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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.

If you need a hearing assistance device, they are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Services are livestreamed and you may end up on camera if in attendance.



← You can scan with your phone's camera to give online!



Order of Worship

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

We Praise You, O God

arr. Healey Willan

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efrid

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship & Invocation

Rev. Efrid

Gathering Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me?

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

“Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown;
will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?”

Will you kiss the leper clean,
and so such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Offertory Prayer

Leta Huntsinger

Presentation of the Offering

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Acts 1:13-17, 21-26

Rev. Efrid

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.

Anthem

Establish the Work of Our Hands

Porter's Gate

If you don't build it, we labor in vain,
Without your Spirit,
we stand with no strength.

I know my life is passing away,
but the works of your hands
are what will remain.

Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us

O Lord, establish the work of our hands!

Teach us to number the length of our days,
Pour out Your power,
we'll pour out Your praise.

Teach us to run, to finish the race,
for only what's done in love will remain.

Let the favor of the Lord
rest upon us

Alleluia!

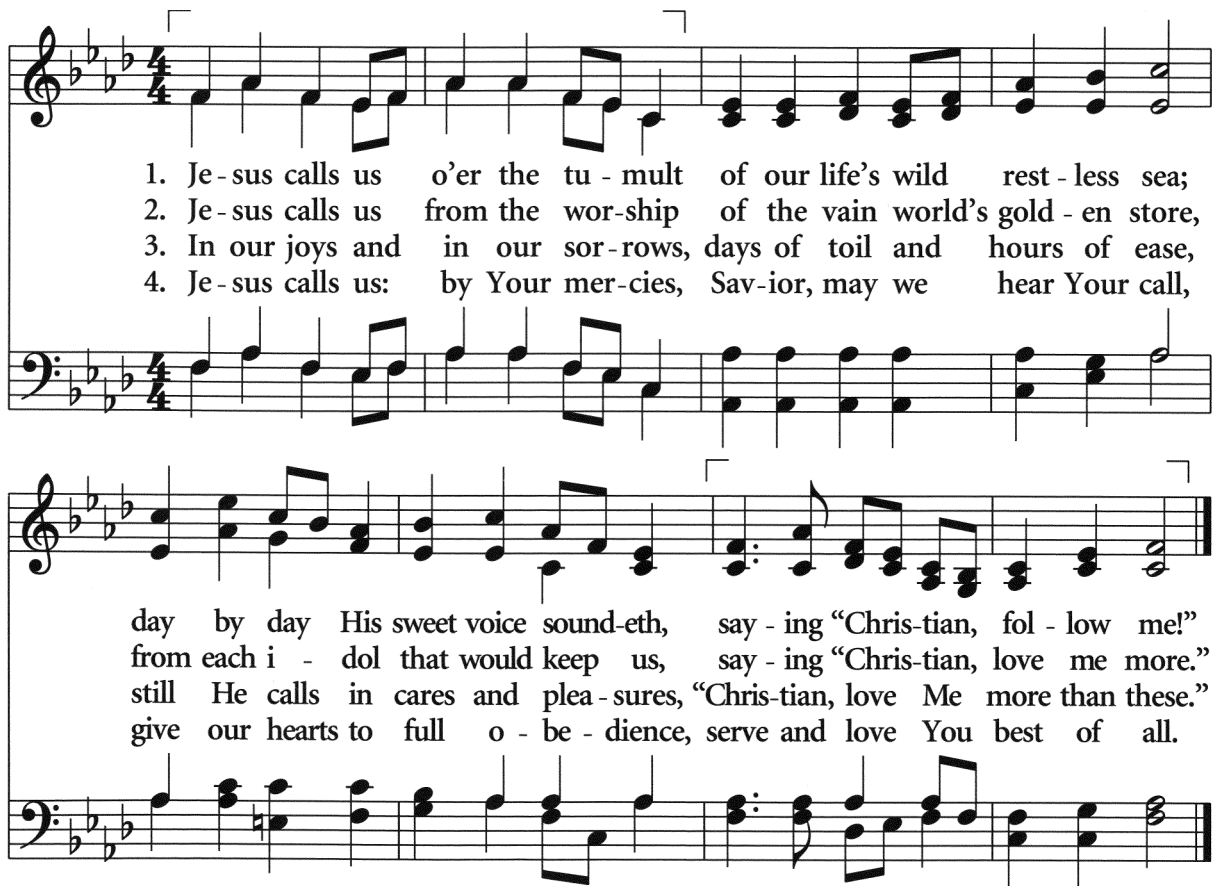
Sermon

What Could Have Been?

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Hymn

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult



1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild rest - less sea;
2. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the vain world's gold - en store,
3. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of toil and hours of ease,
4. Je - sus calls us: by Your mer - cies, Sav - ior, may we hear Your call,
day by day His sweet voice sound - eth, say - ing "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
from each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing "Chris - tian, love me more."
still He calls in cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love Me more than these."
give our hearts to full o - be - dience, serve and love You best of all.

Benediction

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Postlude

The Master Hath Come

arr. Mary McDonald

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Pray

Prayer List*

Jim Allen	Sylvia Morgan
Nell Allen	Alice Price
Peter Barboriak	Betty Stallings
<i>(Valerie Brooks' friend)</i>	Holden Warren
Gilles Bikindou	Marta Whitehouse
Bill Bishop	<i>(Al Whitehouse's mother)</i>
James Mark Frazier	Alison Zieglmeier
<i>(Sue Hughes' brother)</i>	Our partner church,
Fred Haynie	Ebenezer Baptist,
Janet Merriman	Cuba
<i>(Roz Slawson's friend)</i>	

**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 these words over yourself and others this week:

Blessed are our bodies. Blessed is our love. Blessed are we when we celebrate that which the world turns away. Fill our hearts with a pride rooted in resistance to all that seeks to destroy.

