



# **Greenwood Forest**

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

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Prelude** Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries arr. David N. Johnson

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Gathering Hymn (v. 2)** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah  
(see page 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)** Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

**People: Those redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands**

Leader: from the east and from the west,

**People: from the north and from the south.**

Leader: Some were sick through their sinful ways,

**People: and because of their iniquities endured affliction;**

Leader: They loathed any kind of food,

**People: And they drew near to the gates of death.**

Leader: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,

**People: And God saved them from their distress;**

Leader: God sent out the word and healed them,

**People: And delivered them from destruction.**

Leader: Let them thank the LORD for steadfast love,

**People: For God's wonderful works to humankind.**

Leader: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,

**People: And tell of God's deeds with songs of joy.**

**Invocation** Rev. Spears-Newsome

# 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.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

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

I Love to Tell the Story

*(see page 5)*

**Offertory Prayer**

Leta Huntsinger

**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. 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.**

**Scripture Reading**

John 3:14-21

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.**

# I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of  
2. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat what  
3. I love to tell the sto - ry; for those who know it best seem

Je - sus and His glo - ry, of Je - sus and His love: I  
seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet: I  
hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest: and

love to tell the sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true; it sat - is - fies my  
love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the mes - sage of sal -  
when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old

long - ings as noth - ing else can do.  
va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill  
sto - ry that I have loved so long.

be my theme in glo - ry to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and His love.

**Anthem**

God So Loved the World

Bob Chilcott

God so loved the World  
God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth in him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world  
to condemn the world;  
but that the world through him might be saved.

**Sermon**

Here Be Dragons

Rev. Lauren Efirid

**Hymn**

What Wondrous Love is This

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

Rev. Efirid

**Postlude**

God Is Here!

arr. Charles Callahan

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# What Wondrous Love is This

Unison

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2. When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when  
 3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is  
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink-ing  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 down be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my  
 Lamb Who is the great "I Am," while mil-lions join the theme, I will  
 free I'll sing and joy - ful be; and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul.  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on.





# 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).**

O Lord, who brings to naught the designs of the nations, O Ruler who raises the lowly and humbles the lofty, have mercy on those who are disheartened! Raise us who have fallen, show thyself to those who entreat thee, and heal those who are sick. Feed the hungry, free our captives, strengthen the weak, encourage those who lose heart!

## Clement of Rome, "Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals"

## 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.



# Holy Week and Easter Services

## **Palm Sunday | March 28 at 11am | Livestream**

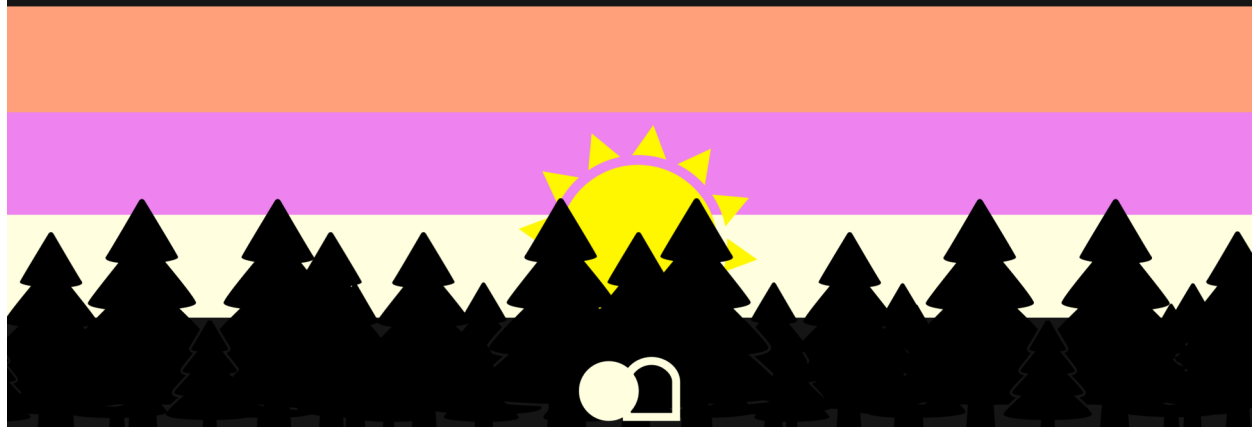
Palms will be placed under the Greenwood Forest Children's Center awning on Friday morning, March 26. We invite you to come by and pick up fronds for your household, take a picture waving your palms, and upload them at [gfbccary.org/lent](http://gfbccary.org/lent) before Saturday evening to be a part of our virtual Palm Sunday processional.

