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Baptist Church





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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

Palm Sunday

Prelude

All Glory, Laud and Honor

arr. G. F. Kaufmann

Virtual Palm Processional

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

(see page 3)

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 118)

Luke Perrin

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

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Let Israel say,

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

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

People: That I may enter through them and give thanks to God.

Leader: This is the gate of the LORD;

People: The righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me

People: And have become my salvation.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected

People: Has become the chief cornerstone.

Leader: This is the Lord's doing;

People: It is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

People: O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord is God, and has given us light.

**People: Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

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Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mong the joy - ful crowd;
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing;

through pil - lared court and tem - ple, the love - ly an - them rang.
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, with sing - ing clear and loud.
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise Him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on His bid - ding wait.
and in His bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

People: You are my God, I will extol you.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Invocation

Luke Perrin

Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads

(see page 5)

Offertory Prayer

Rick Chappell

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.

Lift Up Your Heads

1. Lift up your heads, you might - y gates; be - hold, the
2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
3. Re - deem - er, come, we o - pen wide our hearts to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
You; here, Lord, a - bide: Your in - ner pres - ence

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here!
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer, and love, and joy.
let us feel; Your grace and love in us re - veal.

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11

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.**Homily**

The Road to Liberation

Rev. Efrid

Anthem

My Song is Love Unknown

John Ireland

<p>My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be. O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?</p>	<p>Unheeding, we will have Our dear Lord made away a murderer to save, the Prince of Life to slay. Yet steadfast he to suff'ring goes, that he his foes from thence might free.</p>
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<p>He came from heaven's throne, salvation to bestow; The world that was his own Would not its Savior know But oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!</p>	<p>Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine; never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.</p>
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Sometimes we strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to our king.
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath,
and for his death we thirst and cry.

Scripture Reading

Mark 14:1-9

Rev. 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.**Homily**

A Beautiful Waste

Rev. Efrid

1. Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, you who feel the tempt-er's power;
 2. Fol - low to the judg-ment hall; view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
 3. Cal-vary's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor-ing at His feet,
 4. Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid His breath-less clay;

your Re-deem - er's con - flict see; watch with Him one bit - ter hour;
 O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sus-tained!
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom; who has tak - en Him a - way?

turn not from His griefs a - way; learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf-fering, shame, or loss; learn of Him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin-ished!" Hear the cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.
 Christ is risen! He meets our eyes: Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Benediction

Rev. Efrid

Postlude

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

arr. Robert Below

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Pray

Prayer List*

Emma Aeppli
 Beverly Allen
 Jim Allen
 Nell Allen
 Peter Barboriak
(Valerie Brooks' friend)
 Gilles Bikindou
 Bill Bishop
 Carol Crews
(Katie Lockhart's aunt)
 The Davis Family
(friends of Susan Beck)
 James Mark Frazier
(Sue Hughes' brother)
 Autumn Hardison
 Annette King
 Doris Martin
(at the death of her sister-in-law, Janie Sprinkle)
 Brownie McLeod
 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)
 Alice Price
 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.

"Let us say to Christ: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel. Let us wave before him like palm branches the words inscribed above him on the cross. Let us show him honor, not with olive branches, but with the splendor of merciful deeds to one another. Let us spread the thoughts and desires of our hearts under his feet like garments, so that he may draw the whole of our being into himself and place the whole of his in us."

Andrew of Crete, quoted in Common Prayer: Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals

Note of Thanks

Thanks to the many people in our church family for your prayers, phone calls, and cards sent to me. You have honored Barry and surrounded me with love and peace. I love GFBC and hope to see you soon — maybe on Easter morning on the lawn.

~ Bess Averde



Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday | March 28 at 11am | Livestream

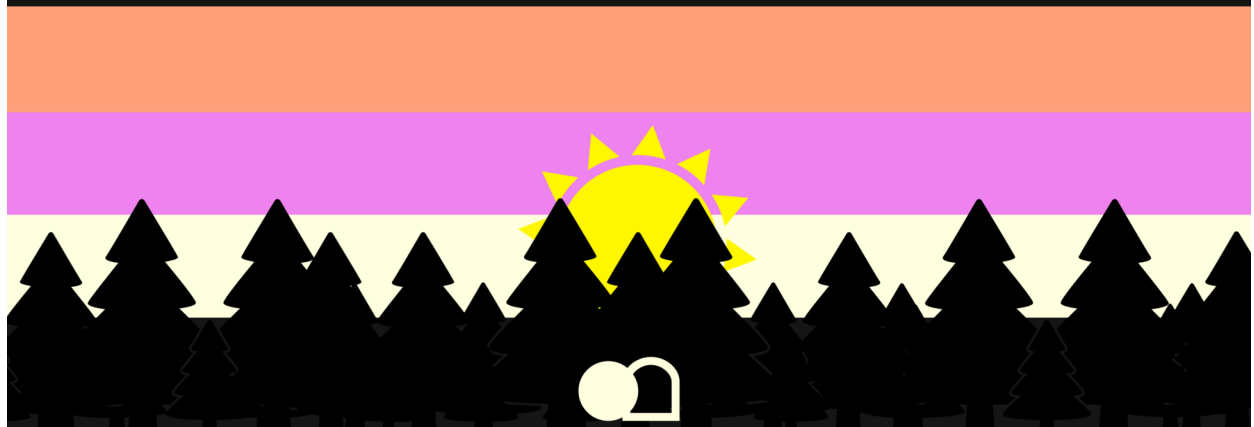
Palms will be placed under the Greenwood Forest Children's Center awning on Friday morning, March 26. We invite you to come by and pick up fronds for your household, take a picture waving your palms, and upload them at gfbccary.org/lent before Saturday evening to be a part of our virtual Palm Sunday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





