



# **Greenwood Forest**

Baptist Church





# Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

February 28, 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 Second Sunday of Lent

## Prelude

*Ach, wie flüchtig, ach, wie nichtig*  
(Choral and Variation)

Georg Böhm

## Chiming of the Hour

## Gathering Hymn (v. 2)

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 22:23-31)

Luke Perrin

Leader: You who fear the Lord, praise the Lord!

**People: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify God;**

Leader: Stand in awe, all you offspring of Israel!

**People: For God did not despise or abhor our affliction;**

Leader: God did not hide from us,

**People: But heard us when we cried.**

Leader: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

**People: Those who seek God shall praise the LORD.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

**People: And all the families of the nations shall worship before God.**

Leader: For dominion belongs to the Lord,

**People: And God rules over the nations.**

Leader: Indeed, all who sleep in the earth, who go down to the dust, shall bow;

**People: And we shall live for the Lord our God.**

Leader: Posterity will serve God;

**People: Future generations will be told about the Lord,**

Leader: And proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,

**People: Saying that the Lord has done it.**

## Invocation

Luke Perrin

# 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.

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.

**Hymn (vv. 1-3)**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*(see page 7)*

**Offertory Prayer**

Sarah Walden

**Presentation of the Offering**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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 8:27-38

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.**

**Anthem**

Ain'-a That Good News  
*(Sanctuary Choir)*

arr. William Dawson

I got a crown up in-a the kingdom,  
Ain'-a that good news!

I'm a-goin' to lay down this world,  
Goin'-a shoulder up my cross,  
Goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus,  
Ain'-a that good news!

I got a Savior in-a the kingdom,  
Ain'a that good news!

I got a harp up in-a the kingdom,  
Ain'a that good news!

**Sermon**

Get Behind Me, Satan

Rev. Lauren Efirid

**Hymn**

Give Me Jesus

*(see page 8)*

**Benediction**

Rev. Efirid

**Postlude**

*Walk Together Children*

André Thomas

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# Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Verses 1-3

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me  
 2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
 near; When my life is al - most gone,  
 near, And the day is past and gone;

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the  
 Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I  
 At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.  
 fall; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.  
 hand; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.



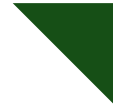
# Give Me Jesus

1. I heard my moth-er say, I heard my moth-er  
2. Dark mid-night was my cry, Dark mid-night was my  
3. Oh, when I come to die, Oh, when I come to

say, I heard my moth - er say, Give me Je -  
cry, Dark mid - night was my cry, Give me Je -  
die, Oh, when I come to die, Give me Je -

sus.  
sus. Give me Je - sus. Give me Je -  
sus.

sus, You may have all this world, Give me Je - sus.



## Prayer List\*

Emma Aepli

Jim Allen

Nell Allen

Peter Barboriak

*(Valerie Brooks' friend)*

Gilles Bikindou

Carol Crews

*(Katie Lockhart's aunt)*

James Mark Frazier

*(Sue Hughes' brother)*

Annette King

Marian McGill

*(Leta Huntsinger's  
aunt)*

Janet Merriman

*(Roz Slawson's friend)*

Sylvia Morgan

Sara McMillan Perkinson

*(Leon and Sue  
Perkinson's daughter-  
in-law)*

Harold Ritter

Elizabeth Stacks

*(at the death of her  
grandmother)*

Carol Wells

Gladys Wells

Alison Zieglmeier

Our partner church,

Ebenezer Baptist,

Cuba

### Prayer for this Week

Lent is a time of re-examination of our lives. A time to reflect on the voices we listen to. Consider this prayer this week and also access other Lenten resources at [gfbccary.org/lent](http://gfbccary.org/lent).

O God who summons us all, may we heed the call as full saints: mature enough to follow thy will, childlike enough to enter thy kingdom. Open our ears, and help us to listen, that others might hear the same voice. Amen.

**From Homely Joys, edited by  
Rev. Dr. Jim Barnette**

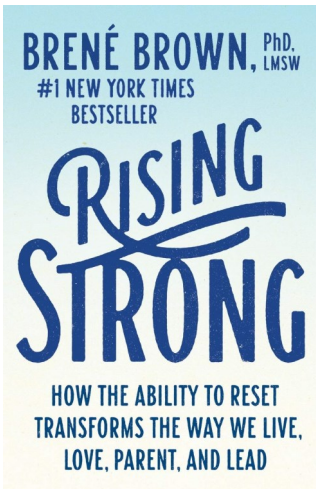
*\*To add a name to the  
prayer list, please  
contact the church office.  
Names rotate off and can  
be re-added upon  
request.*



# Connect



You can find daily spiritual activities for your Lenten discipline online at [gfbccary.org/lent!](http://gfbccary.org/lent!)



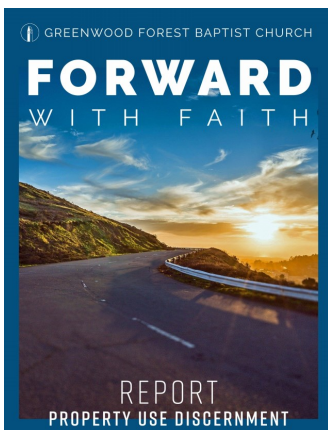
## Teaching Series “Rising Strong” at 9:30am via Zoom

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](http://gfbccary.org/eventbook). It includes updates on our ministry areas and events you can expect for the next several months.



