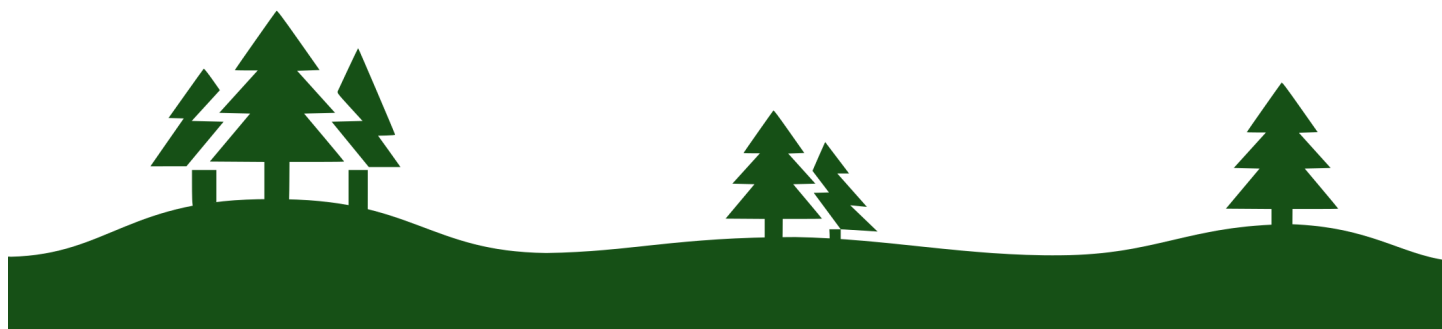




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Baptist Church





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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.

Our guest preacher today is Rev. Alyssa Aldape. You can find her bio on page 6!

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

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Take Time to Be Holy

arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efrid

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (Jeremiah 23:3-6)

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands,
says the LORD,

People: I will bring them back to their fold,
and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

Leader: I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them,

People: And they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed,
nor shall any be missing.

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the LORD,
when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,

People: And he shall reign as king and deal wisely,
and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Leader: In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.

People: And this is the name by which he will be called:
"The LORD is our righteousness."

Invocation

Rev. Spears-Newsome

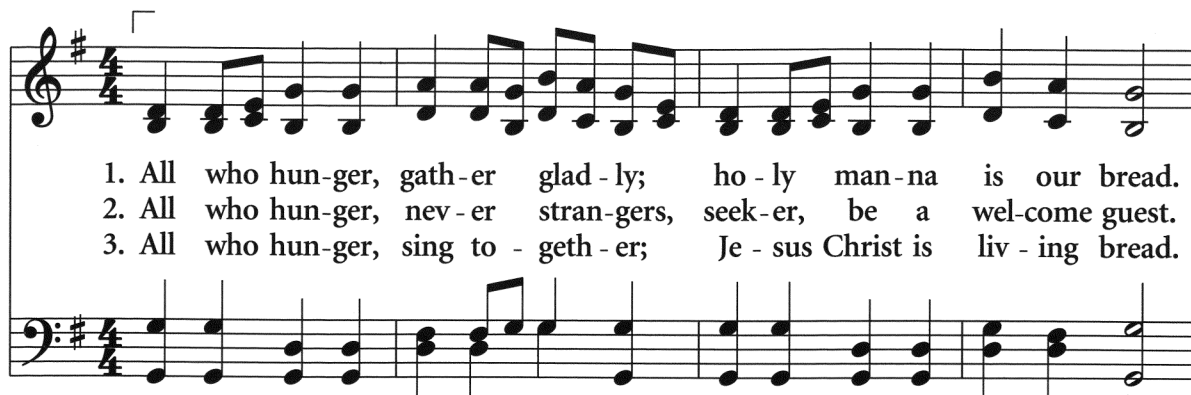
Gathering Hymn

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

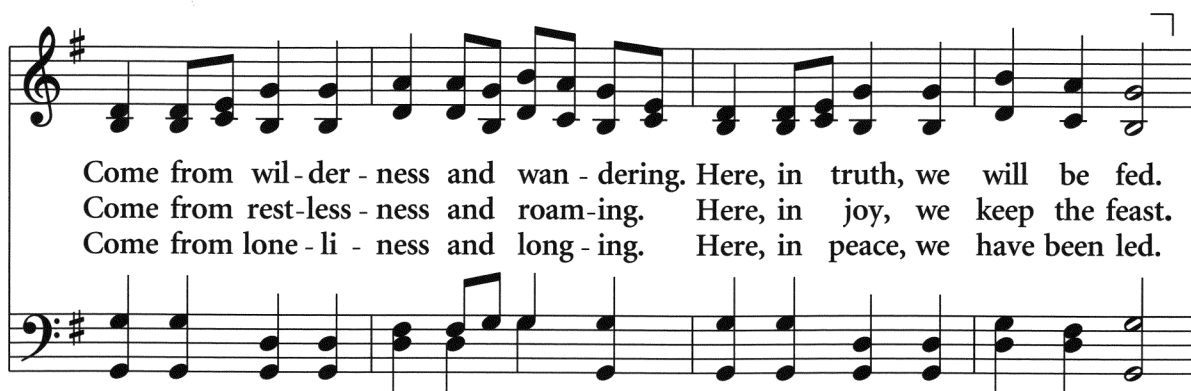
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Offertory Prayer

