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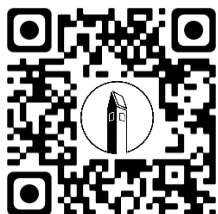
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an inclusive
community
of faith

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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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.



Order of Worship

Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow ABERYSTWYTH

Welcome to Worship Rev. Lauren Efrid

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: When the world divides us:

People: Come, Holy Spirit, make us one!

Leader: When the world calls us orphaned:

People: Come, Holy Spirit, make us family!

Leader: When the world leads us astray:

People: Come, Holy Spirit, call us home!

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, rain down on this place,

People: Let our souls drink your goodness!

Leader: Let our hearts overflow.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, rain down on this place!

Invocation Rev. Dr. Stacks

Gathering Hymn Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us
grace.

Something's gonna happen
like the world has never known,
when the people of the Lord
get down to pray;
A door's gonna swing open,
and the walls come a-tumbling down,
when the people of the Lord
get down to pray.

Offertory Prayer

Rick Chappell

Presentation of the Offering

OLD HUNDREDTH

Transcendent God, we bless your name,
Incarnate Christ, the risen one,
The Spirit with us, Immanent,
The Source, the Word, the Breath of Life! Amen.

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 Readings

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Rev. Dr. Stacks

Acts 2:1-4

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.

Anthem

Skeleton Bones

John Mark McMillan

Peel back our ribs again
And stand inside of our chest.
We just wanna' love you

We want your blood to flow inside our body
We want your wind inside our lungs
We just wanna' love you

Peel back the veil of time
And let us see you with our naked eyes
We just wanna' love you

Skeleton bones stand at the sound
Of eternity on the lips of the found
And gravestones roll

To the rhythm of the sound of you
Skeleton bones stand at the sound
Of eternity on the lips of the found
So separate those doors
And let the sun of resurrection in

Oh let us adore the
Son of Glory dressed in love
Open up your gates before him
Crown him,
Stand him up

Sermon

Can These Bones Live?

Rev. Efird

Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me; Spir - it of the
liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me,
fill me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Benediction

Rev. Efird

Postlude

Veni, Creator Spiritus

arr. Flor Peeters

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▶ Prayer List*

Jim Allen
Nell Allen
Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)
Gilles Bikindou
Bob and Alice Curti (Susan Beck's parents)
James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)
Janet Merriman (Roz Slawson's friend)
Sylvia Morgan
Fan Panton (Judy Teander's sister)
Alice Price
Betty Stallings
Marvel Wahrman
Marta Whitehouse (Al Whitehouse's mother)
Alison Zieglmeier
Our partner church,
Ebenezer Baptist, 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 the Week

Pray these words to invite the Spirit to move in your life this week:

Let her come and fill our mouths with words we didn't know we could speak.

Let her come and help us hear in languages we once could not understand.

She is being poured out.

The people will prophesy.

The heavens will draw near.

The chorus of voices-past will join in and proclaim the truth of God.

From "Pentecost is Coming" in the Liturgy Library of enfleshed.com.



Faith Formation is back!

▶ Faith Formation Resumes In-Person in June

In June, small groups and Faith Formation classes may resume meeting inside the building. Faith Formation will be held on an abbreviated schedule from 10:00-10:45am on Sunday mornings. Faith Formation classes are encouraged to continue offering a virtual option for class members that cannot attend in person. More details are available at gfbccary.org/covid-19.

▶ Updated Covid-19 Guidelines

In addition to resuming in-person Faith Formation in June, the church's covid-19 guidelines have been fully revised and are now available online. Some major changes include:

- Masks are not required outdoors if 6ft of distance is maintained.
- Masks are still required indoors, but only 3ft of distance is required.

Please review all the policies at gfbccary.org/covid-19.

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► "Be a Hero" Blood Drive on June 4



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!

► ONE Wake Annual Meeting on June 10

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!



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► Ways to Tithe

- Set up an automated bank draft by filling out a form requested from the church office, attaching a voided check, and mailing it back to the church office.
- Set up auto pay through your bank using the "Bill Pay" function. Then, your bank will mail a check to the church weekly or monthly.
- Give online through the church website at gfbccary.org/give.