## 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](http://gfbccary.org/repurposing). We had a Zoom discussion this week, but you can still communicate your responses to the report to the discernment committee listed in the report.



## ONE Wake Update from Internal Assembly

On February 25, ONE Wake held an internal assembly (a gathering of members) to discuss our strategy for 2021. It includes:

- Working with county commissioners on setting aside publicly-owned lands for affordable housing, an ongoing effort
- Finishing the listening campaign related to the needs of educators, children, and parents as a result of the pandemic
- Mobilizing a robust turnout for upcoming municipal elections, which are typically extremely low turnout elections
- Training more members of our institutions in community organizing.

ONE Wake will be hosting a special training series called IAF University that's free of charge for all ONE Wake member institutions. Attendees will learn how:

- to build power through relationships
- be better leaders at their churches
- how to mobilize people for action

Spots will initially be offered to current members of the ONE Wake Core Team at GFBC, but if you would like to attend this leadership development training (which can be helpful at work as well as at church!), contact Rev. Spears-Newsome ([wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org](mailto:wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org)). The commitment is three two-hour sessions spread out over three months with multiple date/time options for each session.



*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](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.



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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

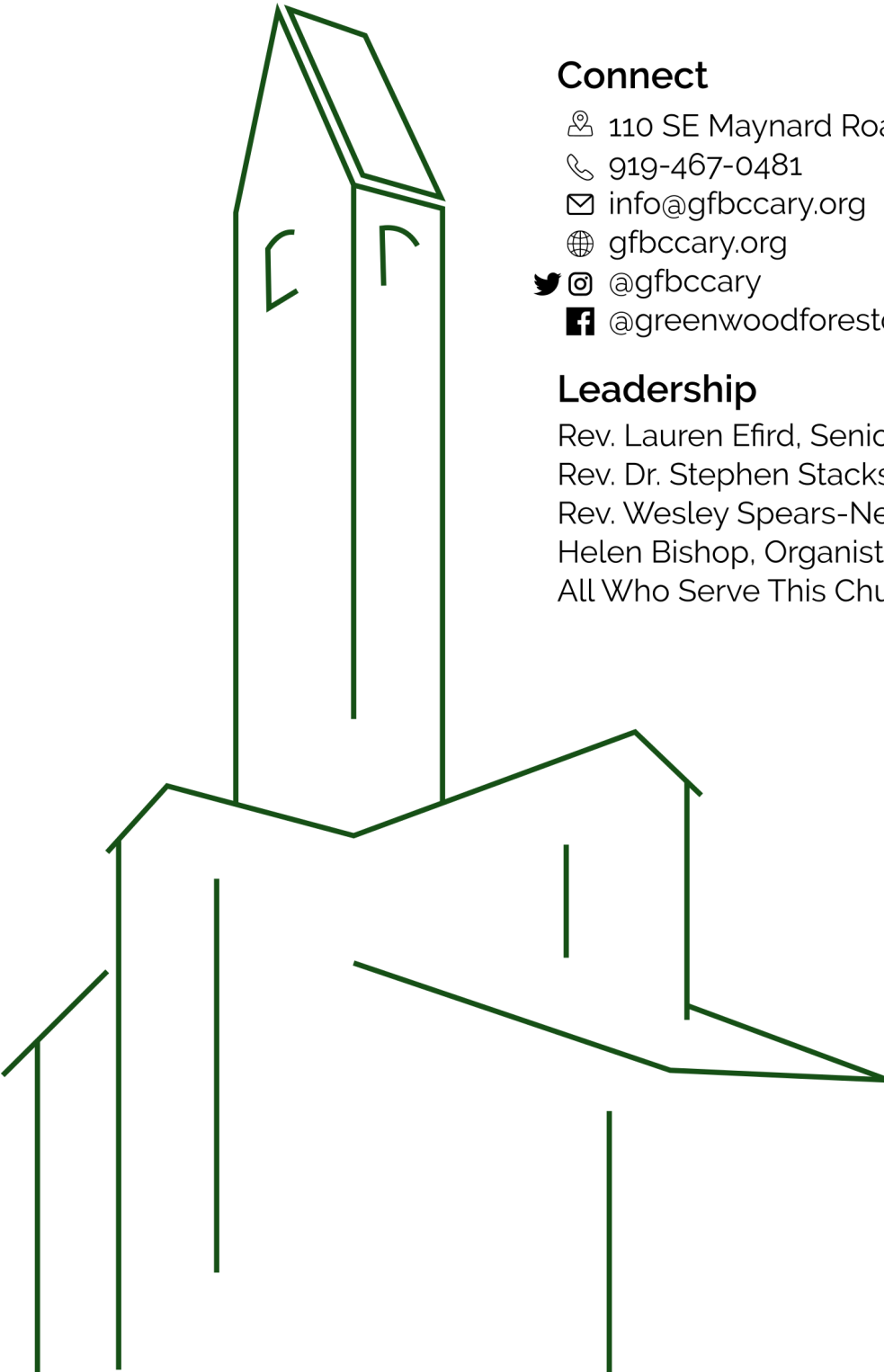
- If weekly, what day of the week: \_\_\_\_\_ (If on a holiday, debit occurs day before)
- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Each Debit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Stewardship Giving Portion: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Designated Giving to: \_\_\_\_\_ Portion: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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**Please attach a voided check to this document.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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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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