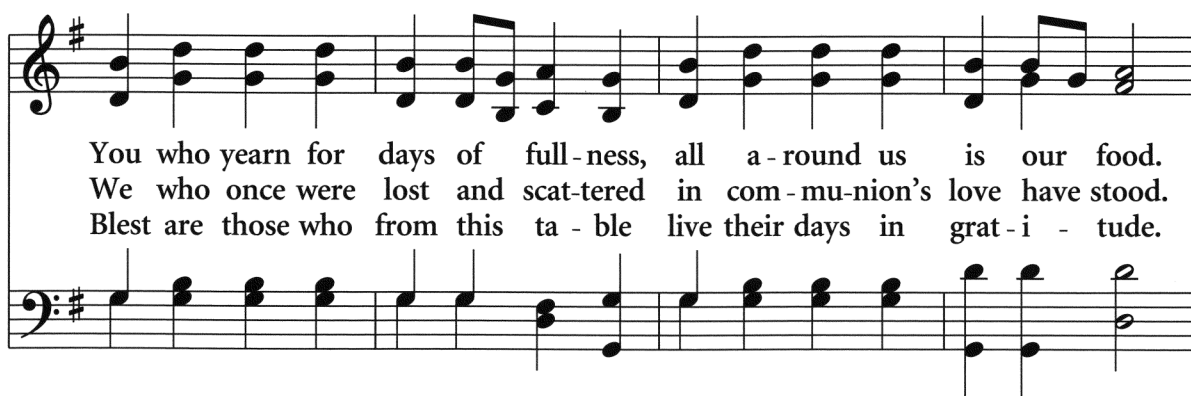
All Who Hunger Gather Gladly



1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
2. All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3. All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er; Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You who yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We who once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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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. 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

John 6:1-21

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.

Anthem

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Catherine Glasgow, Soloist

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is!
Blest is the one that trusteth in God.

