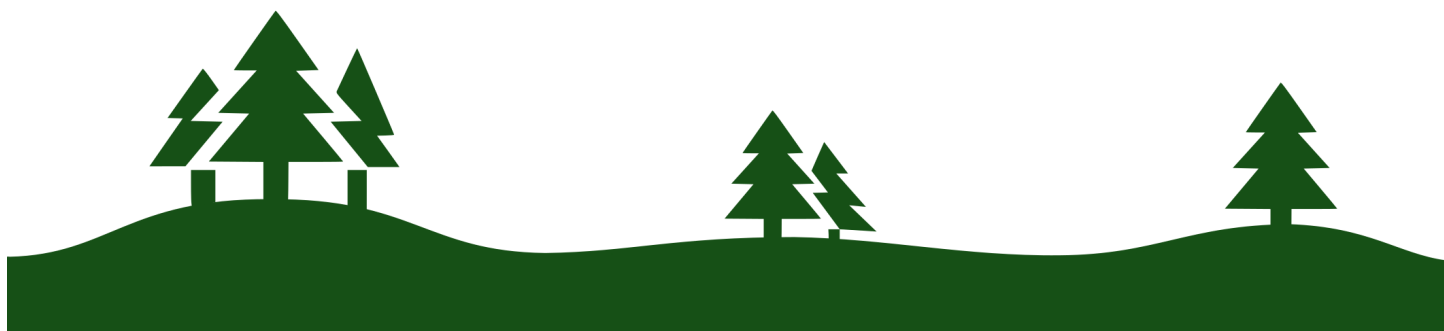




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an inclusive community of faith

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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scan with your
phone's camera
to give online!

*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

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efird

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

Rev. Efird

Leader: To you I lift up my eyes,

People: O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

Leader: As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,

People: As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

Leader: So our eyes look to you our God,

People: Until you have mercy upon us.

Leader: Have mercy upon us, O LORD,

People: For we have had more than enough of contempt.

Leader: Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn
of those who are at ease,

People: More than its fill of the contempt of the proud.

Invocation

Rev. Efird

Gathering Hymn

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

(see page 4)

Offertory Prayer

Leta Huntsinger

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.

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de -
2. Though none go with me, I still will fol - low; though none go
3. My cross I'll car - ry, till I see Je - sus; my cross I'll
4. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; the world be -

cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
with me, I still will fol - low; though none go with me, I still will
car - ry, till I see Je - sus; my cross I'll car - ry, till I see
hind me, the cross be - fore me; the world be - hind me, the cross be -

Je - sus; no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fol - low; no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
Je - sus; no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fore me; no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features a chorus of four verses and a final chorus. The lyrics are: 'I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow with me, I still will follow; though none go with me, I still will carry, till I see Jesus; my cross I'll carry, till I see hind me, the cross before me; the world behind me, the cross before me. Jesus; no turning back, no turning back. follow; no turning back, no turning back. Jesus; no turning back, no turning back. fore me; no turning back, no turning back.'

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

Mark 6:1-13

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

Just a Closer Walk

The Followers

I am weak, but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord,
None but Thee.

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Sermon

On Trying

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Hymn

Enviado Soy de Dios

(see page 6)

Benediction

Rev. Efird

Postlude

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Enviado Soy de Dios

Em B Em B Em

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to
 En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa -

Am B7 Em

make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
 ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.

Am D G C

The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to
 Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un

Am B7 Em

do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that
 mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor; me

Am D G C

falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help
 ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad. A -

Am B7 Em

us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.
 yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.

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► Neighborhood Summer Program



Greenwood Forest is joining our partner churches to host the annual Summer Program which provides care, nourishment, and

enrichment for kids during the summer. There will be numerous health and safety precautions in place including masks, vaccine requirements, pre-registration, and limitation to one church's campus this year.

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.

If you can help on any of the Thursdays from July 15 to August 12 (9am-1pm), email Rev. Spears-Newsome at wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org! We can't make this happen without your help!

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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 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.

► June 2021 Finance Update

Updated when the previous month's books have closed.

	June 2021	YTD
Congregational	\$47,387	\$547,527
Congregational Giving Target	\$53,624	\$594,346
Congregational Giving Under/Over	\$(6,237)	(\$46,829)
Other Receipts	\$2,945	\$21,434
Total Giving and	\$50,332	\$568,962
Total Disbursements	\$75,624	\$628,493
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	(\$25,292)	(\$59,531)
Together We Build	\$5,408	\$115,743



A Theology of Inclusion

► Teaching Series July 11—Aug. 1

Rev. Dr. Stacks will lead us through developing and understanding the scriptural basis for an inclusive theology. Rather than play defense against homophobia, racism, sexism etc. within the church, this series will play offense, showing how a high regard for Scripture and a deep commitment to Jesus should lead one to inclusion, and what that means for how we move into the future as a church. We will gather in person at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall. The Teaching Series will also be available via Zoom.

► Organ Update

Our organ renovators have begun detailed work on our project! The organ will not be used until the project is completed. This is an exciting time in the music ministry at Greenwood Forest! If you are interested in donating to the organ fund to help us make the final payments, email Rev. Dr. Stacks at stephen.stacks@gfbccary.org.

► Town Hall and Business Meeting

We will have a Town Hall and Business Meeting this Sunday, July 11 at 2pm. The Town Hall involves updates from the property repurposing exploration and includes a time for questions and answers. After the Town Hall, we will move into a regular business meeting where we will spend significant time on ministry updates.

