



Greenwood Forest

Baptist Church





Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

February 21, 2021

LENT
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

The First Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Arietta

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Chiming of the Hour

Gathering Hymn (v. 1)

Jesus is a Rock

(see page 2-3)

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efirid

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (Psalm 25:1-10)

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in you I trust;

Leader: Do not let me be put to shame;

People: Do not let my enemies exult over me.

Leader: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

People: Let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

People: Teach me your paths.

Leader: Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

People: For you are the God of my salvation; I wait for you.

Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD,

People: And of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Leader: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

People: According to your steadfast love remember me, O LORD!

Leader: Good and upright is the LORD;

People: Therefore God instructs sinners in the way.

Leader: God leads the humble in what is right,

People: And teaches the humble in the way.

Leader: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

People: For those who keep God's covenant and decrees.

Jesus is a Rock

Refrain

Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a
wea - ry land; My Je - sus is a rock in a
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (G minor). It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land; My Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Verses

1. No man can do like Je - sus, Not a
2. When Je - sus was on earth, The
3. Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, Him

mum - bling word He said; He went
flesh was ver - y weak; He
whom I love so well; He

walk - ing down to La - za - rus' grave, And He
gir - dled Him - self with a tow'l, And
has the palm of vic - to - ry, And the

raised him from the dead.
washed His dis - ci - ples feet.
keys of death and Hell.

D.C.

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Hymn

I Must Tell Jesus

(see page 7-8)

Offertory Prayer

Greg Upchurch

Presentation of the Offering

OLD HUNDRETH

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

Praise God, who forms us from the dust.

Praise Christ, who frees us through the cross.

Praise Holy Ghost who drives us on

To meet God in the wilderness.

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

Mark 1:9-15

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.

Anthem

Kyrie

Robert Ray

(Sanctuary Choir; Rick Chappell, Soloist)

In the name of Father,
In the name of the Son,
In the name of the Holy Spirit,
The blessed Three in One.

Oh Lord have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.
Oh Lord have mercy.

Oh Lord have mercy on me.
Send us a Savior, set my soul free.
Give us your word and teach us to pray.
I want to praise and serve you always.
Lord God of Abraham,
Isaac, and Jacob look down,
have mercy upon us.

Oh Christ have mercy.
Christe eleison.
Oh Christ have mercy.

Oh Christ have mercy on me.
Send us your comfort, grant us your
peace.
You are the way, the truth, and the light.
I love you more each day and each
night.

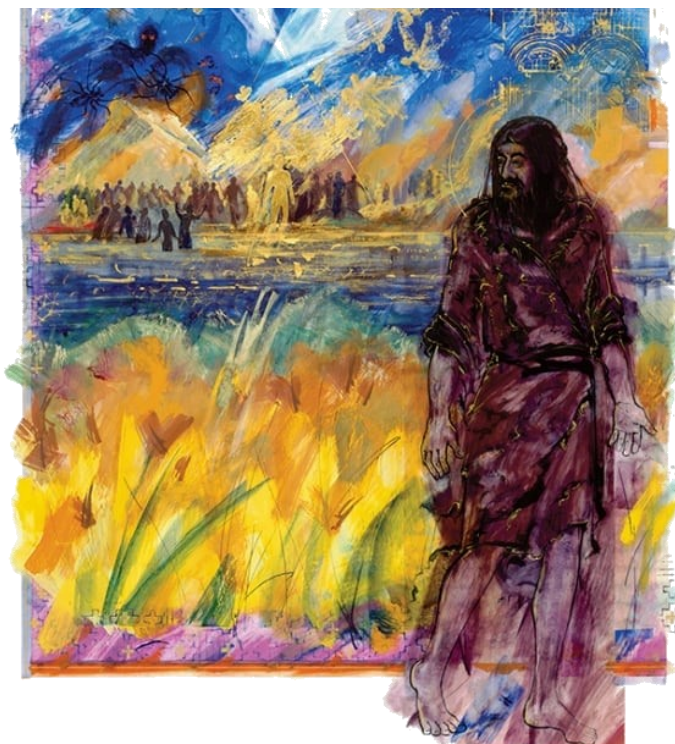
Jesus the rock of salvation,
the light of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Oh Lord have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.
Oh Christ have mercy.
Christe eleison.

Sermon

In You Must Go

Rev. Lauren Efird



I Must Tell Jesus

1. I must tell Je - sus all of my tri - als,
2. I must tell Je - sus all of my troub - les,
3. Tempt-ed and tried, I need a great Sav - ior,
4. O how the world to e - vil al - lures me!

I can - not bear these bur - dens a - lone;
He is a kind, com - pas - sion - ate Friend;
One who can help my bur - dens to bear;
O how my heart is tempt - ed to sin!

