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Baptist Church





**LENT**

# 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

The Third Sunday of Lent

**Prelude**                                      Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ                                      J.S. Bach  
(I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ)

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Gathering Hymn (v. 1)**                                      Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah  
(see page 2)

**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)**                                      Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God!

**People: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork!**

Leader: Day to day pours forth speech,

**People: And night to night declares knowledge.**

Leader: They do not speak or use words.

**People: Their voice is not heard, yet it goes throughout the earth.**

Leader: In the heavens, God has set a tent for the sun.

**People: It comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,**

Leader: And like a strong man,

**People: Runs its course with joy.**

Leader: Its rising is from the end of the heavens.

**People: Nothing is hid from its heat.**

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

**People: The decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;**

Leader: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

**People: The commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;

**People: The ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**

(continued —>)

# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side: bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent,

hold me with Thy power-ful hand; Bread of heav-en, Bread of heav-en,  
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer,  
land me safe on Ca-naan's side; songs of prais-es, songs of prais-es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.  
be Thou still my strength and shield, be Thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

Leader: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

**People: Sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Leader: Moreover by them is your servant warned;

**People: In keeping them there is great reward.**

Leader: But who can detect their errors?

**People: Clear me from hidden faults.**

Leader: Keep back your servant also from the insolent;

**People: Do not let them have dominion over me.**

Leader: Then I shall be blameless,

**People: And innocent of great transgression.**

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

**People: Be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

**Invocation**

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

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

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

*(see page 5)*

**Offertory Prayer**

Greg Upchurch

**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.



# Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Unison

1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call You, come, O Lord of  
 3. Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful all the gifts they  
 4. Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, and stay; come, with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
 ask to gain; what they gain from You for - ev - er  
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear Your peo - ple as they pray; and Your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in Your glo - ry ev - er - more with You to reign.  
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!



## 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

John 2:13-22

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.**



"Jesus Drives Out the Merchants" by JESUS MAFA

**Anthem**

## Turning Over Tables

## The Brilliance

Fear runs deep  
 Spreading like a virus  
 Hate is cheap  
 From afar it costs you nothing  
 Sister take my hand  
 Brother we will stand  
 Open up your heart and find

Love is turning over tables  
 Breaking off chains  
 When I see you in the stranger  
 I'm no longer a slave  
 Turning over tables  
 Tearing down walls  
 Building up the bridges  
 Between us all

Let courage be  
 My willingness to listen  
 So I can feel  
 The wound inside my heart  
 Let seeds of peace  
 Grow in hearts around us  
 That trees of hope  
 Give shade to humankind  
 Sister take my hand  
 Brother we will stand  
 Open up your heart and find  
  
 When will we stand for love  
 When will we stand for love  
 When will we stand for love  
 Love can separate  
 All that love has made  
 We are everyone the same  
 We refuse to be  
 A Brother's enemy  
 We will stand for humankind

**Sermon**

Anger as a Virtue

Rev. Lauren Efirid

**Hymn**

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

*(see page 8)***Benediction**

Rev. Efirid

**Postlude**

*Trumpet Tune on Christ is Made  
 the Sure Foundation*

Richard Proulx

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# God the Sculptor of the Mountains

1. God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the mill - er  
 2. God the nui - sance of the of the Pharaoh, God the cleav - er  
 3. God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the plant - er  
 4. God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the calm, de -

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of the sand, God the jewel - er of the heav - ens,  
 of the sea, God the pil - lar in the dark - ness,  
 of the wheat, God the reap - er of the har - vest,  
 ter - mined youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing proph - et,

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God the pot - ter of the land: you are womb of all cre -  
 God the bea - con of the free: you are fount of all de -  
 God the source of all we eat: you are host at ev - ery  
 God the res - ur - rect - ed truth: you are pres - ent ev - ery

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a - tion; we are form - less; shape us now.  
 liv - erance; we are aim - less; lead us now.  
 ta - ble; we are hun - gry; feed us now.  
 mo - ment; we are search - ing; meet us now.



# Pray

## Prayer List\*

Emma Aepli  
 Beverly Allen  
 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  
 Carol Wells  
 Gladys Wells  
 Jennifer Whaley  
 Alison Zieglmeier  
 Our partner church,  
 Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba

*\*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



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

Keep our anger from becoming meanness. Keep our sorrow from collapsing into self-pity. Keep our hearts soft enough to keep breaking.

Keep our outrage turned towards justice, not cruelty. Remind us that all of this, every bit of it, is for love.

Keep us fiercely kind.

Amen.

**From Laura Jean Truman in "A Rhythm of Prayer," edited by Sarah Bessey**

## Note of Thanks



Thank you all for your continued support through my cancer journey. It's been challenging, but knowing how many people we have on our team, rooting for us has really been uplifting. Whether it has been money, gift cards, meals, cards with kind words, or prayers, we appreciate it all and can never thank everyone enough. We are so grateful.

Alison, Elliot, Jackson, and Adalie Zieglmeier



## Connect



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### **Scripture Madness and Greenwood Forest Bracket Games for 2021**

March Madness is here! Last year, we brought you the hotly-contested Hymn Madness tournament with stalwart “It is Well” taking the trophy. This year we are doubling the madness!

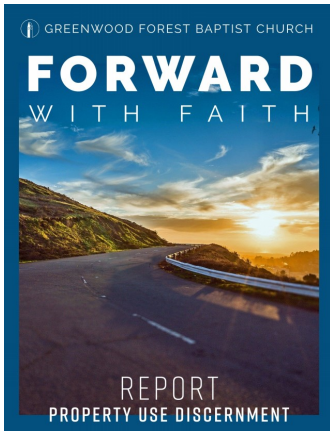
First, Scripture Madness will take the place of Hymn Madness. How will your favorite Bible verses compete with other favorites? Submit your favorites to Susan Beck by March 14 at [carygator1@gmail.com](mailto:carygator1@gmail.com). Things that sound like they're in the Bible but actually aren't like “cleanliness is next to godliness” and “God helps those who help themselves” will not be accepted! Voting begins on March 21.