May we delight in the ways you have created us: diverse, unique, surprising, and beautiful. Thanks be to God!

From "A Queer Call to Worship" in the Liturgy Library of enfleshed.com.



Act



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

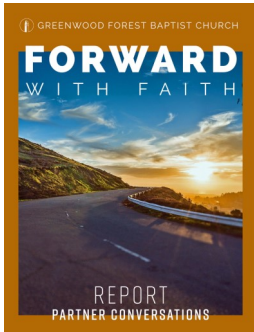
Blood Drive on June 4: Two Ways You Can Help

Our annual "Be a Hero" Blood Drive is one month away and we need your help! On June 4, you can help in a two different ways:

- You can make an appointment to give blood at redcrossblood.org and search using the keyword "greenwood."
- You can volunteer to help check people in between 1 and 5:30 pm on June 4.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to save a life!

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.

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

Give

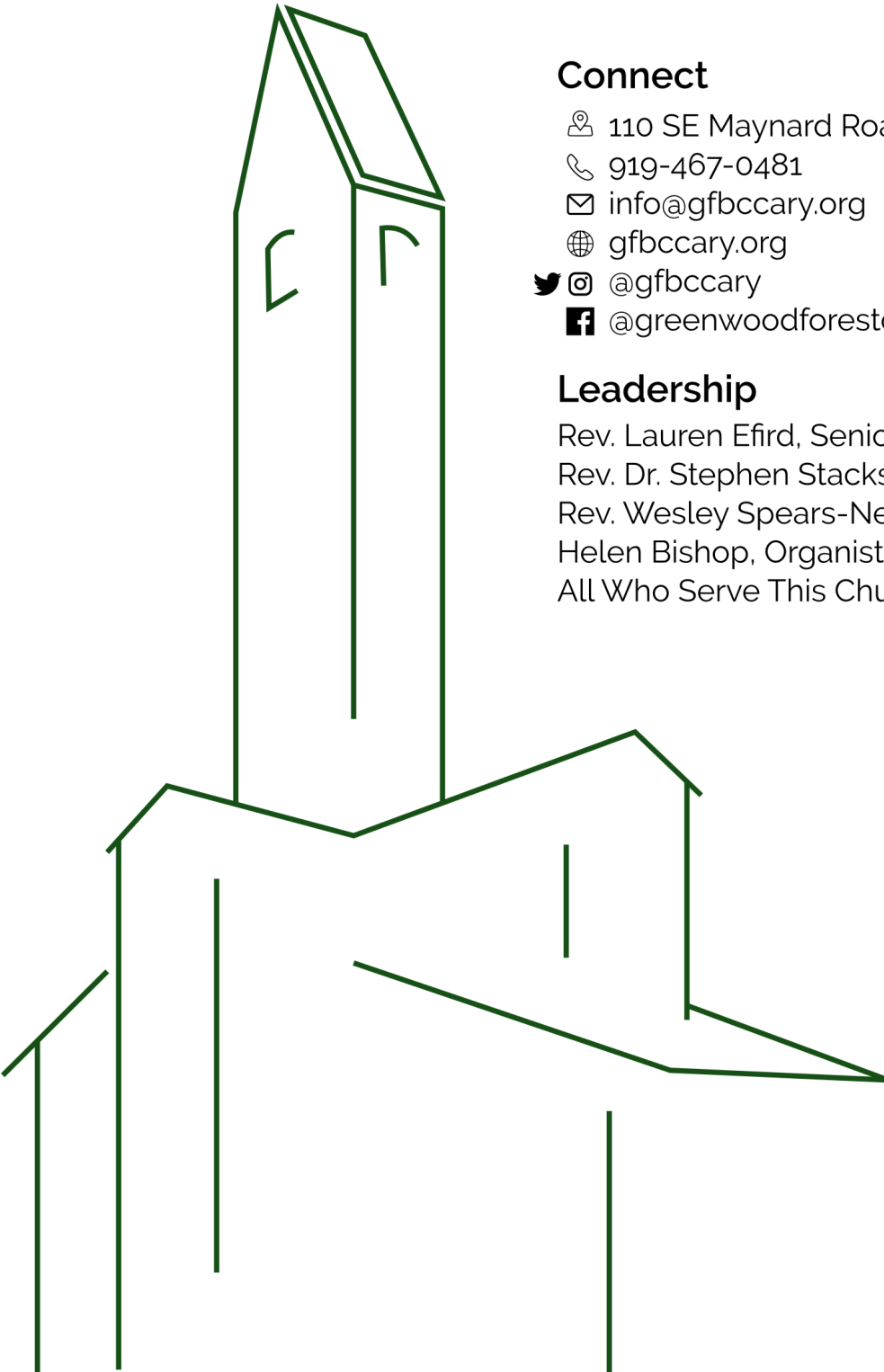
April 2021 Finance Update

Updated when the previous month's books have closed.

	Apr. 2021	Year-to-Date
Congregational Giving	\$57,574	\$442,132
Congregational Giving Target	\$53,624	\$473,692
Congregational Giving Under/Over	\$3,950	(\$31,560)
Other Receipts	\$1,730	\$16,076
Total Giving and Receipts	\$59,304	\$458,208
Total Disbursements	\$65,675	\$491,327
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	(\$6,371)	(\$33,119)
Together We Build Giving	\$5,658	\$98,653


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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Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church
