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Baptist Church





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**an inclusive
community
of faith**

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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

Prelude

One Bread, One Body
Catherine Glasgow, trumpet

Foley, arr. Larson

Chiming of the Hour

Gathering Hymn (vv. 1 and 4)

Will You Come and Follow Me

(see page 3)

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 145:8-9, 14-21)

Luke Perrin

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful,

People: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: The LORD is good to all,

People: And God's compassion is over all that God has made.

Leader: The LORD upholds all who are falling,

People: And raises up all who are bowed down.

Leader: The eyes of all look to you,

People: And you give them their food in due season.

Leader: You open your hand,

People: Satisfying the desire of every living thing.

Leader: You are just in all your ways,

People: And kind in all your doings.

Leader: You are near to all who call on you,

People: To all who call on you in truth.

Leader: You fulfill the desire of all who fear you;

People: You also hear their cry, and save them.

Leader: You watch over all who love you,

People: But all the wicked you will destroy.

Leader: My mouth will speak your praise,

People: And all flesh will bless your holy name forever and ever.

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.

Invocation

Luke Perrin

Hymn

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

(see page 5)

Offertory Prayer

Jennifer Whaley

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

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

Jonah 3:10-4:11

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.

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

1. God moves in a mys - te - rious way His won - ders to per -
 2. You fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; the clouds you so much
 3. Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, but trust Him for His
 4. Blind un - be - lief is sure to err and scan His work in

form; He plants His foot - steps in the sea and
 dread are big with mer - cy and shall break in
 grace; be - neath a frown - ing prov - i - dence He
 vain; God is His own in - ter - pret - er, and

rides up - on the storm, and rides up - on the storm.
 bless - ings on your head, in bless - ings on your head.
 hides a smil - ing face, He hides a smil - ing face.
 He will make it plain, and He will make it plain.

Anthem

Alas! The Lord My Life is Gone

Karl Digerness
and Brian Murphey

Alas!

Alas! the Lord my life is gone,
The Savior hides his face;
And I am left to walk alone,
In this dark wilderness.

In vain I read, in vain I pray,
Or hear salvation's word,
Unless a soul-reviving ray
Beam from the glorious Lord.

Yet would I trust in him that died,
For Jesus is his name;
Yet would I in his grace confide,
For he is still the same.

If once his grace renew the heart,
Jesus will there remain;
He cannot finally depart,
But must return again.

Then, dearest Lord, teach me to wait
Thy own appointed time;
O change my captive, mournful state,
And witness thou art mine.

Sermon

On Loving Your Enemies

Rev. Efird

Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

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

Rev. Efird

Postlude

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is True

arr. Flor Peeters

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Here I Am, Lord

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,

My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night,
they turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone,
My hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro-vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear My
give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak My
till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give My

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 word to them. Whom shall I send?
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

Parts (optional)

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You call - ing in the night. (in the night.)

I will go, Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.



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



February 17
Ash Wednesday

You'll receive ashes and an at-home liturgy by mail.
Media resources will be available at gfbccary.org/ash

ONE  Wake
Internal Assembly
Feb. 25 @ 7:30pm via Zoom



Prayer List*

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

**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

St. Benedict of Nursia wrote a rulebook that governed communities of Christians in monasteries. In it, he included this section about repentance and following God. Pray over this passage this week and see where God leads you to reflect on your own life.

Indeed, obedience must be given with genuine good will, because God loves a cheerful giver. If obedience is given with a bad will and with murmuring not only in words but even in bitterness of heart, then even though the command may be externally fulfilled it will not be accepted by God, for God can see the resistance in the heart of a murmurer. One who behaves in such a way not only fails to receive the reward of grace but actually incurs the punishment deserved by murmurers. Only repentance and reparation can save such a one from this punishment.

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. 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 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.



