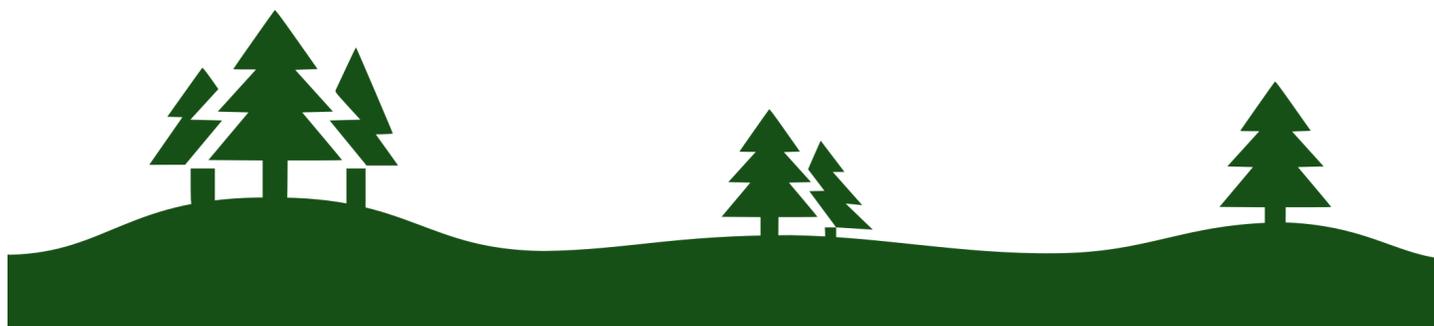


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Welcome to Greenwood Forest!

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

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

When We Walk with the Lord

arr. Harlan

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efirid

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Efirid

Call to Worship (Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23)

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,

People: And favor is better than silver or gold.

Leader: The rich and the poor have this in common:

People: The LORD is the maker of them all.

Leader: Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,

People: And the rod of anger will fail.

Leader: Those who are generous are blessed,

People: For they share their bread with the poor.

Leader: Do not rob the poor because they are poor,

People: Or crush the afflicted at the gate;

Leader: For the LORD pleads their cause

People: And presses the life out of those who oppress them.

Invocation

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Gathering Hymn

All Our Work and All Our Being

*(see page 3)*

# All Our Work and All Our Being



1. All our work and all our being come from  
 2. Some may nurture those who hunger, tend and  
 3. Let us labor in the knowledge that no



you most gra - cious Lord. Ev' - ry task which  
 heal the bro - ken heart; Set our flag - ging  
 task can be too small; That our God who



lies be - fore us is Cre - a - tor's will out-poured.  
 spir - its danc - ing, spark our vis - ion through their art.  
 stretched the heav - ens no less shaped the least of all.



Help us as we build your king - dom, know we la - bor  
 Oth - ers teach and of - fer coun - sel, bear life's bur - dens,  
 Give us strength, Lord, to ac - com - plish what you set our



not in vain; Give us sure and deep con - vic - tion  
 ease its care; Strive for jus - tice, peace, and free - dom  
 hands to do, That by serv - ing those a - round us,



for the tasks that you or - dain.  
 for all peo - ple ev' - ry - where.  
 we re - turn the gift to you.

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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. 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

James 2:1-17

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.

<b>Anthem</b>	Precious Lord, Take My Hand	arr. Schrader
	Soloist: Randy Palmer	
	Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.	When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near, When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall: Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

<b>Sermon</b>		Rev. Efirid
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<b>Hymn</b>		I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
	<i>(see page 5)</i>	

<b>Benediction</b>		Rev. Efirid
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<b>Postlude</b>	His Eye is On the Sparrow	arr. Gabriel
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# I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;  
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's Light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on My breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."  
look un - to Me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, wea - ry, and worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;

I found in Him a rest - ing - place, and He has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in Him.  
and in that Light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

# the WONDER room



We're excited to announce that **The Wonder Room** is open this month! 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. 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. Efrid.

