



Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church





EASTER

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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 Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude We Have Heard the Joyful Sound arr. Ralph Manuel

Chiming of the Hour

Gathering Hymn Day of Arising
(see page 3)

Welcome to Worship Rev. Lauren Efirid

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (Psalm 4) Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: Answer us when we call, O God!

People: You gave us room when we were in distress.

Leader: Be gracious to us,

People: And hear our prayer.

Leader: How long, you people, shall honor suffer shame?

People: How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

Leader: But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful;

People: The Lord hears when we call.

Leader: When you are disturbed, do not sin;

People: Ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Leader: Offer right sacrifices,

People: And put your trust in the Lord.

Leader: There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!"

People: Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"

Leader: You have put gladness in our hearts

People: More than when grain and wine abound.

Leader: We will both lie down and sleep in peace;

People: For you alone, O Lord, make us lie down in safety.

Invocation Rev. Spears-Newsome

Day of Arising

Unison

1. Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the
 2. When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and
 3. Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has
 4. Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the

road - way, un-known com - pan - ion walks with His
 dread - ing, blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of
 spo - ken. This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's
 jour - ney, bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our

own.
 heart,
 sign:
 eyes.

When they in - vite Him, as fades the
 yet Christ walks with us ev - er a -
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is
 Grant us Your vi - sion, set all hearts

first day, and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
 wait - ing our in - vi - ta - tion: stay, do not part.
 bro - ken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
 burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with You may rise.

Anthem

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

arr. Stacks

All who hunger gather gladly;
 holy manna is our bread.
 Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
 Here in truth we will be fed.
 You that yearn for days of fullness,
 all around us is our food.
 Taste and see the grace eternal.
 Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers;
 seeker, be a welcome guest.
 Come from restlessness and roaming.
 Here in joy we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered
 in communion's love have stood.
 Taste and see the grace eternal.
 Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together,
 Jesus Christ is living bread.
 Come from loneliness and longing.
 Here in peace we have been fed.
 Blest are those who from this table
 live their days in gratitude.
 Taste and see the grace eternal.
 Taste and see that God is good.

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

Luke 24:36b-48

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.

Come, Share the Lord

1. We gath - er here in Je - sus' name, His love is
 2. He joins us here, He breaks the bread, the Lord who
 3. We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing; we'll see the

burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame; for through the
 pours the cup is ris - en from the dead; the one we
 glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King; now we an -

lov - ing Son the Fa - ther makes us one: come, take the
 love the most is now our gra - cious host: come, take the
 tic - i - pate the feast for which we wait: come, take the

bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
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Homily		Rev. Efirid
Celebration of Communion		Rev. Efirid
Hymn		Come, Share the Lord
	(see page 5)	
Benediction		Rev. Efirid
Postlude	The Lord Bless You and Keep You	arr. Albert Mendoza

Today's hymns come from *Celebrating Grace* (Celebrating Grace, Inc.). Copyrighted music use is covered by CCLI License #1243530 and OneLicense #A-721397.



Pray

Prayer List*

Emma Aeppli	Janet Merriman
Jim Allen	(Roz Slawson's friend)
Nell Allen	
Peter Barboriak	Sylvia Morgan
(Valerie Brooks' friend)	Sara McMillan
	Perkinson
Don Beal	(Leon and Sue Perkinson's daughter-in-law)
Faye Beal	
Gilles Bikindou	Alice Price
Bill Bishop	Marta Whitehouse
Joyner Brooks	(Al Whitehouse's mother)
The Davis Family	Alison Zieglmeier
(friends of Susan Beck)	
James Mark Frazier	Our partner church,
(Sue Hughes' brother)	Ebenezer Baptist,
	Cuba
Annette King	

Prayer for this Week

Pray this week to recognize Jesus in your midst. A saying of Mother Teresa you can contemplate:

We are called to be contemplatives in the heart of the world by seeking the face of God in everything, everyone, everywhere, all the time and God's hand in everything happening; seeing and adoring the presence of Jesus, especially in the lowly appearance of bread, and in the distressing disguise of the poor.

Quoted in 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 on June 4

Our 4th annual "Be a Hero" Blood Drive will be held June 4 in the Fellowship Hall. Make your appointment at 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 and let Rev. Spears-Newsome know you're coming!