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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): _____

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Debit Account Every: Month Twice a Month Week

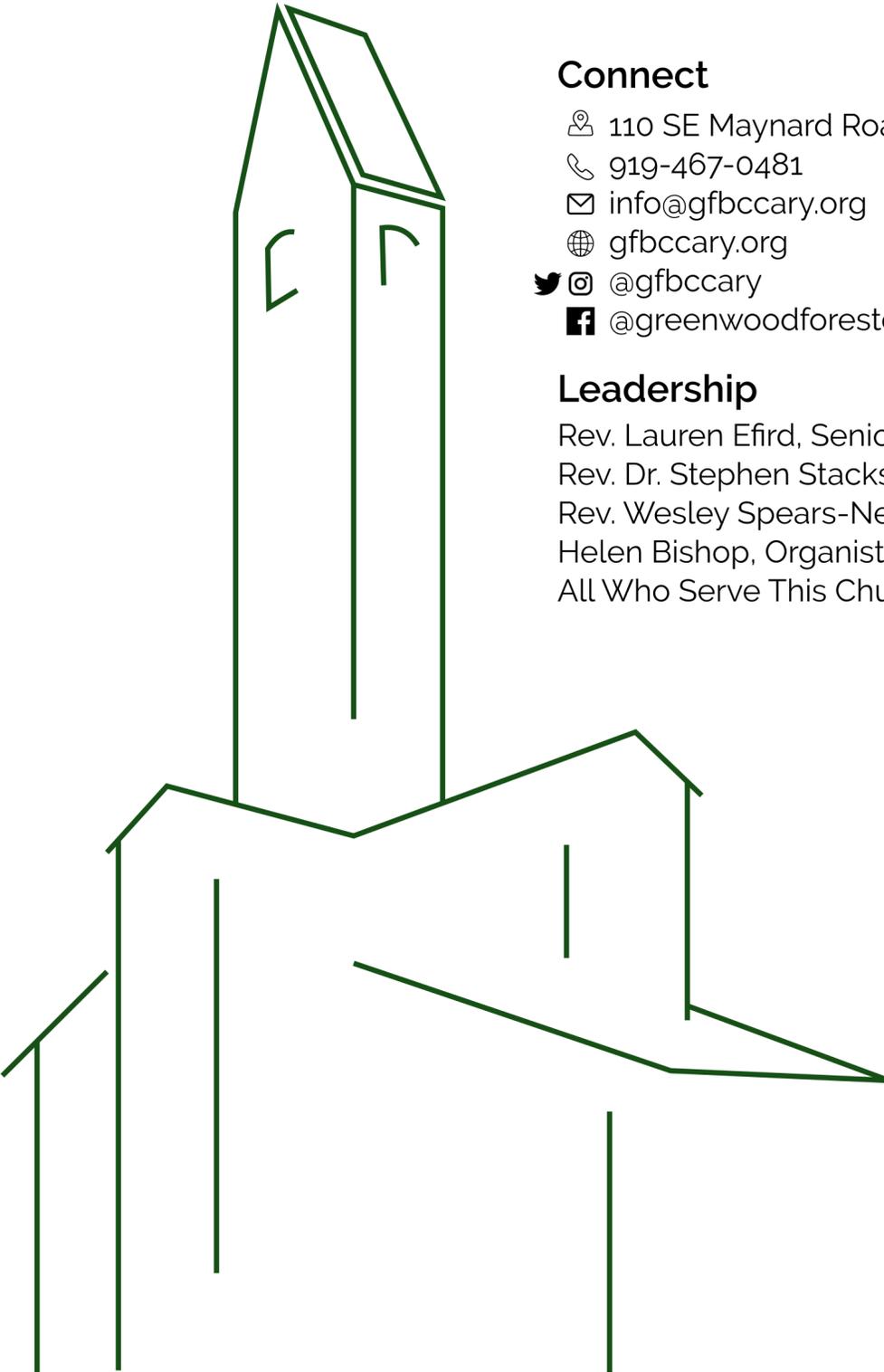
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- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: _____

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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