## **Good Friday | April 2 at 7pm | Zoom**

We will have our annual service of Good Friday together via Zoom. You will receive an invite via email on the day of the worship service.

## **Easter | April 4 at 11am | In-Person & Livestream**

We will be celebrating Easter Sunday in-person at Greenwood Forest! We will have worship on the lawn that morning including all of the coronavirus precautions we used in the fall: social distancing of at least 6ft, masks are required, and please do not attend in-person if you are experiencing covid-19 symptoms. The service will also be livestreamed for those who cannot attend in-person.





*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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 info@gfbccary.org

- New 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

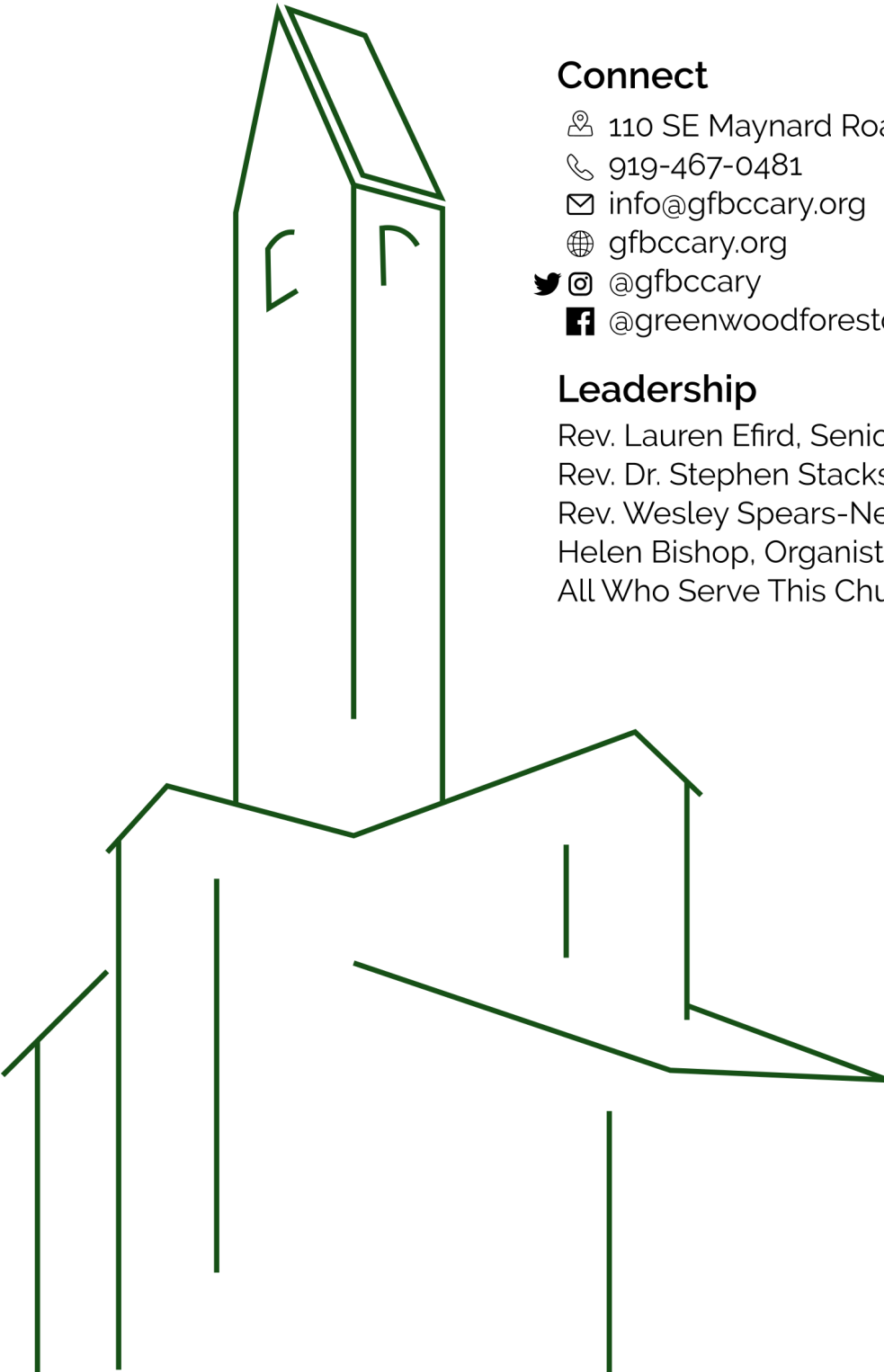
- If weekly, what day of the week: \_\_\_\_\_ (If on a holiday, debit occurs day before)
- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Stewardship Giving Portion: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Designated Giving to: \_\_\_\_\_ Portion: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 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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