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## ACTACTACTACT

### ► 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, g | 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.

## PRAYPRAYPRAYPRAY

### ► Prayer List\*

Jim Allen  
 Nell Allen  
 Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)  
 The Beal Family (at the death of Don)  
 Gilles Bikindou  
 Laura Crook  
 Sharon Edmondson  
 The Faulkner Family (at the death of Louise)  
 James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)  
 Dennis Gilpin (Elaine Dodson's friend)  
 Elizabeth Harvey (at the death of her mother, Bessie Sellers)  
 Janet Merriman (Roz Slawson's friend)  
 Sylvia Morgan  
 Betty Patterson (Doris Martin's sister)  
 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.*

## GIVEGIVEGIVEGIVE

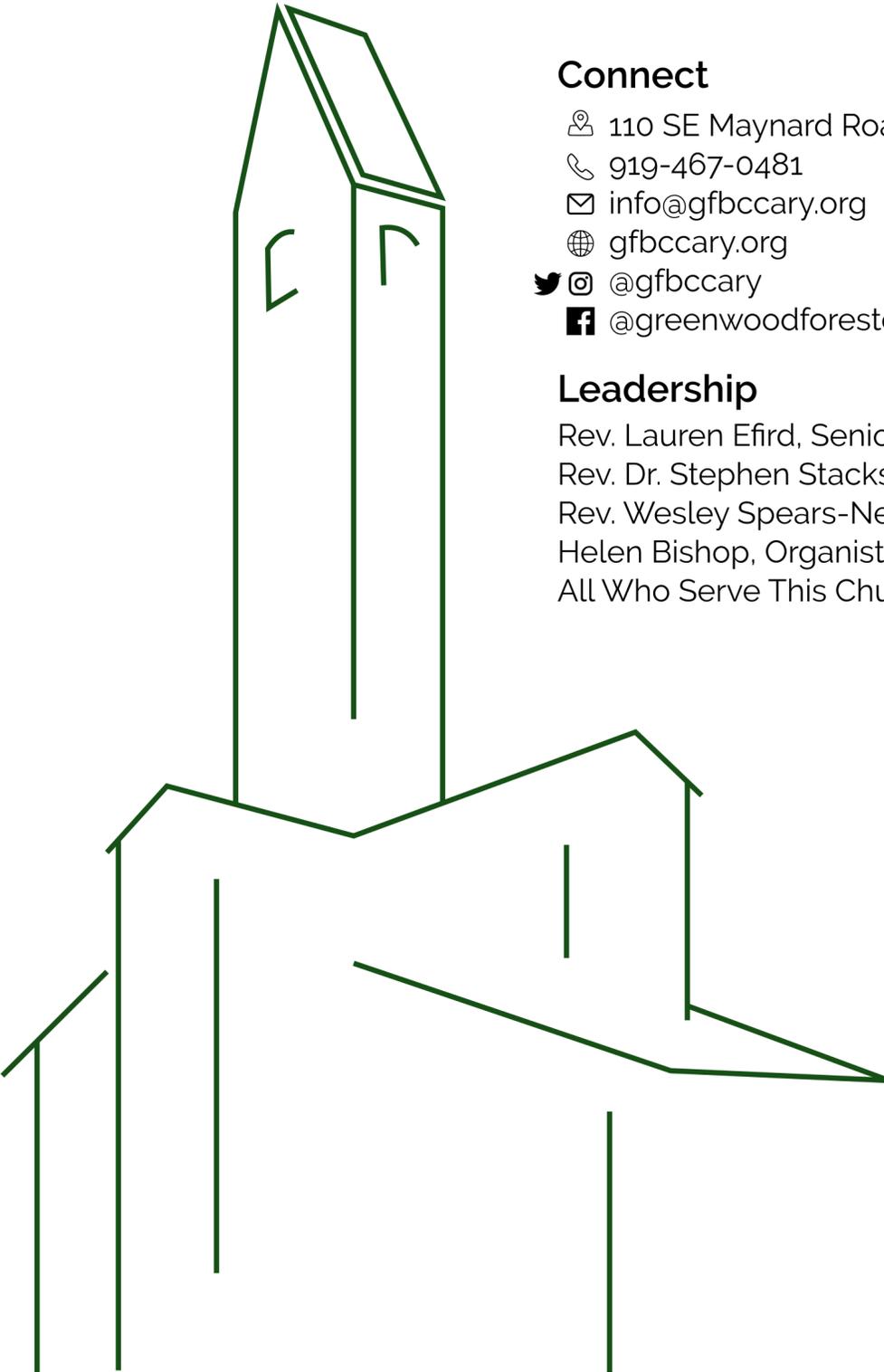
### ► Ways to Tithe

- 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).

### ► 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	\$3,108	\$118,851



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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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