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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.

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

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Let All Things Now Living

arr. Frank Stoldt

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efird

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (Psalm 138)

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: We give you thanks, O LORD, with our whole heart;

People: Before the gods we sing your praise;

Leader: We bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks for
steadfast love and faithfulness;

People: For you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

Leader: On the day we called, you answered us,

People: You increased our strength of soul.

Leader: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,

People: For they will hear the words of your mouth.

Leader: They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

People: For great is the glory of the LORD.

Leader: For though you are high, you regard the lowly;

People: But the haughty you perceive from far away.

Leader: Though we walk in the midst of trouble,

People: You preserve us against the wrath of our enemies;

Leader: You stretch out your hand,

People: And your right hand delivers us.

Leader: You will fulfill your purpose for us; your steadfast love endures
forever.

People: Do not forsake the work of your hands!

Invocation

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Gathering Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Offertory Prayer

Jennifer Whaley

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.

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:31-39

Andy Jarrell

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

We Are Grateful (Church Without Walls)

Abe Caceres

For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor height, nor depth, nor any thing
shall keep us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

For God who made the world, and all the fullness thereof,
Doesn't dwell in temples but in hearts filled with agape love.
But we're grateful for this place, for words of hope and songs of grace.
We are grateful for this place, where memories of pain and joy embrace.

As we leave these walls, stained glass windows, doors and steeple,
Like ministries begotten here, sent forth as Easter people.

But we're grateful for this place, for words of hope and songs of grace.
We are grateful for this place, where memories of pain and joy embrace.
Now to be the church in spirit without walls.
To love and serve and sacrifice where the voice of Jesus calls.
Without walls, a holy space with words of hope and songs of grace.
Without walls, a holy space where memories of pain and joy embrace.
Amen.

Sermon	Jesus Loves Me! This I Know	Rev. Efird
Hymn	(see page 7)	Jesus Loves Me
Benediction		Rev. Efird
Postlude	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	arr. Micheelsen

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

Today's Guest Worship Leader is Dr. Abe Caceras. Our pianist is Sally Shaver.

Jesus Loves Me

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2. Je - sus loves me! this I know, as He loved so long a - go,
3. Je - sus loves me still to - day, walk - ing with me on my way,
4. Je - sus loves me! He will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to Him be - long; they are weak, but He is strong.
tak - ing chil - dren on His knee, say - ing, "Let them come to Me."
want - ing as a friend to give light and love to all who live.
if I love Him, when I die He will take me home on high.

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,
yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.



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 8 July 15 July 22 July 29 Aug. 5 Aug. 12

If you can volunteer for one or more of those dates, email Rev. Spears-Newsome at 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)
 The Eaton Family (at the death of Jean)
 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 this week:

*Fire of the Spirit,
 Life of the lives of all creatures,
 Spirit of sanctity, bond of all natures,
 Glow of charity, lights of clarity,
 Taste of sweetness to the fallen:
 Be with us and hear us.*

Hildegard of Bingen (d. 1179)



► Faith Formation Resumes In-Person

This Sunday, 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. 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.



► Family Promise Week: June 20-27

We will be hosting Family Promise with another congregation in Wake County from June 20-27. Due to their ongoing covid procedures, we will be delivering either meals or groceries to families via the Family Promise Day Center. If you are able to make a food delivery, please email Vivian Denning, Addie Smith, or Rev. Spears-Newsome (wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org).

► ONE Wake Annual Meeting on June 10

During our June 10 Annual Meeting (at 7:30pm via Zoom), 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!



► Habitat Plans 16 Homes in Cary/Apex

Habitat Wake is planning on building 7 homes in Cary and 9 homes in Apex in their upcoming fiscal year. One in four families in our area is in need of affordable housing. If your family is in need, you can apply for one of these houses at habitatwake.org/get-ready-apply.

► 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.