In my dis - tress He kind - ly will help me,
If I but ask Him, He will de - liv - er,
I must tell Je - sus, I must tell Je - sus,
I must tell Je - sus, and He will help me

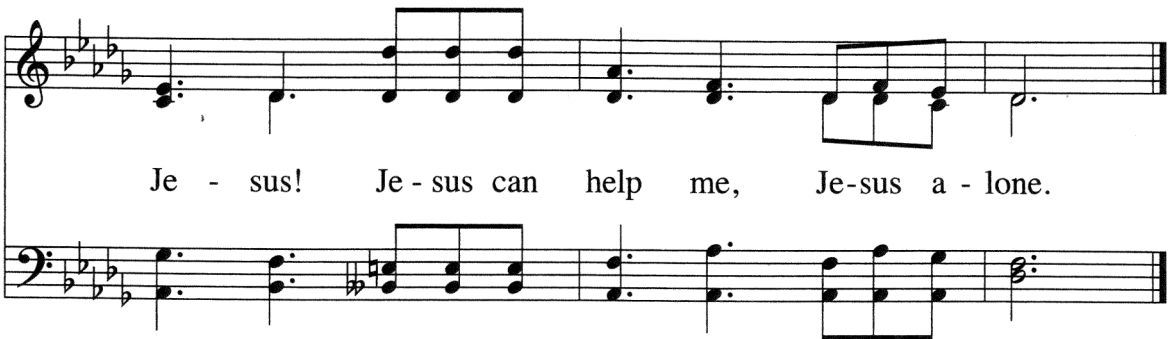
He ev - er loves and cares for His own.
Make of my troub - les quick - ly an end.
He all my cares and sor - rows will share.
O - ver the world the vic - t'ry to win.



I must tell Je - sus! I must tell Je - sus! I can-not



bear my bur-dens a - lone; I must tell Je - sus! I must tell



Je - sus! Je - sus can help me, Je-sus a - lone.

Hymn

Way Maker

You are here, moving in our midst,
I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, working in this place,
I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, turning lives around,
I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, mending every heart,
I worship you, I worship you.

*Way maker, miracle worker,
promise keeper, light in the darkness.
My God, that is who you are.
My God, that is who you are.*

You are here, touching every heart,
I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, turning lives around,
I worship you, I worship you.

Benediction

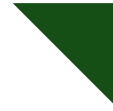
Rev. Efir

Postlude

What Wondrous Love is This

arr. Hustad

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Prayer List*

Emma Aepli	Annette King	The Stallings Family
Bess Averre and Family <i>(at the death of Barry Patchett)</i>	Marian McGill <i>(Leta Huntsinger's aunt)</i>	<i>(at the death of Bryant Stallings)</i>
Jim Allen	Janet Merriman	Carol Wells
Nell Allen	<i>(Roz Slawson's friend)</i>	Gladys Wells
Peter Barboriak <i>(Valerie Brooks' friend)</i>	Sylvia Morgan	Alison Zieglmeier
Gilles Bikindou	Frances Parker <i>(Felice Parent's mother)</i>	Our partner church, Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba
The Blanton Family <i>(at the death of Kitty)</i>	Sara McMillan Perkinson <i>(Leon and Sue Perkinson's daughter-in-law)</i>	<i>*To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names rotate off and can be re-added upon request.</i>
Ashley Brooks		
Carol Crews <i>(Katie Lockhart's aunt)</i>		
James Mark Frazier <i>(Sue Hughes' brother)</i>		

Prayer for this Week

Lent is a time of re-examination of our lives. A time of change. Consider this prayer this week and also access other Lenten resources at gfbccary.org/lent.

Lord, we do not always rush to do your will. Often we tiptoe our way into obedience, dragging old habits and mindsets with us. Help us to delight at your voice and to trust that your calling is always good news. Amen.

From Common Prayer: Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals



Family Promise Week | March 7-14

During the pandemic, Family Promise of Wake County has continued to provide for families in transitional housing. The pandemic has only exacerbated the housing crisis in Wake County, making their programs all the more important. Similarly to last year, we will be acting as hosts for families from a distance. The primary responsibilities of host churches include grocery shopping and providing meals during their host week while families are hosted at Family Promise properties. If you would like to help do some grocery shopping or providing meals, please contact Vivian Denning or Rev. Spears-Newsome (wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org).

ONE Wake Internal Assembly | February 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.**



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

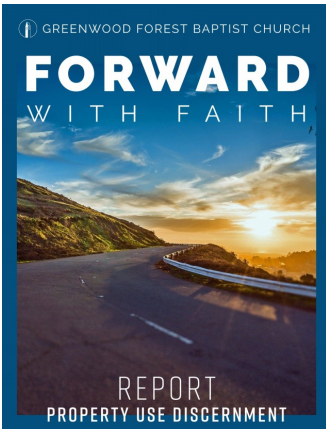


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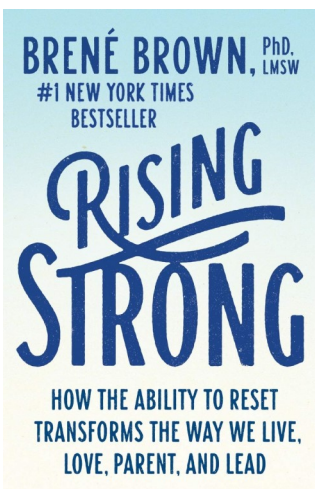
You can find daily spiritual activities for your Lenten discipline online at gfbccary.org/lent!