Sermon

Jesus and the Abundance Around Us

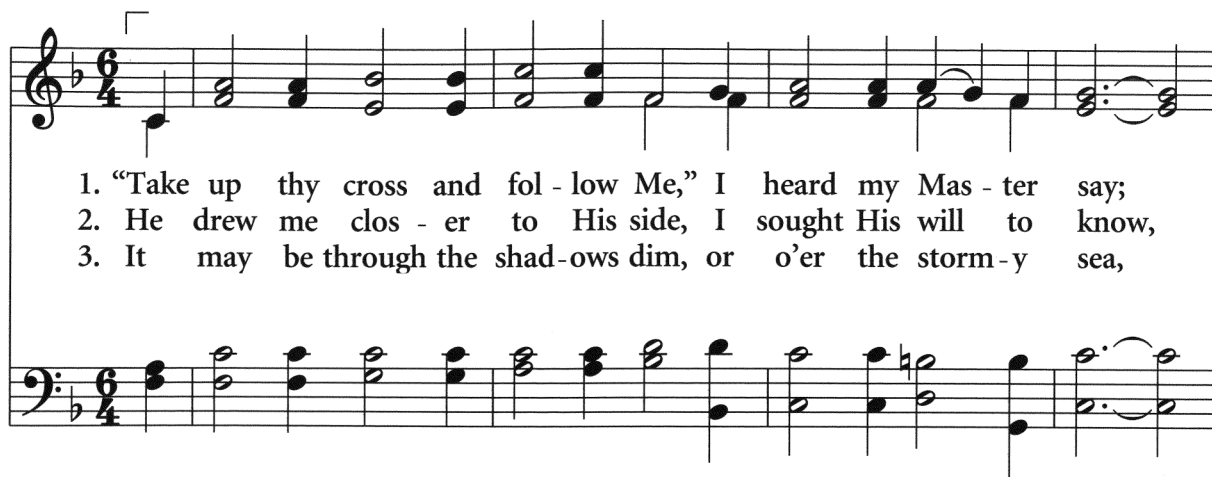
Rev. Alyssa Aldape

Hymn

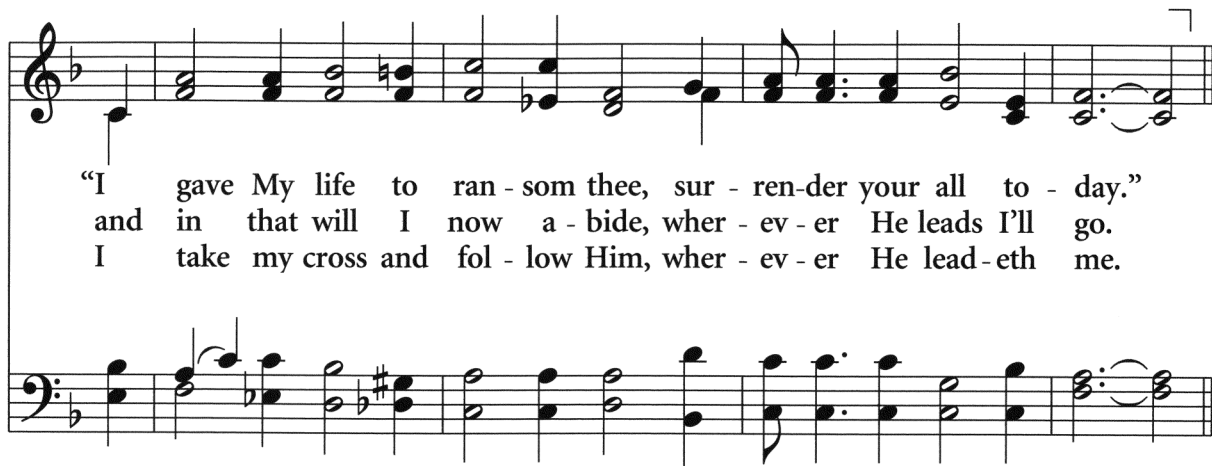
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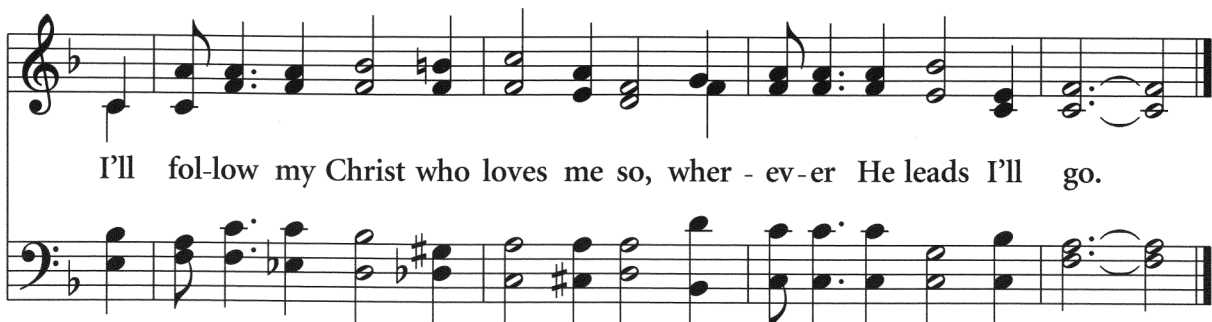
1. "Take up thy cross and fol - low Me," I heard my Mas - ter say;
2. He drew me clos - er to His side, I sought His will to know,
3. It may be through the shad - ows dim, or o'er the storm - y sea,



"I gave My life to ran - som thee, sur - ren - der your all to - day."
and in that will I now a - bide, wher - ev - er He leads I'll go.
I take my cross and fol - low Him, wher - ev - er He lead - eth me.



Wher - ev - er He leads I'll go, wher - ev - er He leads I'll go,



I'll fol - low my Christ who loves me so, wher - ev - er He leads I'll go.

Benediction

Rev. Efir

Postlude

I've Got Peace Like a River
with Standin' in the Need of Prayer

arr. Mary McDonald

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

Our pianist today is Addie Smith.

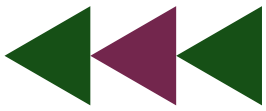
The flowers are given today in memory of Dean Ritter by Harold and Gerry Ritter.

Guest Preacher: Rev. Alyssa Aldape



Alyssa lives in DC with her favorite person Nick. She has served as a pastor in churches in Georgia and DC. She's currently a contributing writer for Good Faith Media. Before Covid, Alyssa enjoyed sitting outside at coffee shops and drinking too much coffee, but now it's her balcony overlooking Rock Creek Park and still drinking too much coffee.

