



**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

The Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Gathering Hymn (1 & 2)

Lift High the Cross

*Unison*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

*Fine*

*Parts*

1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, our  
2. O Lord, once lift - ed on this glo - rious tree, as  
3. For Thy blest cross which doth for all a - tone, cre -  
4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: praise

*D.C.*

King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
Thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to Thee.  
a - tion's prais - es raise be - fore Thy throne.  
to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

## Welcome to Worship

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen, indeed!**

## Passing of the Peace

### Call to Worship (Psalm 118)

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: Why have you come this morning?

**People: We come to experience the Risen Christ.**

Leader: How will you know him?

**People: Through the love and life we feel present in this gathering of the Body of Christ.**

Leader: What will you do with this experience?

**People: We will go forth, witnesses to this amazing act of love.**

Leader: Come, then, Easter people, let us worship.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Invocation

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

## Anthem

Wounded Healer

The Followers

Sinfulness dulls the warmth in our souls

It puts out the flame,  
it brings us down low  
But among all our ash  
your spark catches fire  
You stoke us in love,  
our hearts you inspire

Wounded Healer, please

Give us light, give us vision  
Give us love, give us mission  
Give us courage, give us power  
Give us righteousness for this hour  
Give us joy, give us faith

Give us life that we can taste

Give us the cross—Jesus give us you  
We are channels of love  
that flow from you  
We are filled with your spirit  
who makes all things new  
We are broken bread  
and poured out wine  
Your kingdom come  
release through our lives

## 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 20:19-31

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

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

### Hymn (1, 2, & 5)

Christ is Alive

*(see page 5)*

### Benediction

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

### Postlude

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and OneLicense #A-721397.*

*The flowers are given today by the Sojourners Faith Formation class on behalf of the  
entire church in honor of Hank King who will celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday tomorrow,  
April 12.*

# Christ is Alive

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4. Wo - men and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.



# Pray

## Prayer List\*

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

## Prayer for this Week

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

Lord, we bring to you our vulnerability, our wounds, our pain, and our growth. By the power of your forgiving love, help us also to become wounded healers. Amen.

### **Adapted from Common Prayer: Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals**

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



# Act



**4TH ANNUAL  
BE A HERO  
BLOOD DRIVE  
JUNE 4**

## Blood Drive | June 4

Our 4th annual "Be a Hero" Blood Drive will be held June 4 in the Fellowship Hall. Make your appointment today at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and search using the keyword "greenwood". Thank you for considering this opportunity to save a life!

## ONE Wake Annual Meeting

Save the Date: June 10 7:30-9pm  
During our June 10 Annual Meeting, ONE Wake leaders will share platform details for housing, jobs, and education issues we can win in the next 12-18 months. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend; register at [onewake.org](http://onewake.org) and let Rev. Spears-Newsome know you're coming!

# 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](https://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\*\*:  
Begins May 2

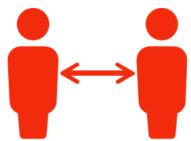
\*In the event of inclement weather, we will move to livestream only and no in-person gathering.

\*\*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



*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.*

## March 2021 Finance Update

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

	Mar. 2021	Year-to-Date
Congregational Giving	\$51,302	\$384,558
Congregational Giving Target	\$53,624	\$420,068
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$2,322)	(\$35,510)
Other Receipts	\$1,686	\$14,326
Total Giving and Receipts	\$52,988	\$398,884
Total Disbursements	\$62,817	\$425,651
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	(\$9,829)	(\$26,767)
Together We Build Giving	\$12,668	\$92,995

### 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

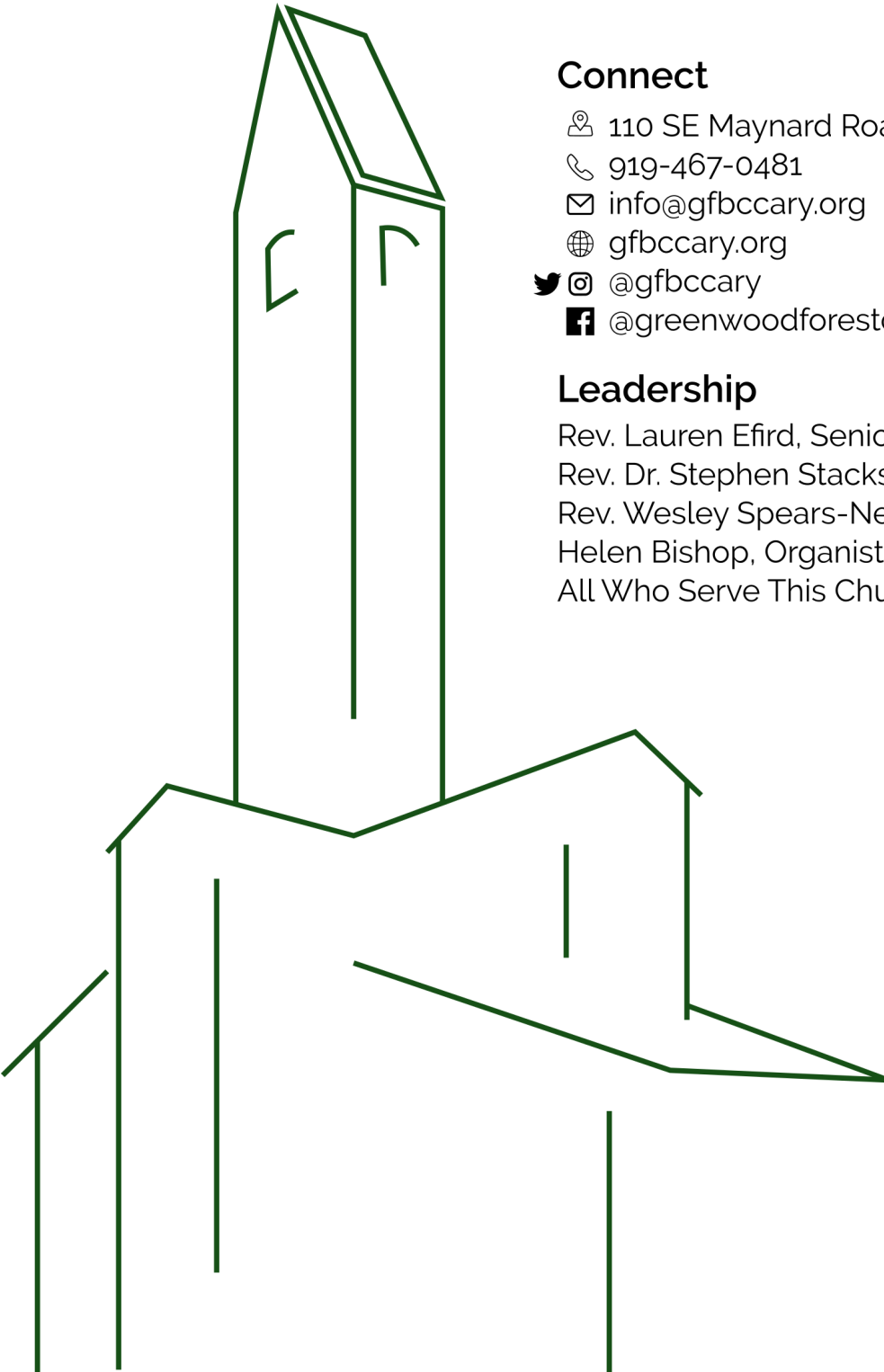
- If weekly, what day of the week: \_\_\_\_\_ (If on a holiday, debit occurs day before)
- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: \_\_\_\_\_

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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