Connect

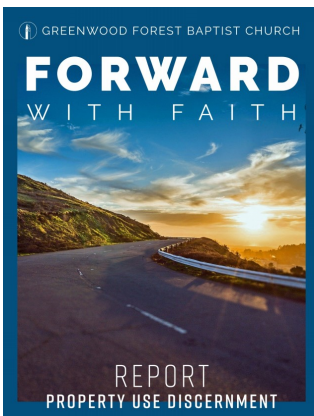


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Scripture Madness and Greenwood Forest Bracket Games for 2021

March Madness is here! You can participate in our Scripture Madness Bracket to select Greenwood Forest's favorite passage from the Bible every week at gfbccary.org/madness.



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 still communicate your responses to the report to the discernment committee listed in the report.



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.



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 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

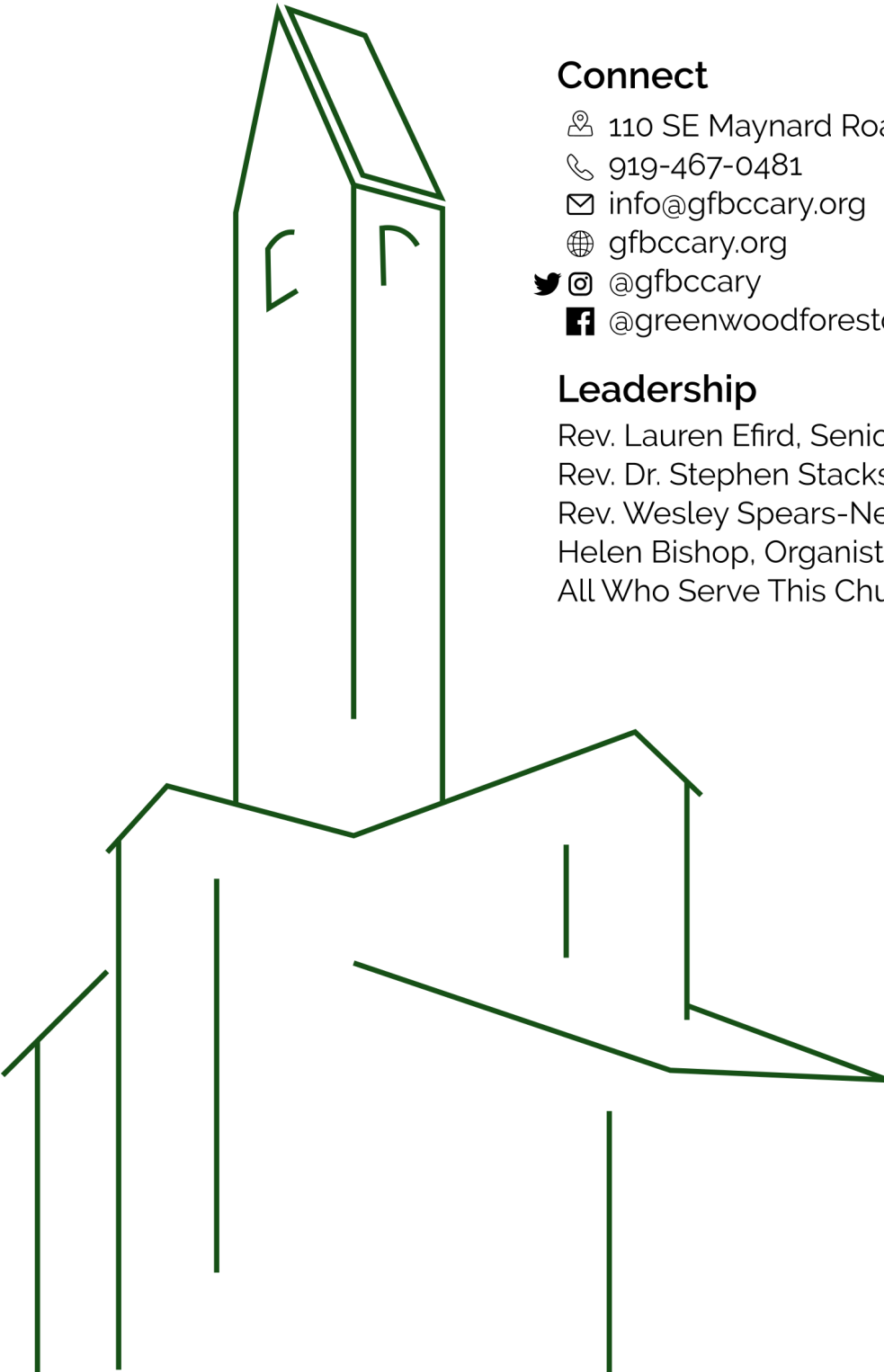
- If weekly, what day of the week: _____ (If on a holiday, debit occurs day before)
- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: _____

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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Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church
