



Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church





EASTER

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.



← Scan to give online!



Order of Worship

Easter Sunday

Prelude

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

arr. Lloyd Larson

Chiming of the Hour

Gathering Hymn (1, 3, & 4)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heav - en join to say, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Dy - ing once He all doth save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth, re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ hath o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efrid

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (Psalm 118)

Luke Perrin

Leader: This is the good news—the grave is empty; Christ is risen!

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the good news—once we were no people; now we are God's people.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: Christ is our peace—the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

People: Hallelujah!

Invocation

Luke Perrin

Anthem

Who Will Roll Away the Stone?

Ordinary Time

Early in the morning,
The sun already risen
Three women came bearing spices
The Lord's body to anoint.
Standing outside the tomb,
They asked each other saying
"Who will roll away the stone?"

Looking up they realized
The stone had been removed.
And to their amazement
A young man sat before them.

"Do not be amazed," he said,
"For Jesus the Nazarene
He who has been crucified,
Here you will not find.
He has risen from the grave."
(Early on the first day)

You'll find him on the road,
You'll find him at your table.

"He has risen from the dead."
(Early on the first day)

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 16:1-8

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.

Homily

Rev. Efrd

Hymn (1 & 3)

The Day of Resurrection

(see page 5)

Benediction

Rev. Efrd

Postlude

"Hallelujah" from *Messiah*

Handel

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The Day of Resurrection

1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful! Let earth her song be - gin!

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness; the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
 The world re-sound in tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and, lis-tening to His ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad-ness blend;

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.



Pray

Prayer List*

Emma Aeppli	James Mark Frazier	Sara McMillan Perkinson
Beverly Allen	<i>(Sue Hughes' brother)</i>	<i>(Leon and Sue</i>
Jim Allen	Autumn Hardison	<i>Perkinson's daughter-in</i>
Nell Allen	Annette King	<i>-law)</i>
Peter Barboriak	Brownie McLeod	Alice Price
<i>(Valerie Brooks' friend)</i>	Marian McGill	Alison Zieglmeier
Gilles Bikindou	<i>(Leta Huntsinger's aunt)</i>	Our partner church,
Bill Bishop	Janet Merriman	Ebenezer Baptist,
The Davis Family	<i>(Roz Slawson's friend)</i>	Cuba
<i>(friends of Susan Beck)</i>	Sylvia Morgan	

**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

Pray this week for the resurrection of Jesus to transform your life! A prayer you can use:

Risen Lord, your resurrection was your unwillingness to abandon our world. And the good news is not that we die and go home with you, but that you have risen and come home with us. Go with us this week that we may be witnesses to your resurrection and the new life it makes possible now and forever more. Amen.

Adapted from the words of Clarence Jordan, co-founder of Koinonia Farm

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 Averre

Return to Church Plan



As COVID-19 numbers improve in North Carolina and many of our congregants get vaccinated, we are excited to begin planning for a safe return to in-person congregational activities. We have erred on the safe side during the pandemic, and will continue to be cautious; however, based on the available science, and the safeguards we will keep in place, we are confident that some in-person operations can be resumed safely in the coming weeks. We, of course, will reverse

course if the situation changes, so plans are subject to alterations.

For the first two months of our Return to Church plan, worship will be the only churchwide in-person activity on campus. This is to ensure that we are limiting the amount of contact as we get our feet wet while still prioritizing our most important gathering as a community.

For the month of April, we will meet each week for worship outside on the lawn (if weather prevents an outside gathering, we will cancel in-person worship and move to live-stream only for that week). Worship on the lawn will have the same COVID-19 precautions as it did when we held a service in the fall (masking, distancing, stay home if you have had symptoms, bring your own chair if you are able).

Assuming that the COVID-19 numbers are not worsening after those four weeks of outdoor worship, we will hold in-person worship in the Sanctuary beginning on May 2. These indoor worship gatherings will be modified and have precautions in place to ensure everyone's safety.

We are excited to begin gathering as a community again soon. To review the updated COVID-19 policies and procedures as well as download the full Return to the Church Plan, please visit gfbccary.org/covid-19.

We look forward to welcoming you to in-person worship!

On the Lawn*:
April 4
April 11
April 18
April 25

In the Sanctuary**:
May 2

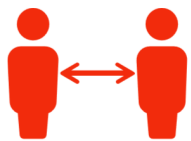
*In the event of inclement weather, we will move to livestream only and no in-person gathering.

