

### **Greenwood Forest**Baptist Church



## 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!</p>

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prelude Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us arr. Labenske

**Chiming of the Hour** 

Gathering Hymn (vv. 1 & 2) The Solid Rock

(see page 3)

Welcome to Worship Rev. Lauren Efird

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed!

**Passing of the Peace** 

Call to Worship (Psalm 100) Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; Come into God's presence with

singing!

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

People: It is God that made us; and not we ourselves.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Leader: We are God's people,

People: And the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,

People: And the courts of the Lord with praise.

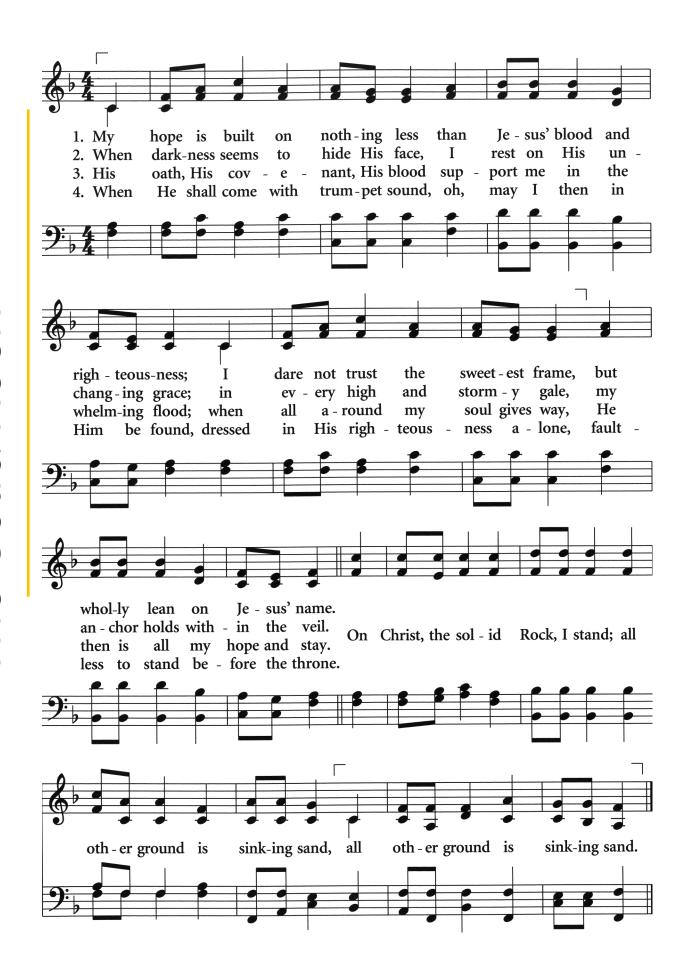
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord.

People: Bless God's name.

Leader: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,

People: And God's faithfulness to all generations.

**Invocation** Rev. Dr. Stacks



### Anthem

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

John Ness Beck

The king of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth; and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never; Good shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

### 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**

John 10:11-18

Rev. Efird

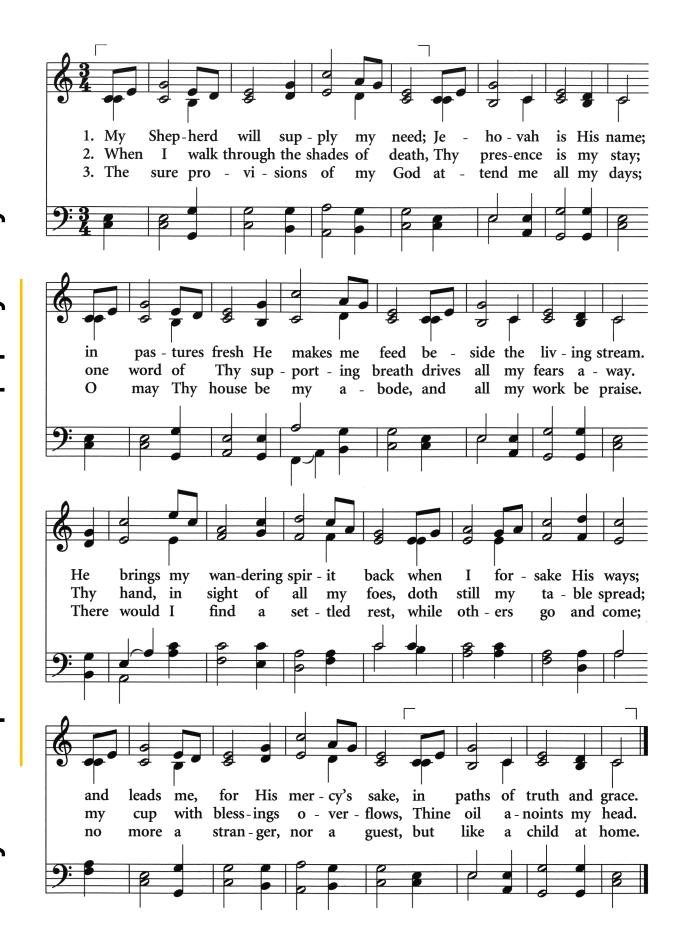
We affirm the reading of Scripture with the following response:

Reader: The word of God for us, the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Homily** Luke Perrin

# Shepherd Will Supply My Need



**Hymn** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

(see page 5)

**Benediction** Rev. Efird

Postlude Easter Joy arr. Eugene Butler

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

The flowers are given today in honor of Lee Webb's 80th birthday by his family.



### Pray

### **Prayer List\***

Emma Aeppli
Jim Allen
Nell Allen
Peter Barboriak
(Valerie Brooks'
friend)
Don Beal
Faye Beal
Gilles Bikindou
Bill Bishop
Joyner Brooks
Jim Davis
James Mark Frazier

(Sue Hughes'

*brother*)

Annette King

(Roz Slawson's friend)
Sylvia Morgan
Sue Perkinson
(at the death of her sister, Joann Partch)
Alice Price
Marta Whitehouse
(Al Whitehouse's mother)
Alison Zieglmeier
Our partner church,
Ebenezer Baptist,
Cuba

Janet Merriman

### **Prayer for this Week**

Pray this week for where God might be leading you:

Shepherd of all, by laying down your life for your flock you reveal your love for all. Lead us from the place of death to the place of abundant life, that guided by your care for us we may rightly offer our lives in love for you and our neighbors. Amen.

From the Revised Common Lectionary Service of Vanderbilt Divinity Library

<sup>\*</sup>To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names rotate off and can be readded upon request.



## 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 <a href="mailto:onewake.org">onewake.org</a> and let Rev. Spears-Newsome know you're coming!







### Town Hall Meeting | April 26 @ 7pm via Zoom

The second report on property repurposing has been released at <a href="mailto:gfbccary.org/repurposing">gfbccary.org/repurposing</a>. We will gather to discuss and reflect the findings of the partner conversations within it on April 26 at 7pm via Zoom.

We are excited about the possibilities these conversations helped illuminate and are eager for the congregation to discuss opportunities for the future!

### **Return to Church and Indoor Worship**

We are excited to begin gathering as a community in the sanctuary on May 2! Please review the updated COVID-19 policies and procedures as well as download the full Return to the Church Plan, please visit <a href="mailto:gfbccary.org/covid-19">gfbccary.org/covid-19</a>.

### **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	
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	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		
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Account Information		
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