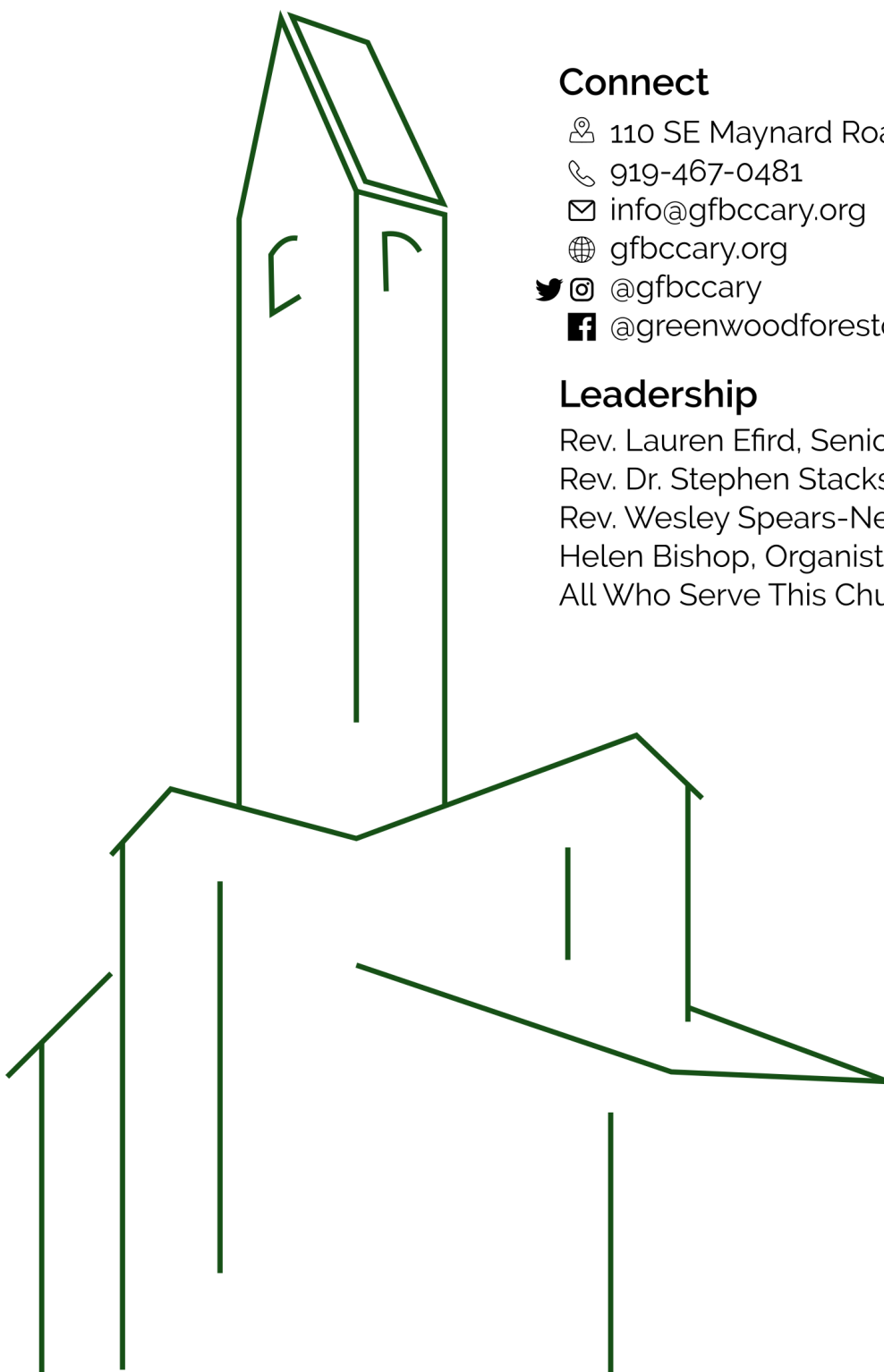
► April 2021 Finance Update

Updated when the previous month's books have closed.

	Apr. 2021	YTD
Congregational	\$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	\$59,304	\$458,208
Total Disbursements	\$65,675	\$491,327
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	(\$6,371)	(\$33,119)
Together We Build	\$5,658	\$98,653



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Leadership

Rev. Lauren Efird, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church