Second, we will host a traditional Men's NCAA Basketball Bracket Challenge. Come show off your basketball knowledge—or your luck! The winner gets the coveted GFBC Fanatic Trophy. Will your name be etched beside the names of past champions Mark Soyars, Griffin Beal, and Chuck Beck? Email Susan ([carygator1@gmail.com](mailto:carygator1@gmail.com)) to participate; if you played last year you will get an automatic invitation. Deadline to sign up is March 14.



### **Work Anniversary: Karen Burden, Office Administrator**

Karen Burden joined Greenwood Forest Baptist Church's staff as our office administrator on March 24, 2014. This year marks her seventh year with us! Please congratulate Karen on her anniversary and thank her for her hard work and dedication to our church.



## 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](https://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.

## Act



### 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, and 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/times 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.*

## February 2021 Finance Update

*Updated when the previous month's books have closed.*

	Feb. 2021	Year-to-Date
Congregational Giving	\$52,002	\$333,256
Congregational Giving Target	\$53,624	\$366,444
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$1,622)	(\$33,188)
Other Receipts	\$390	\$12,640
Total Giving and Receipts	\$52,392	\$345,896
Total Disbursements	\$63,957	\$362,834
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	(\$11,565)	(\$16,938)
Together We Build Giving	\$3,393	\$80,328

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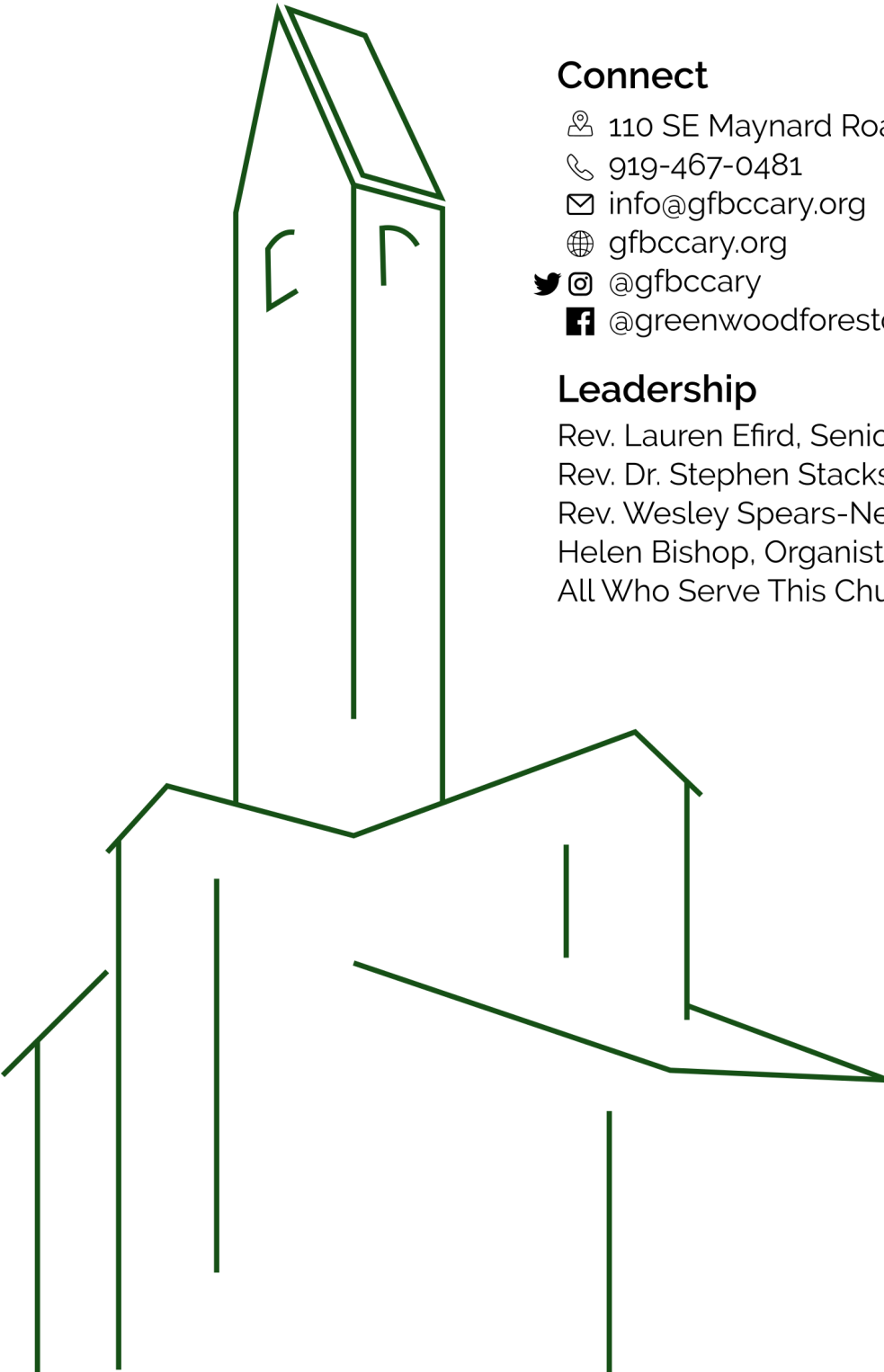
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- Stewardship Giving Portion: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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**Please attach a voided check to this document.**


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






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## Leadership

Rev. Lauren Efird, 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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