Alyssa believes that as long as there is an empire, God will have something to teach us through the life of the prophets and Jesus. Cries easily, sucker for a cinnamon roll, and trying her best.

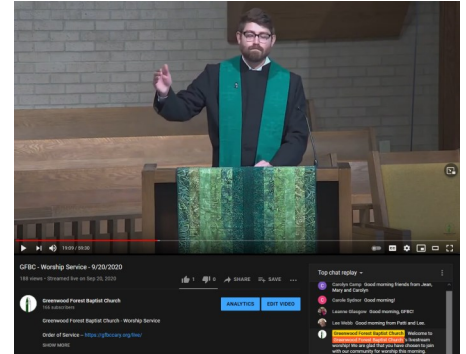


A Look Back

Since March 2020, when the pandemic dramatically disrupted all our lives, we still managed to continue the ministries of our church in unconventional ways. Here's a look back at all we did during an unprecedented year-and-a-half of church life:

Launched Livestream Capabilities and a New Website

We launched a livestream during the pandemic so we could worship together from afar. We also launched a new website to support our virtual outreach! We'll be maintaining our livestream capabilities for the future, too, so everyone can come to worship from wherever they are.



Held Digital Gatherings

In addition to virtual worship, Faith Formation classes and small groups continued to meet digitally in many cases and some often met outside. We also hosted teaching series for the congregation over Zoom! Special interactive worship services like Good Friday and the Service of Lament were also held over Zoom.

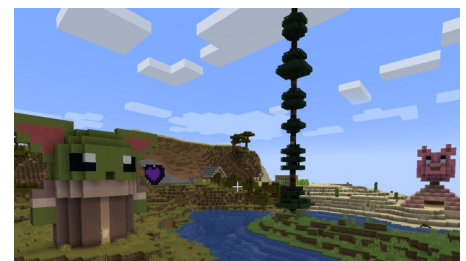


Continued Mission Work

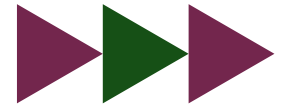
While in-person interactions necessarily decreased during the pandemic, the needs of our community only increased. Greenwood Forest members continued to provide needed ministry through Family Promise and Backpack Buddies during the pandemic, feeding potentially thousands of meals to those in need.

Children's and Youth Ministries Persisted

Our youngest members continued to meet virtually and sometimes outside during the pandemic. Our children's ministry had regular gatherings and even hosted an outdoor movie night! Our youth met every week, including multiple times a week when the pandemic first began and totally shut down schools. They played games, caught up with each other, and did Bible Study virtually. They even built things together in Minecraft!



A Look Ahead



As we enter a new phase of church life, we have lots of things to look forward to! Here's a look ahead at what's coming this year at Greenwood Forest:

Together We Build

We hit pause on the Together We Build campaign during the pandemic, but it will resume this August and finish by the end of the year! We'll also host enjoyable fundraisers for TWB this year, including a pig picking and social event on September 12, a golf tournament on October 18, and a 5K run later in the year. Contact us to make your pledge today!



The Wonder Room

We're launching a new K-5 children's program on Sunday mornings this Fall! The Wonder Room will be a kid-driven experience that gives them unique opportunities for worship, play, reading, and crafting. Stay tuned for our new children's ministry space, which will open in August.



The Greenwood Forest Children's Center

During the pandemic, the Greenwood Forest Children's Center hired a new director, Elizabeth Wolber, who is excited to begin the new school year! The GFCC is reopening with 144 kids enrolled (94% capacity).



Realm

We'll be updating our church organization software in the fall, which will include new features for all our members, including sign-ups, online giving, a pictorial directory, and more!



Organ Updates

The organ renovation is in its final stages! If you'd like to contribute to the organ fund to help finish the work, contact Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks.

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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 29 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 Giving	\$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 Receipts	\$50,332	\$568,962
Total Disbursements	\$75,624	\$628,493
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	(\$25,292)	(\$59,531)
Together We Build Giving	\$5,408	\$115,743



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► Prayer List*

Jim Allen
Nell Allen
Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)
Don Beal
Gilles Bikindou
Laura Crook
Bob and Alice Curti (Susan Beck's parents)
The Dorman Family (at the death of Charles Dorman, Former Interim Pastor at Greenwood Forest)
Sharon Edmondson
James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)
Betty Griffin (Jane Griffin's mother)
Gary Kent
Janet Merriman (Roz Slawson's friend)
John Miller
Sylvia Morgan
Fan Pantan (Judy Teander's sister)
The Potok Family (at the death of Marietta Potok)
Dick Reinert
Fred Seeger
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.*

