



Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church





Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

February 7, 2021

ORDINARY TIME
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In honor of Black History Month, our worship services during February will feature music from Black composers and artists. Throughout the month, Rev. Dr. Stacks will highlight one of the pieces of music in the service, providing further history and context so that we may “sing with understanding.”

Rev. Chalice Overy, associate pastor at Pullen Memorial Baptist in Raleigh, wrote this week that “White institutions can [extend Black History Month's witness against white supremacy] by considering it as more of an indictment than an indication of progress; by remembering that Black History Month is a response to the whitewashing of American history; by using it as a time to take inventory of our sustained efforts towards equity and justice; by pulling together resources—images, readings, music—that we can use to decolonize worship throughout the year.”

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Here at GFBC, we celebrate Black History Month alongside our Black congregants and Black siblings everywhere as a way to honor Black stories, Black beauty, and Black contributions, but also as a way to signal our continued commitment to Black lives throughout the year. We celebrate Black History Month, not as an excuse for normalizing White history and culture for the remainder of the year, but as a way to catalyze within our institution and the world the important work of decentering whiteness, so that all God's children might thrive. For us, Black History Month is not a way to absolve ourselves of the year-round and life-long work of anti-racism, but a moment to celebrate and to recommit ourselves to the gospel work of inclusivity in our worship and in our lives.



Order of Worship

Prelude

Adoration

Florence B. Price

Chiming of the Hour

Gathering Hymn (vv. 1 and 2)

Lift Every Voice and Sing

(see page 3-4)

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 147:1-11, 20c)

Luke Perrin

Leader: Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God;

People: For God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Leader: The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

People: God gathers the outcasts of Israel.

Leader: God heals the brokenhearted,

People: And binds up their wounds.

Leader: God determines the number of the stars;

People: And gives to all of them their names.

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

People: God's understanding is beyond measure.

Leader: The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;

People: God casts the wicked to the ground.

Leader: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

People: Make melody to our God on the lyre.

Leader: God covers the heavens with clouds,

People: Prepares rain for the earth and makes grass grow on the hills.

Leader: God gives to the animals their food,

People: And to the young ravens when they cry.

Leader: God's delight is not in the strength of the horse,

(continued —>)

Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
2. Ston - y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - t'ning
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning
died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wea - ry
way; Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us in - to the

skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
feet Come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?
light, Keep us for ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee,

Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
 get Thee; Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for

day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 stand at last Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.
 ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

People: Nor God's pleasure in the speed of a runner;

Leader: But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear God,

People: In those who hope in God's steadfast love.

All: Praise the LORD!

Invocation

Luke Perrin

Hymn

I Know the Lord Laid His Hands on Me

(see page 6)

Offertory Prayer

Chris Beal

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.. Dr. Stephen Stacks

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.**

I Know the Lord Laid His Hands on Me

Retrain

Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me. Oh,
I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me.

Verses

1. Did ev - er you see the like be - fore?
Je - sus preach - ing to the poor.
2. Oh, was - n't that a hap - py day
Je - sus washed my sins a - way?

1. I know the Lord has laid His hands on me, King hands on me.
2. I know the Lord has laid His hands on me, When hands on me.
D.C.

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:29-39

Rev. Efirid

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

O Happy Day
(Sanctuary Choir)

Edward Hawkins
arr. Morada

O happy day,
O happy day
When Jesus washed my sins away!
He taught me how to watch, fight, and pray
And live rejoicing every day!

Sermon

"The Bravest Thing He Ever Did"

Rev. Wesley
Spears-Newsome

Hymn

Break Every Chain

There is power in the name of Jesus
There is power in the name of Jesus
There is power in the name of Jesus
To break every chain, break every chain,
To break every chain
All-sufficient sacrifice,
So freely given, such a price
For our redemption
Heaven's gates swing wide

There's an people rising up
There's an people rising up
There's an people rising up
There's an people rising up
To break every chain, break every chain,
break every chain
To break every chain, break every chain,
break every chain

Benediction

Rev. Efirid

Postlude

Darwall

arr. Healey Willan

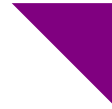
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ministry
monday

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



Prayer List*

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

*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

Pray this prayer this week and see where God leads you to reflect on your own life.

Holy Spirit, you dwell within us and you teach us perfect love, which drives out all fear. Give us a spirit of courage, and make us bold enough to love one another without fear. Enable us to see that perfect love calls us to persevere in suffering and to trust beyond what is visible. Amen.

From Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals



ONE Wake

Internal Assembly

Feb. 25 @ 7:30pm via Zoom

ONE Wake publicly launched in October 2020 with a Founding Assembly attended by over 3,000 institution members, journalists, business leaders, and county and state politicians. Attorney General Josh Stein committed to working with ONE Wake members on renters' rights, county commissioners vowed to work with ONE Wake on building affordable housing on the sites we identified as publicly-owned land, and Mayor Mary-Ann Baldwin (Raleigh) and developer John Kane committed to working with us to establish an equitable development process at Downtown South. While the attorney general and county commissioners have kept their promises, Mayor Baldwin and Mr. Kane have not. As Kane asks for millions in Wake County tax dollars to fund Downtown South, ONE Wake will be striving to ensure ordinary people get some return on their investment. To that end (and our other priorities), **the February 25 Internal Assembly will discuss and ratify our strategy and goals for 2021.**



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.





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 2020 Finance Update

Updated when the previous month's books have closed.

	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): _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Debit Account Every: Month Twice a Month Week

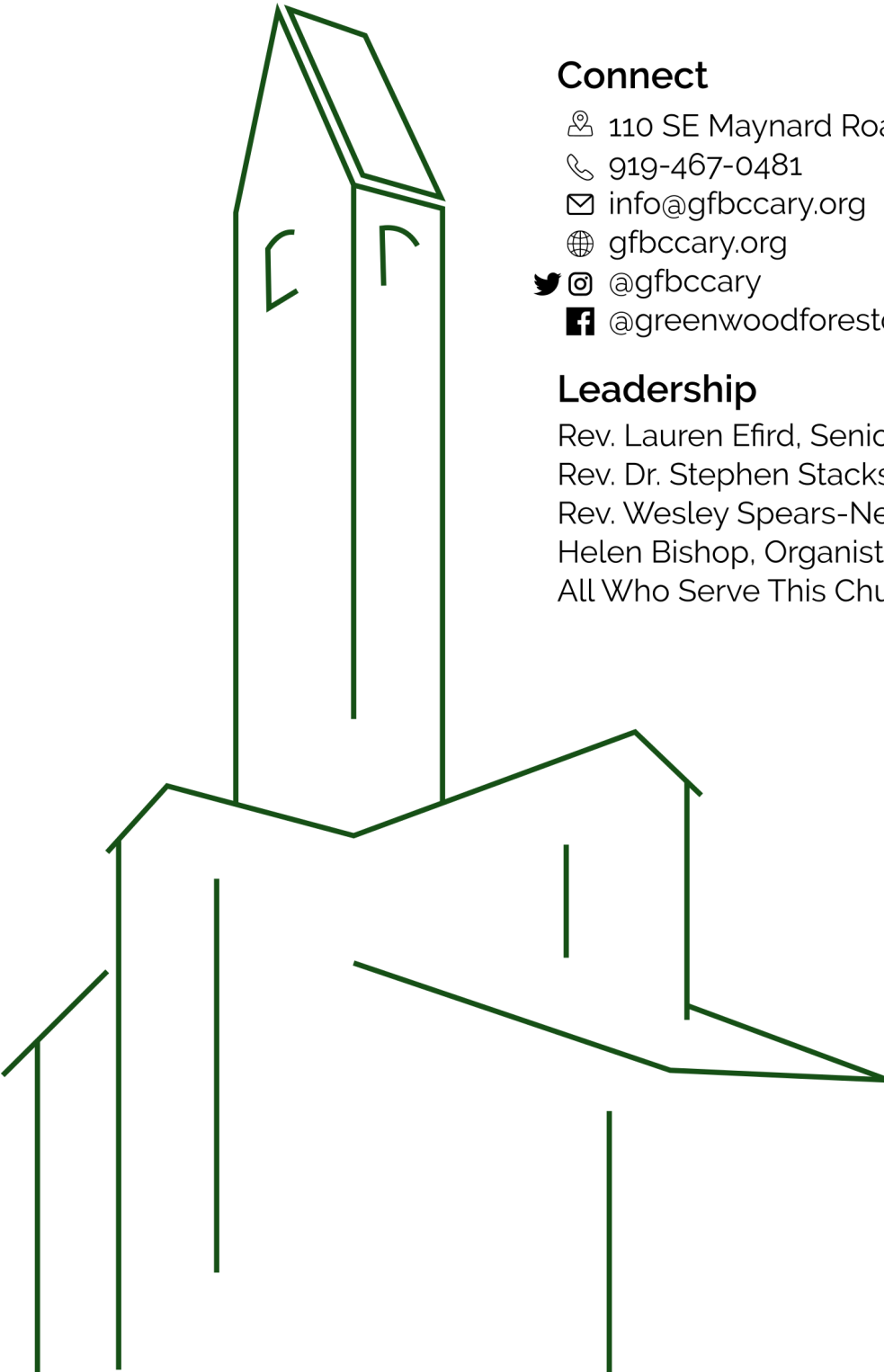
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- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: _____

Amount of Each Debit: \$ _____

- Stewardship Giving Portion: \$ _____
- Designated Giving to: _____ Portion: \$ _____
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Signature: _____ Date: _____



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All Who Serve This Church
