



**Greenwood Forest**  
Baptist Church







TRINITY  
SUNDAY

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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.*



# Order of Worship

Trinity Sunday

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efrid

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (Psalm 29)

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

People: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name.

People: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

People: The God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

People: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars.

People: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

Leader: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

People: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl.

Leader: The voice of the Lord strips the forest bare.

People: In God's temple, all people say "glory!"

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood.

People: The Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

Leader: May the Lord give us strength!

People: May the Lord bless us with peace!

Invocation

Rev. Spears-Newsome

## Gathering Hymn

We Are One in the Spirit

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

We are one in the Spirit,  
We are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit,  
We are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity  
may one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
Yes they'll know we are Christians  
by our love.

All praise to the Father,  
from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus,  
his only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit,  
who makes us one.  
And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
Yes they'll know we are Christians  
by our love.

## Offertory Prayer

Gerry Ritter

## 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.

*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.

**Anthem**

God So Loved the World

Stainer

God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth in him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world  
to condemn the world;  
but that the world through him might be saved.

**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 41:1-13

Rev. Efirid

*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**

Imagination Before Implementation

Rev. Melissa St. Clair

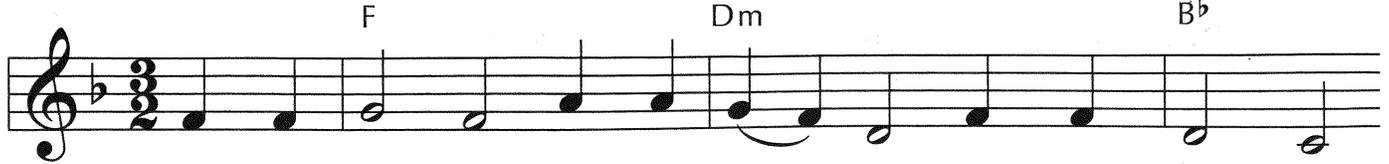
Hymn

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

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1 Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, new-born creatures  
 2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may  
 3 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,

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(Bm)

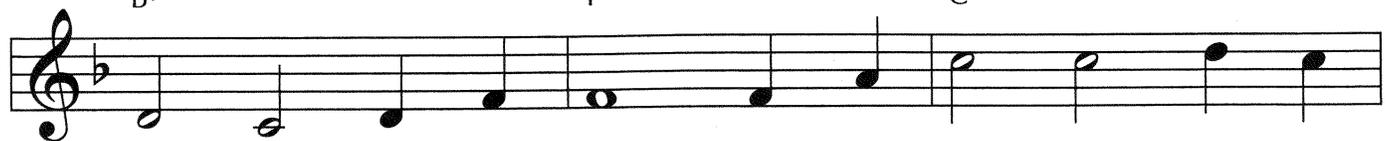


of your womb. Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like  
 we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of  
 all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our

(G)

(D)

(A)



Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and  
 bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our  
 lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -

(Bm)

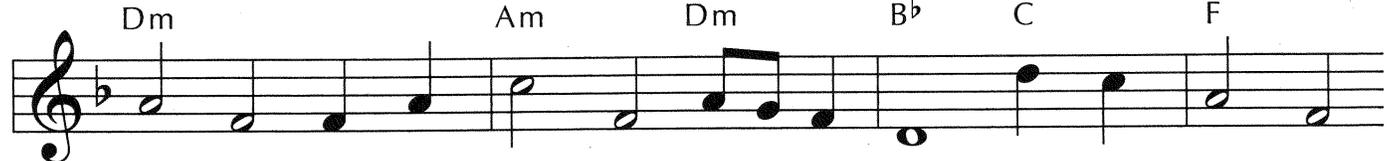
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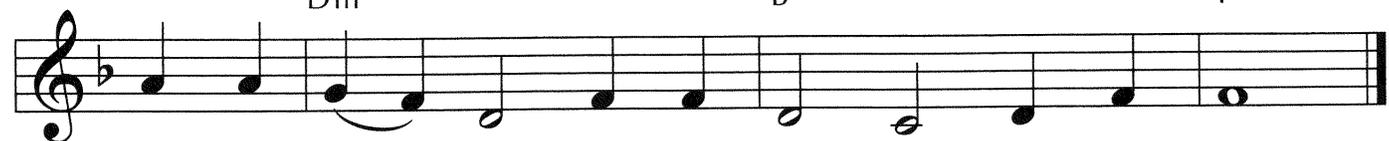


spark - ling; com - pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;  
 foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in  
 fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