Arrive early and we will have ice cream available outside on the Fellowship Hall patio and some time to socialize and catch up!

Both the Town Hall and Business Meeting will be streamed via Zoom with the opportunity for virtual participants to submit questions and cast their votes.

► Prayer List*

Jim Allen
Nell Allen
Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)
Don Beal
Gilles Bikindou
Jo Brooks
Bob and Alice Curti (Susan Beck's parents)
Sharon Edmondson
James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)
Betty Griffin (Jane Griffin's mother)
Doug Hughes (Kathy Watkin's friend)
Janet Merriman (Roz Slawson's friend)
John Miller
Sylvia Morgan

Fan Panton (Judy Teander's sister)
Alice Price
Dick Reinert
Fred Seeger
Randy Soyars (Mark Soyars' father)
Marta Whitehouse (Al Whitehouse's mother)
Jim Wigginton (Elizabeth Biser's uncle)
Jenny Williams (at the death of her mother, Marvel Wahrman)
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.*

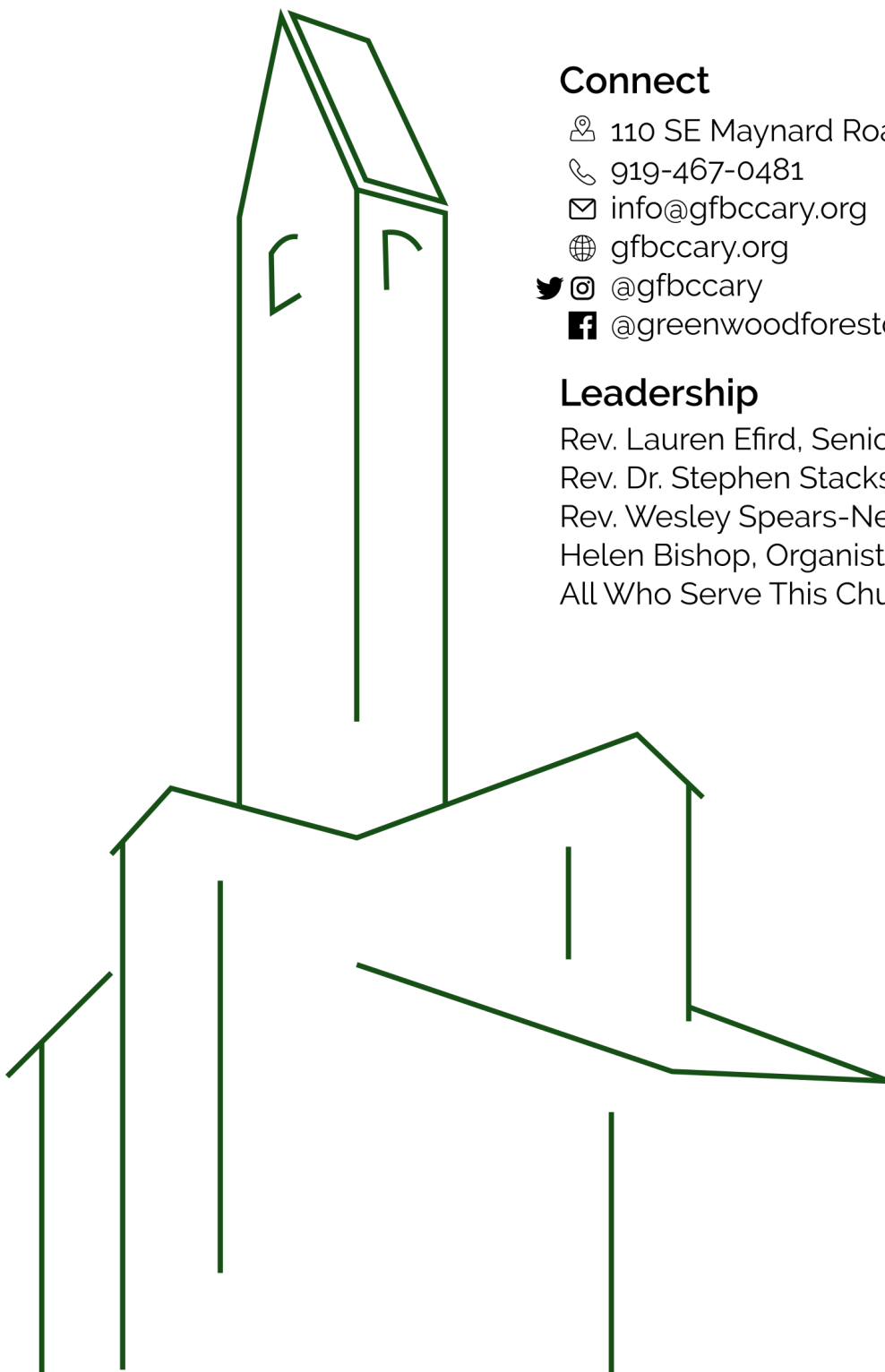
► Prayer for the Week

Pray over the following words this week and ask God what they mean for your life and the life of the church:

"At the Last Judgment I shall not be asked whether I was successful in my ascetic exercises, nor how many bows and prostrations I made. Instead I shall be asked if I fed the hungry, clothed the naked, visited the sick and the prisoners."

Maria Skobtsova (d. 1945), a nun, poet, and member of the French Resistance during World War II, as quoted in *Common Prayer: Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals*





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Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church