continued to make beautiful music for worship through creative remote rehearsals and performances.





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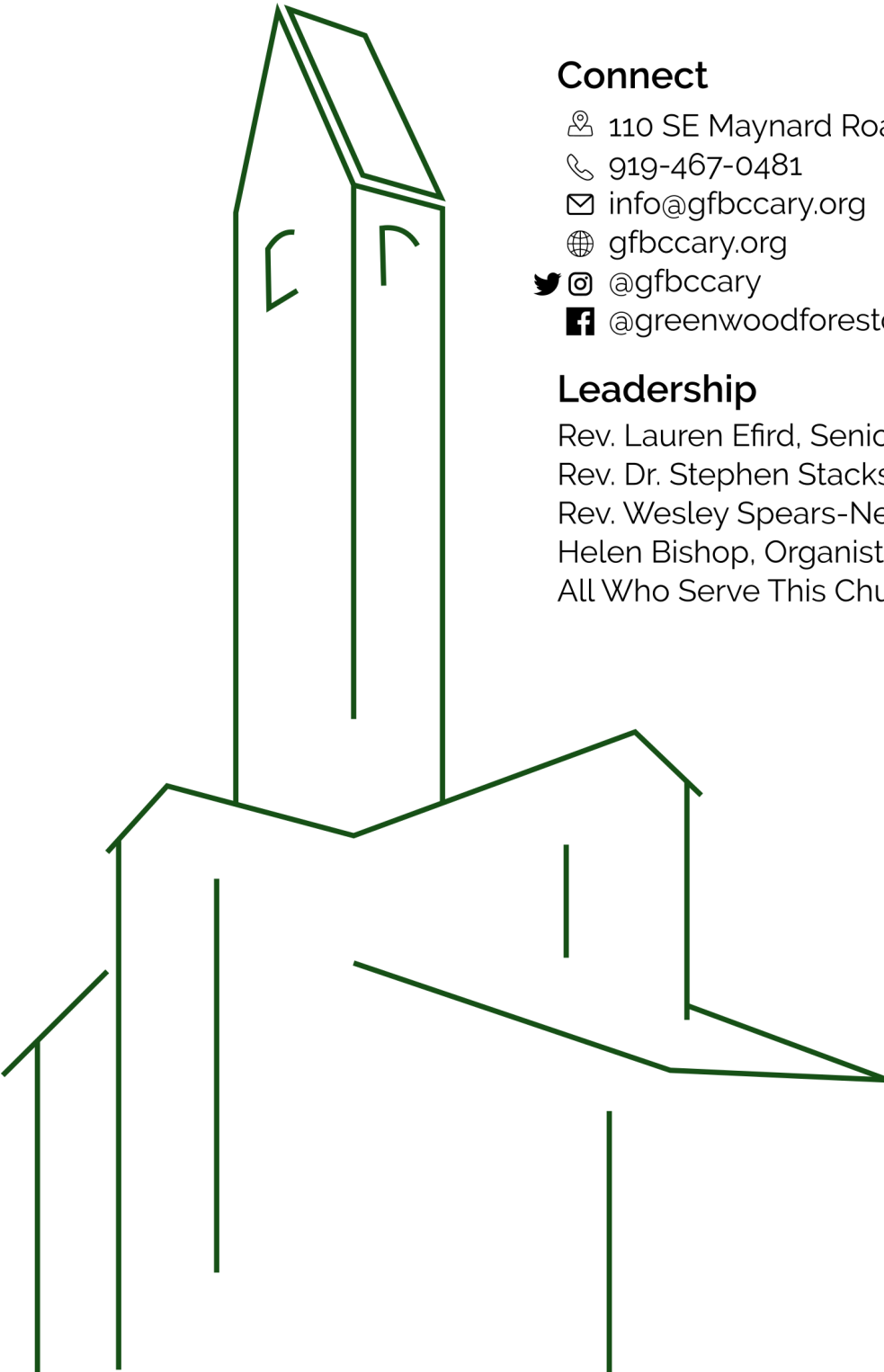
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## Leadership

Rev. Lauren Efrid, 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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