**Future plans are always subject to new data and trends. Greenwood Forest will communicate any anticipated changes.

Key Reminders for Worship:



wear your mask at all times



keep your distance (6 ft. at minimum)



if you have symptoms,
stay home



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.

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

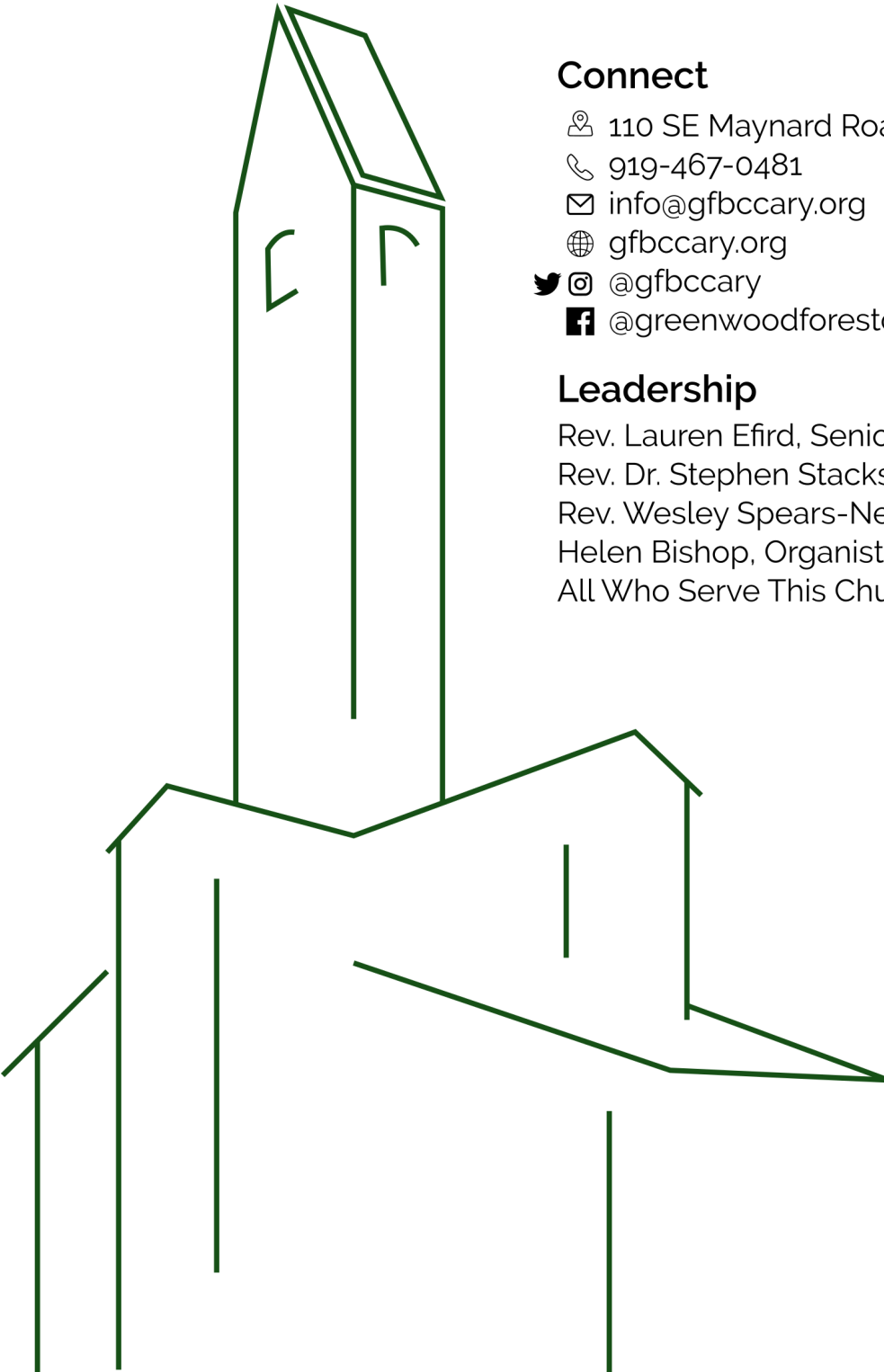
- If weekly, what day of the week: _____ (If on a holiday, debit occurs day before)
- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: _____

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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Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church
