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Baptist Church





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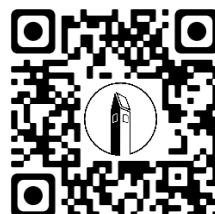
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Welcome to Greenwood Forest!

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.



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Order of Worship

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

arr. Walther

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efrid

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed!

Passing of the Peace

Gathering Hymn

Amazing Grace

We invite you to participate by listening, clapping, or meditating on the text.

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come
T'was grace that brought us safe thus far
And grace will lead us home

Call to Worship & Invocation

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Baptism

Joshua Mills

Anthem

The Call

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Offertory Prayer

Sarah Walden

Presentation of the Offering

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Acts 8:26-40

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

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.

Sermon

What is to Prevent Me?

Rev. Lauren Efirid

Hymn

Let us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

(see page 4)

Benediction

Rev. Efirid

Postlude

Christ Is Alive

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

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Let us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C7 F C F B^b C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
 Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
 Gm C F B^b

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Refrain
 (D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D) (A7)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F (C7)

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.



Pray

Prayer List*

Emma Aeppli	Annette King
Jim Allen	Janet Merriman
Nell Allen	<i>(Roz Slawson's friend)</i>
Peter Barboriak	Sylvia Morgan
<i>(Valerie Brooks' friend)</i>	Sue Perkinson
Don Beal	<i>(at the death of her sister, Joann Partch)</i>
Faye Beal	Alice Price
Gilles Bikindou	Marta Whitehouse
Bill Bishop	<i>(Al Whitehouse's mother)</i>
Joyner Brooks	Alison Zieglmeier
Jim Davis	Our partner church,
James Mark Frazier	Ebenezer Baptist,
<i>(Sue Hughes' brother)</i>	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

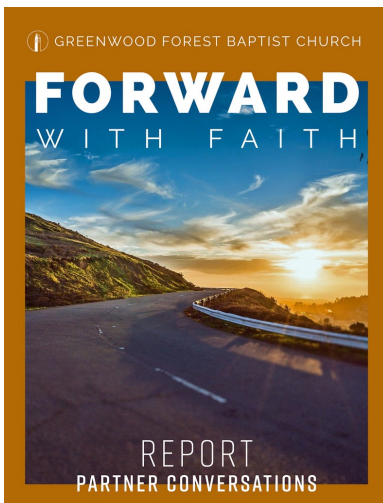
Prayerfully consider the words of Isaiah about those whom others seek to exclude:

“Do not let the foreigner joined to the LORD say, ‘The LORD will surely separate me from his people’; and do not let the eunuch say, ‘I am just a dry tree.’ For thus says the LORD: To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.”

Isaiah 56:3-5 (NRSV)



Connect



Report on Partner Conversations Available

The second report on property repurposing has been released at gfbccary.org/repurposing. There are limited copies available in the narthex. We gathered to discuss the report in a Town Hall on April 26, but you can still email your thoughts on the report to the discernment committee.

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



Ministry Monday (May 17 on Zoom)

Team A @ 6:30pm
Team B @ 7:45pm
Team A: Children,
 Congregational Care,
 Finance, Missions, Outreach,
 Worship, Fellowship
Team B: Discipleship,
 Personnel, Properties, Youth



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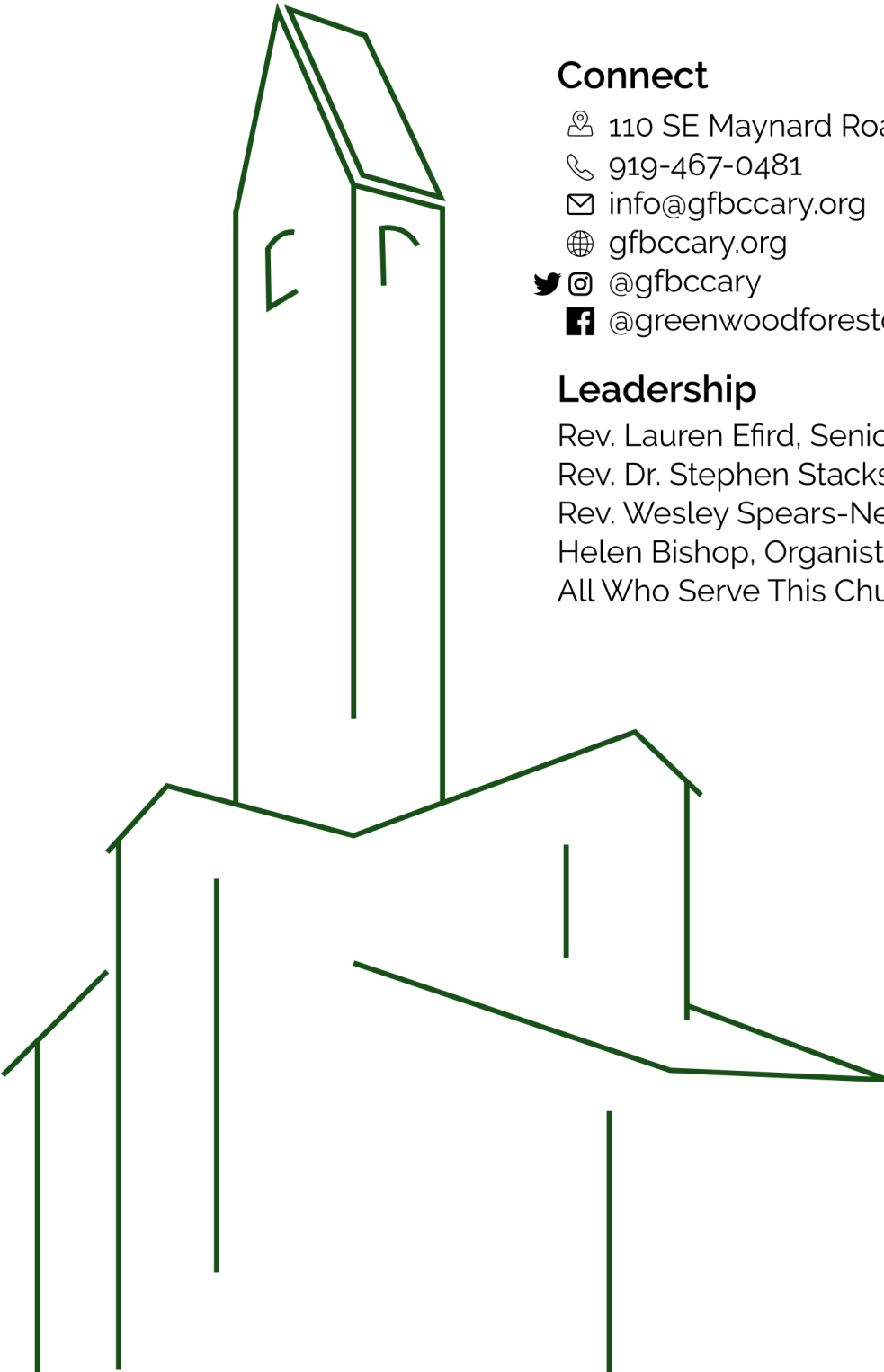
March 2021 Finance Update

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 requested from the church office, attaching a voided check, and mailing it back to the church office.




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Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church