Connect

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*:	In the Sanctuary**:
April 4	Begins May 2
April 11	
April 18	
April 25	

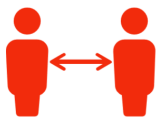
*In the event of inclement weather, we will move to livestream only and no in-person gathering.

**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 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

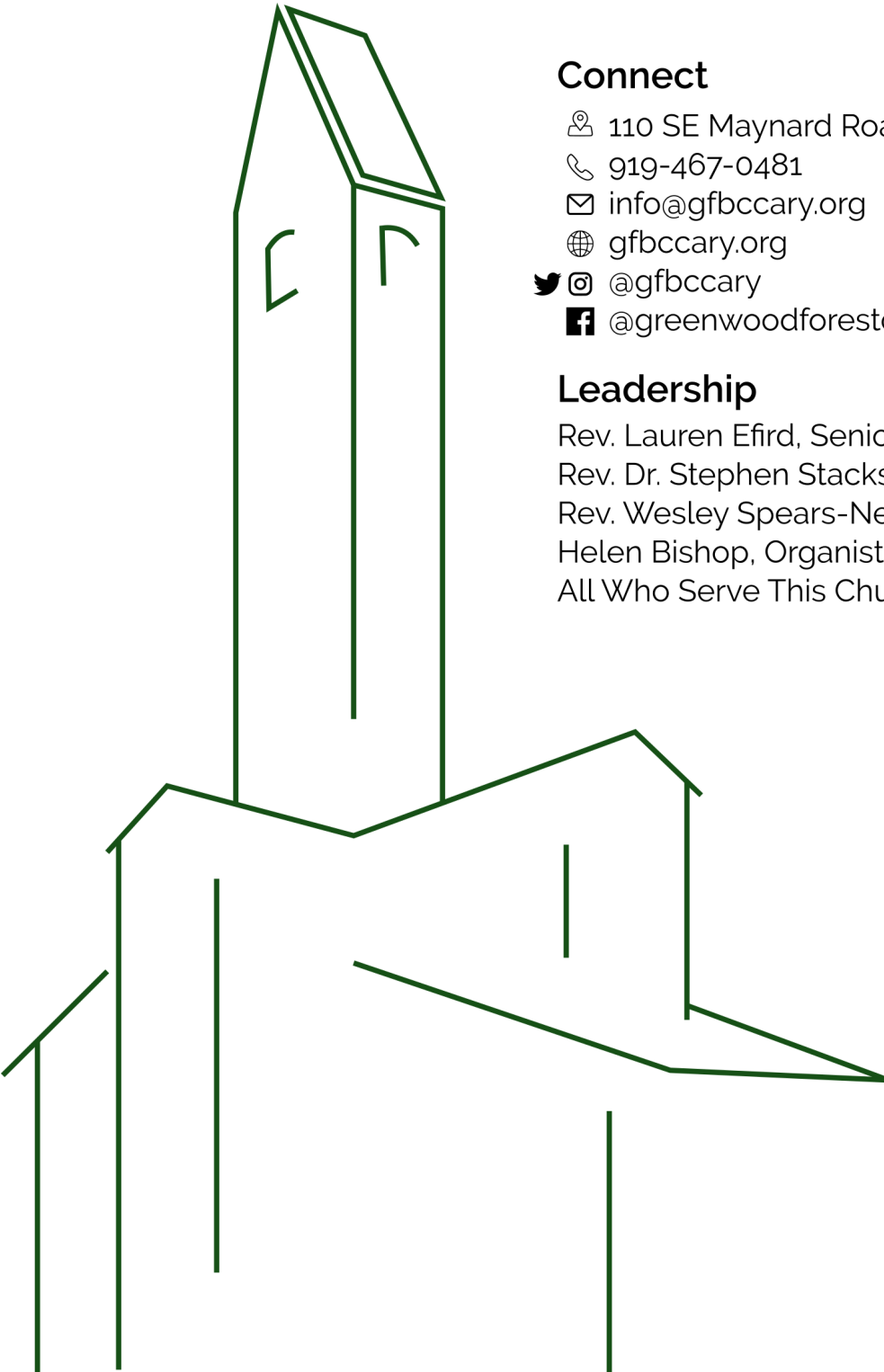
- If weekly, what day of the week: _____ (If on a holiday, debit occurs day before)
- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: _____

Amount of Each Debit: \$ _____

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


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