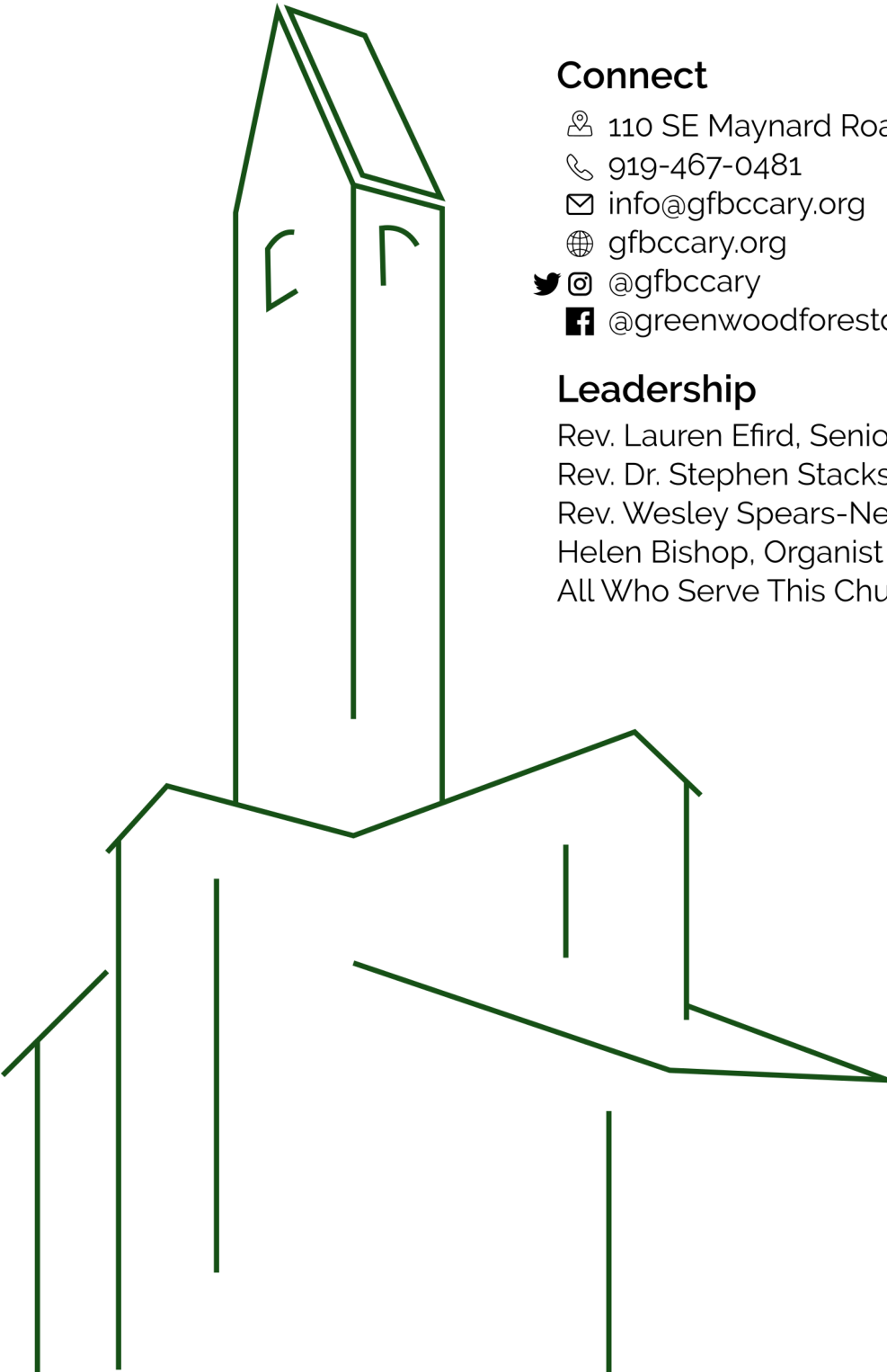
► Next Business Meeting

We will have our next business meeting on August 15 at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. The 2021-2022 budget materials will be sent out in advance of the business meeting.

► Prayer for the Week


God of holy chaos, relationship with you is not an escape – it is the hope and courage we need to dive right into the mess of things. You, O God, are enfleshed in our beautiful but aching earth, in our work for a just society, and in our efforts to love and be loved. May our prayer life be invitations into that life with you.

Rev. M Barclay, enfleshed.com



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Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church