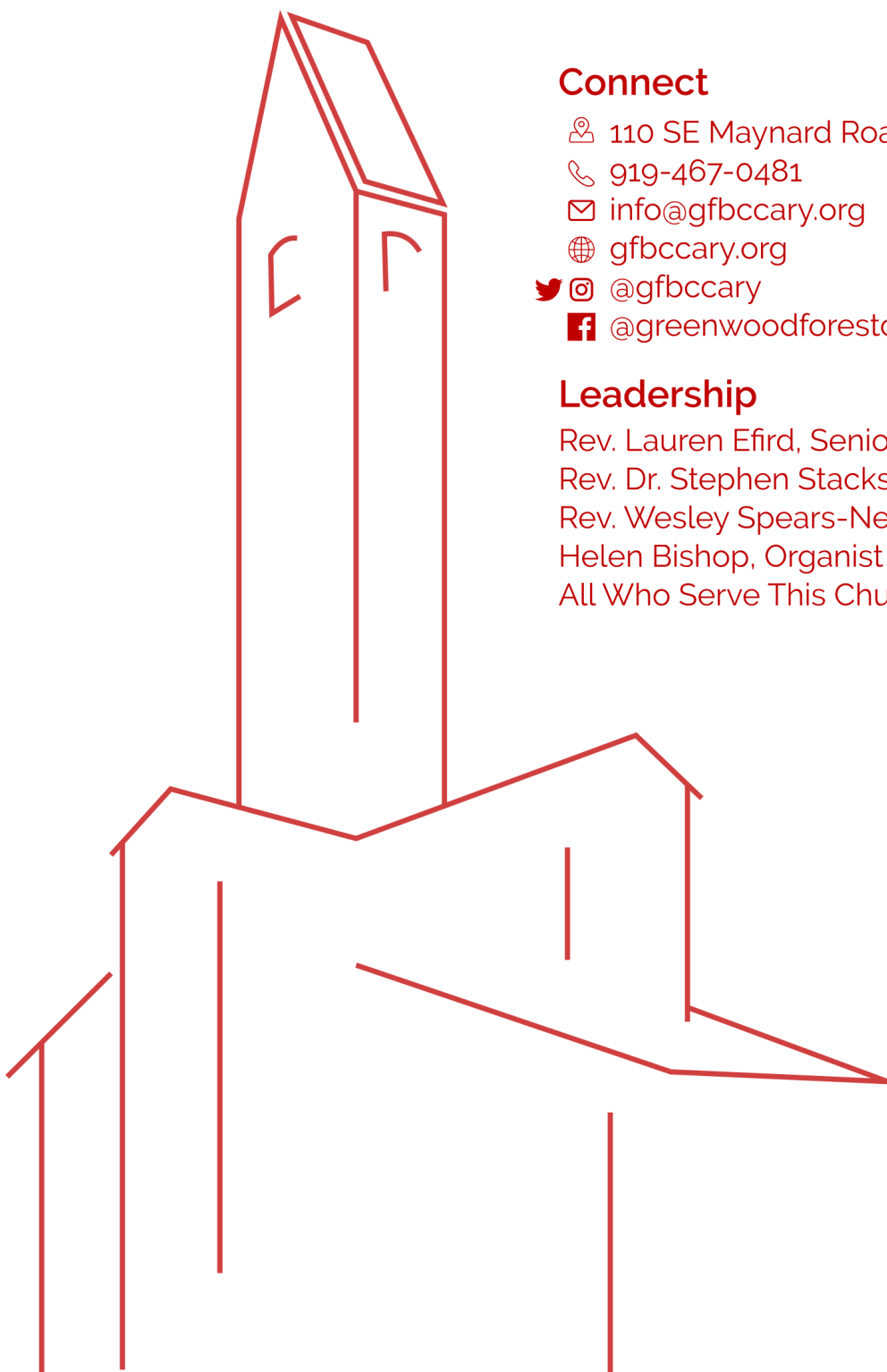
► April 2021 Finance Update

Updated when the previous month's books have closed.

	Apr. 2021	YTD
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



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Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church