



# Greenwood Forest

## Baptist Church





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## ORDINARY TIME

# an inclusive community of faith

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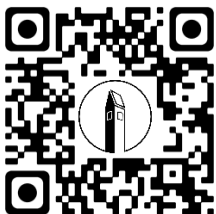
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Welcome to Greenwood Forest!

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.*



← You can scan with your phone's camera to give online!



# Order of Worship

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot  
with I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. Mary McDonald

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

Rev. Amanda Warren

Leader: There are different spiritual gifts,

People: but the same Spirit.

Leader: There are many of us,

People: but the same Spirit who gives to us all.

Leader: There are different ministries,

People: and the same Lord.

Leader: There are many places for us to serve,

People: and the same Lord who calls to us all.

Leader: There are different activities,

People: but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

Leader: There are many of us,

People: and one God who calls and equips us for service.

Invocation

Rev. Warren

Gathering Hymn (vv. 1, 3, and 5)

God of the Women

*(see page 3)*

# God of the Women

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 1998

Slane  
ancient Irish ballad



1. God of the wo - men who ans - wered your call,
2. God of the wo - men who walked Je - sus' Way,
3. God of the wo - men long put to the test,
4. God of the wo - men who ran from the tomb,
5. O God of Phoe - be and mi - ni - sters all,



Trust - ing your pro - mi - ses, giv - ing their all,  
 Giv - ing their re - sour - ces, learn - ing to pray,  
 Left out of sto - ries, for - got - ten, op - pressed,  
 Prayed with the oth - ers in that up - per room,  
 May we be joy - ful in an - swering your call.



Wo - men like Sa - rah and Han - nah and Ruth—  
 Ma - ry, Jo - an - na, Su - san - nah, and more—  
 Qui - et - ly ask - ing: "Who smiled at my birth?"—  
 Then felt your Spi - rit on Pen - te - cost Day—  
 Give us the strength of your Spi - rit so near



Give us their cour - age to live in your truth.  
 May we give free - ly as they did be - fore.  
 In Je - sus' dy - ing you show us our worth.  
 May we so glad - ly pro - claim you to - day.  
 That we may share in your mi - ni - stry here.

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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.

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 Reading

Romans 16:1-16

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

Come, Follow Me

Althouse and Albrecht

The kingdom of heaven is near.  
As you have received, so, then must you give.  
Be not afraid with the Lord at your side,  
For Jesus died so we may live.

*He said, "Come follow me." "Come follow me."  
Come by yourselves to a quiet place.  
Come follow me. Come follow me.  
That someday we may see his face.*

Those who are weary, take rest.  
Look to him for comfort and he will soothe your soul.  
For he is gentle and humble in heart,  
And Jesus died to make us whole.

Sermon

The Forgotten Deacon

Rev. Dr. Stacks

Hymn (vv. 1, 2, and 5)

For Everyone Born

*(see page 5)*

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Stacks

Postlude

Jesus, What a Wonderful Child

arr. Mark Hayes

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*Our pianist today is Addie Smith.*

# For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,  
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child, in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,  
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,  
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

# the WONDER room



We're excited to announce that **The Wonder Room** will be opening in September! The Wonder Room is a new experience for children (K-5) on Sunday mornings at Greenwood Forest. Designed around exploration and discovery, kids will enjoy new activities in reading, crafts, play, and worship each week in a brand new space. You can check out progress on the Wonder Room in C234/C235. Volunteer to come play with our kids in the Wonder Room by emailing Stephen at [stephen.stacks@gfbccary.org](mailto:stephen.stacks@gfbccary.org)!



Another way you can leave your mark on the Wonder Room is by filling it with books! We've already moved many books from the Media Center to the Wonder Room, but we would love to see it full of new books for the kids to enjoy, too. You can buy any of our requested books off the wishlist at [gfbccary.org/wonderbooks!](http://gfbccary.org/wonderbooks!)





# **Fundraiser & Kickoff**

**September 12**

**@ 5:00pm**

BBQ + Auction

Crafts + Games

and more!

*If you have something to contribute to the auction (e.g., art, food, stays at beach or mountain houses, etc.), please contact Toni Beal at [toni.beal@gmail.com](mailto:toni.beal@gmail.com)!*

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## CONNECTCONNECT

### ► Ways to Serve at GFBC

At the August 15 Business Meeting, we approved a host of people ready to serve the church in the upcoming year. Thank you to everyone who is already committed to investing in the life of the church. We couldn't do it without your help! We still need some help with a few things.

We need volunteers who can serve occasionally in the **children's ministry** on Sunday mornings, including in the brand new Wonder Room! You need to be able to be kind and caring with our children, be trained in the Abuse Prevention Policy, and pass a background check. You do not need

to be prepared to develop lesson plans or prepare for Sunday mornings. Contact Rev. Dr. Stacks if you're interested!

We need similar volunteers for the **youth ministry** and two roles in the **Family Promise** program — coordinating overnight hosts and coordinating laundry. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Spears-Newsome.

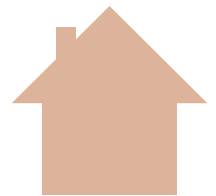
We also need volunteers for the **congregational care ministry** who are willing to visit, call, and pray for members of our church. If you are interested, contact Rev. Efird.

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### ► A Penny For Housing

One of the founding issues member institutions of ONE Wake selected to address was housing. ONE Wake is currently addressing housing in different campaigns among the municipalities in Wake County. The Cary campaign is called **A Penny For Housing**. The Town of Cary has plans for creating and preserving affordable housing, but it has invested few local resources to implement them. Meanwhile, everyone from teachers, healthcare workers, first responders, 9 | an inclusive community of faith



people on disability, and others we know, care about, and depend on can't afford to live here. **ONE Wake** is asking that the Cary Town Council prioritize a budget that sees a penny of the Town's tax rate go toward creating and preserving affordable housing.