(Bm)

(G)

(D)



send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.  
 liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.  
 lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Benediction

Rev. Efirid

Postlude

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

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### Our Guest Preacher Today: Melissa St. Clair



Melissa St. Clair has served Heart of the Rockies Christian Church since January 2013. She delights in the bike lanes, running paths, hiking trails, and the open-minded people in Fort Collins and at Heart of the Rockies Christian Church. Melissa was ordained in 2008 at St. John's United Church of Christ in south central Pennsylvania, where her extended family still resides. She was granted ordained ministerial partner standing with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in October 2008. Her Master of Divinity is from Eden Theological Seminary (St. Louis, MO).

Melissa serves as Moderator-Elect for the Central Rocky Mountain Region and is the chair of the Board of Stewards for the Center for Faith and Giving. She is an alumna of the Bethany Fellows and a graduate of Leadership Northern Colorado. She currently serves on the Leadership Team of the Ecumenical Circle of the Bethany Fellows.

When they're not camping in the mountains, Melissa and her husband, Ben, reside in the home of their two cats and two pups—all rescues and one from each place they've lived over the years.



# Neighborhood Summer Program

## *food, friends, and fun!*

Last year, we had to cancel the Neighborhood Summer Program because of the widespread transmission of covid-19 and the lack of a vaccine to protect against it. This year, we (along with the Kirk of Kildaire, Cary Presbyterian, Christ the King Lutheran Church, and Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, and others) are hosting the program which provides care, nourishment, and enrichment for kids during the summer. There will be numerous health and safety precautions in place, including (but not limited to):

- Masks will be required whenever indoors
- All vaccine-eligible participants (ages 12+) must be vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination
- Pre-registration will be required for participants and there is a hard cap on the number of participants
- All days of the program will take place at the Kirk of Kildaire rather than rotating between churches to avoid close-quarters transportation needs

We need your help to make this vital mission of our church and our partners happen this year! We need both **kitchen volunteers** and volunteers to **spend time with kids**. Youth volunteers welcome. Pastors from multiple congregations will be on site to assist and lead volunteers.

We are helping on these dates from 9am-1pm:

June 24    July 1    July 15    July 22    July 29    August 5    August 12

If you can volunteer for one or more of those dates, email Rev. Spears-Newsome at [wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org](mailto:wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org)! We can't make this happen without your help!

▶ 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
- Alice Price
- Betty Stallings
- Marvel Wahrman
- Marta Whitehouse (Al Whitehouse's mother)
- Jim Wigginton (Elizabeth Biser's uncle)
- 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 contemplate the mystery of the Trinity:

*God for us, we call you Father,  
 God alongside us, we call you Jesus,  
 God within us, we call you Holy Spirit.  
 You are the Eternal Mystery  
 That enables, enfolds, and enlivens all things,  
 Even us, and even me.  
 Every name falls short of your  
 Goodness and Greatness.  
 We can only see who you are in what is.  
 We ask for such perfect seeing.  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever  
 shall be. Amen.*

Richard Rohr, OFM



▶ 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](http://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](http://gfbccary.org/covid-19).

## ACTACTACTACT

### ▶ "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](http://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](http://onewake.org) and let Rev. Spears-Newsome know you're coming!



## GIVEGIVEGIVEGIVE

### ▶ 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 you 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](http://gfbccary.org/give).