Property Repurposing Report Available Online



Since October 2020, we have engaged in a listening campaign to discover where God might be leading us to use our property in the future. You can read about the findings of that process in a new report at gfbccary.org/repurposing. You can join the discernment committee for a time of response to the report on **February 22, from 12-1pm**. You will receive a Zoom invite.

Teaching Series “Rising Strong” at 9:30am via Zoom



Rev. Dr. Stacks is leading 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. A Zoom invite will be sent out in advance.

Updated Event Book Online



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.



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—especially during this pandemic.

January 2021 Finance Update

Updated when the previous month's books have closed.

	Jan. 2021	Year-to-Date
Congregational Giving	\$48,911	\$281,254
Congregational Giving Target	\$67,030	\$312,820
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$18,119)	(\$31,566)
Other Receipts	\$3,121	\$12,249
Total Giving and Receipts	\$52,032	\$293,503
Total Disbursements	\$58,963	\$298,877
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	(\$6,931)	(\$5,374)
Together We Build Giving	\$17,543	\$76,935

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: _____

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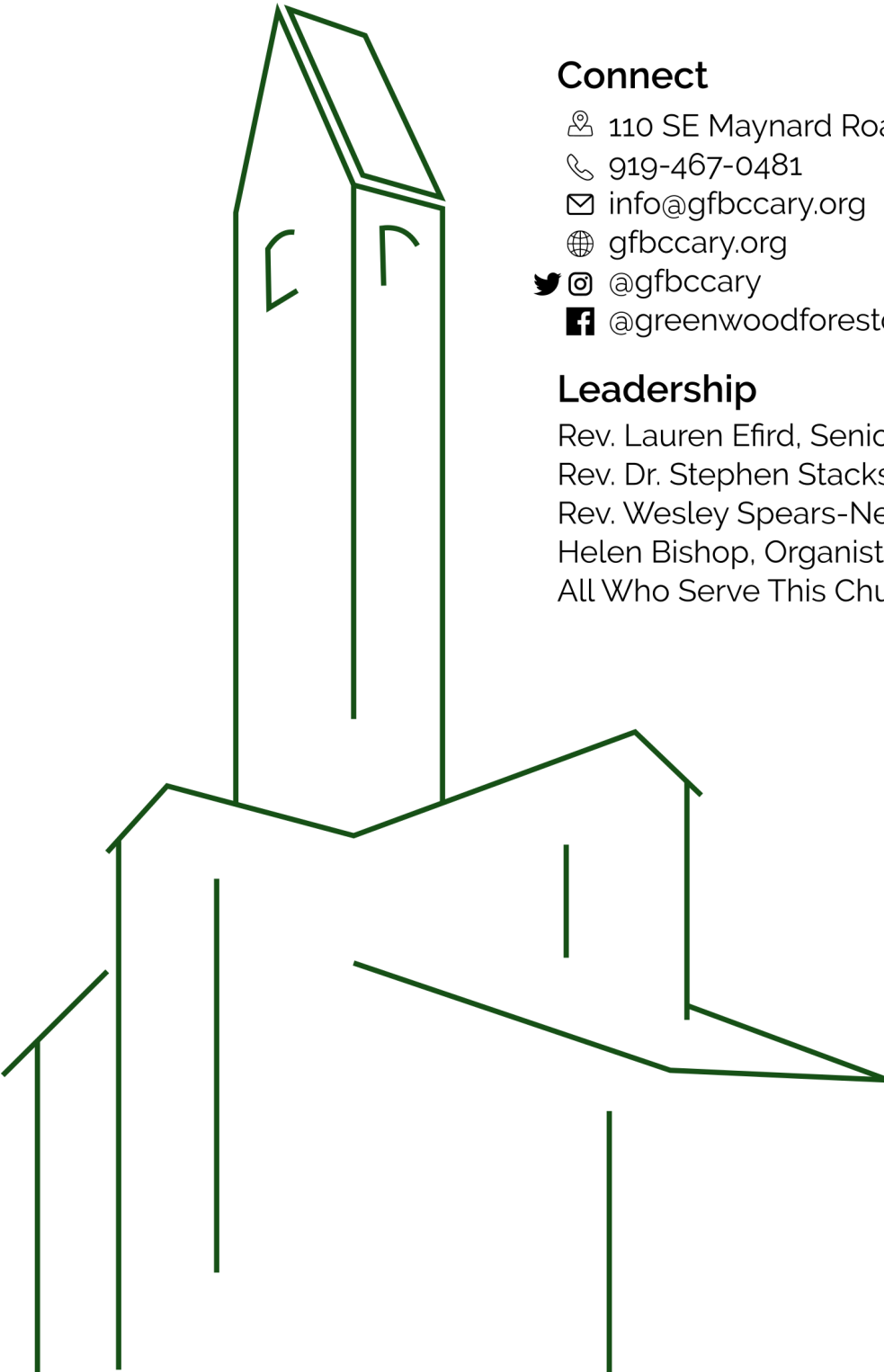
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- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: _____

Amount of Each Debit: \$ _____

- Stewardship Giving Portion: \$ _____
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Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church