You can find out more details at [onewake.org/penny\\_for\\_housing\\_cary](https://onewake.org/penny_for_housing_cary) and join the campaign at [onewake.org/10000strong](https://onewake.org/10000strong) where we are collecting names on a petition supporting this plan in the Town of Cary.

## ► Prayer List\*

Jim Allen  
 Nell Allen  
 The Allen Family (at the death of  
 Beverly Allen)  
 Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)  
 Don Beal  
 Gilles Bikindou  
 Laura Crook  
 Sharon Edmondson  
 Louise Faulkner  
 Dennis Gilpin (Elaine Dodson's friend)  
 Elizabeth Harvey  
 James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes'  
 brother)  
 Janet Merriman (Roz Slawson's friend)  
 Sylvia Morgan  
 Betty Patterson (Doris Martin's sister)  
 Harold and Gerry Ritter  
 Dan Scott (Ken Scott's brother)  
 Fred Seeger  
 Elaine Whisnant  
 Marta Whitehouse (Al Whitehouse's  
 mother)  
 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.*

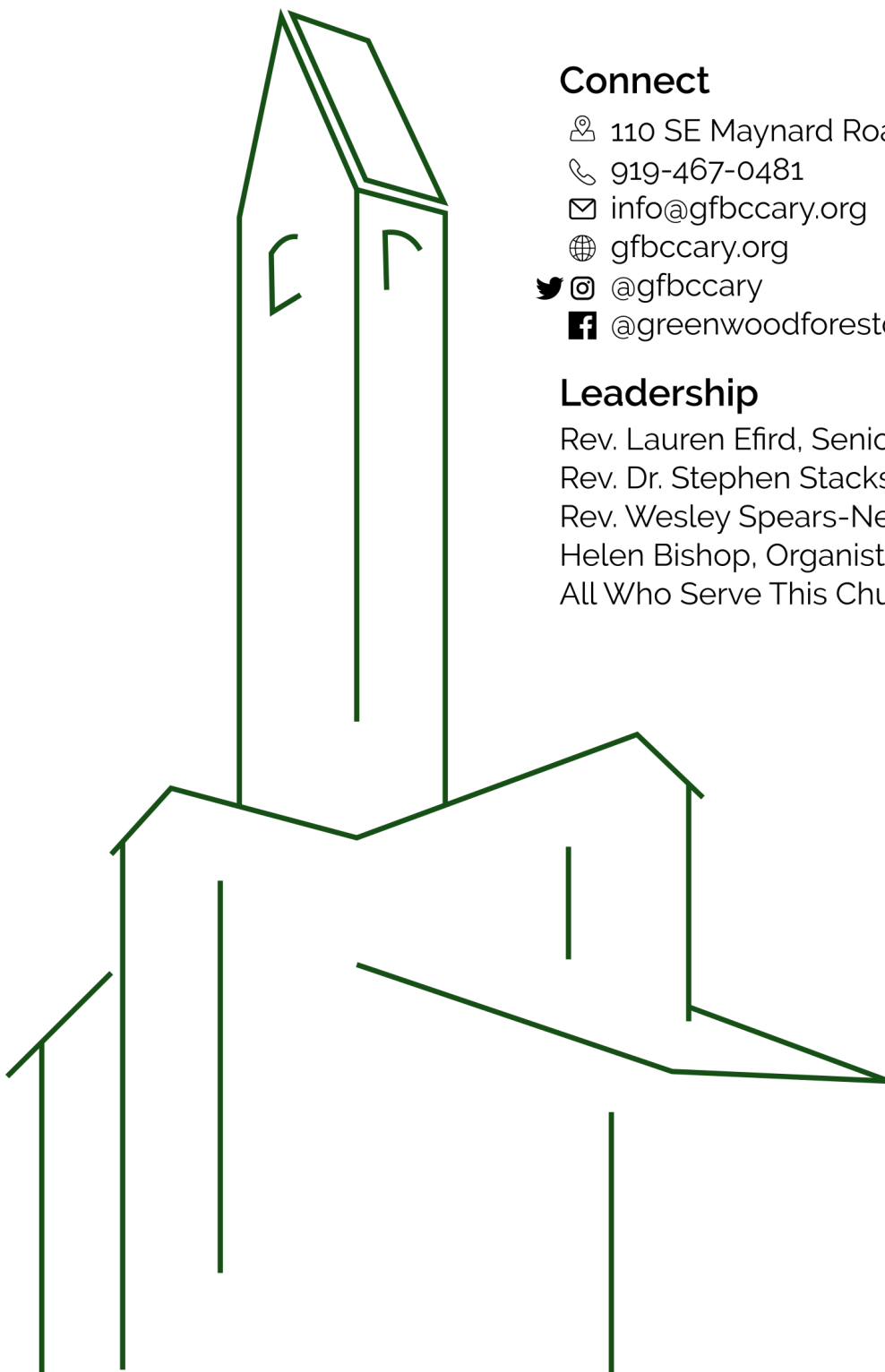
## ► Ways to Tithe

- 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).

## ► July 2021 Finance Update

*Updated when the previous month's books have closed.*

	July 2021	YTD
Congregational Giving	\$51,113	\$598,640
Congregational Giving Target	\$53,624	\$647,970
Congregational Giving Under/Over	\$(2,511)	(\$49,330)
Other Receipts	\$128,186	\$149,621
Total Giving and Receipts	\$179,300	\$748,261
Total Disbursements	\$59,262	\$687,555
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	\$120,038	\$60,706
Together We Build Giving	\$3,108	\$118,851



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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