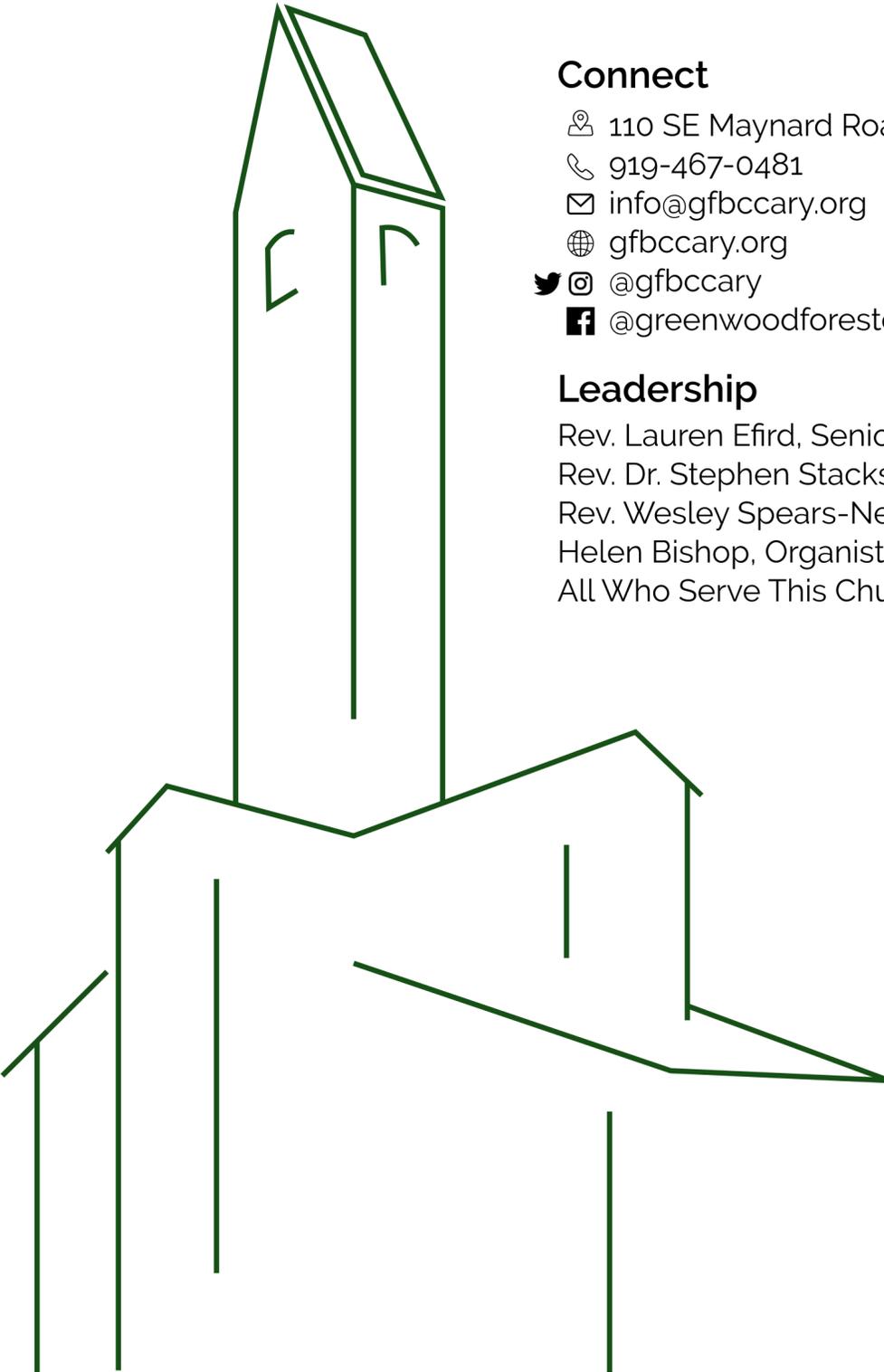
### ▶ April 2021 Finance Update

*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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## Leadership

Rev. Lauren Efrid, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church

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