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Baptist Church





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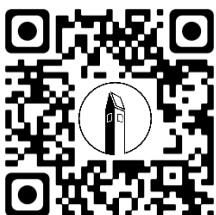
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Welcome to Greenwood Forest!

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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

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 (Psalm 26)

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,

People: And I have trusted in you without wavering.

Leader: Prove me, O LORD, and try me;

People: Test my heart and mind.

Leader: For your steadfast love is before my eyes,

People: And I walk in faithfulness to you.

Leader: I do not sit with the worthless,

People: Nor do I consort with hypocrites;

Leader: I hate the company of evildoers,

People: And will not sit with the wicked.

Leader: I wash my hands in innocence,

People: And go around your altar, O LORD,

Leader: Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,

People: And telling all your wondrous deeds.

Leader: O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell,

People: And the place where your glory abides.

Leader: Do not sweep me away with sinners,

People: Nor my life with the bloodthirsty,

Leader: Those in whose hands are evil devices,

People: And whose right hands are full of bribes.

Leader: But as for me, I walk in my integrity;

People: Redeem me, and be gracious to me.

Leader: My foot stands on level ground;

People: In the great congregation I will bless the LORD.

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Stacks

Gathering Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

*(see pages 5-6)*

Offertory Prayer

Andy Jarrell

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

Selections from Genesis 6-9

Rev. Dr. Stacks

*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

The Storm is Passing Over

arr. Barbara Baker

Have courage my soul  
and let us journey on.  
Though the night is dark  
and I am far from home.  
Thanks be to God  
the morning light appears!

The storm is passing over,  
The storm is passing over,  
The storm is passing over,  
Hallelu!  
Halleluia!  
The storm is passing over.  
Halleluia!

Sermon

Together We Build ...  
A Flood-worthy Vessel

Rev. Efirid

Hymn

Keep Your Hand on the Plow

Noah, Noah let me come in,  
Door's all locked  
and the window pinned,  
Keep your hand on that plow,  
Hold on!

Hold on, hold on,  
Keep your hand on the plow,  
Hold on!

God gave Noah the rainbow sign,  
No more water, but the fire next time,  
Keep your hand on the plow,  
Hold on!

Keep your hand on the gospel plow,  
I wouldn't take nothing  
from my journey now,  
Keep your hand on that plow,  
Hold on!

Benediction

Rev. Efirid

Postlude

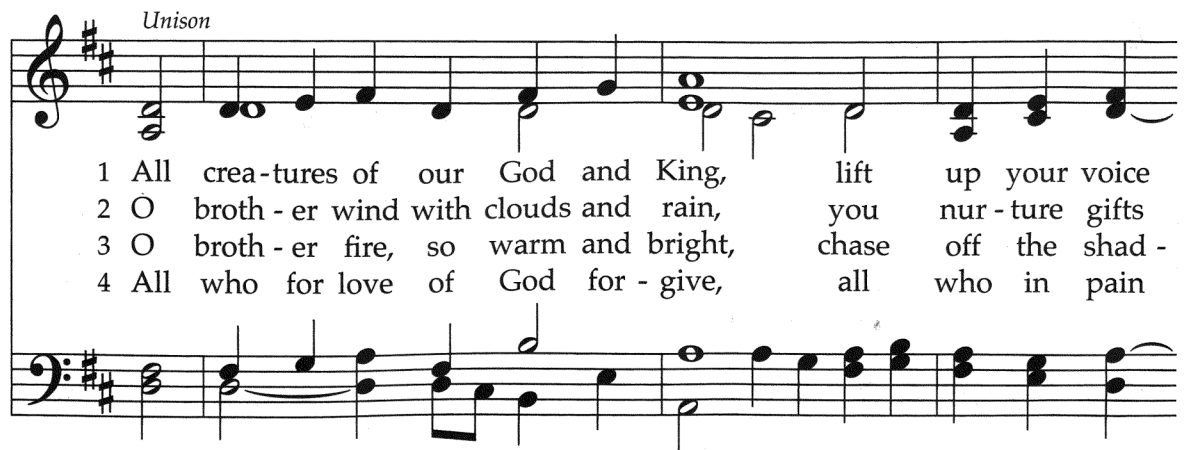
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*Today's hymns come from Glory to God. Copyrighted music use is covered by CCLI License #1243530 and OneLicense #A-721397.*

*The flowers are placed today by Gerry Ritter in memory of Annette King. Gerry invites everyone to join her in honoring her great friend Annette on what would have been her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday as we each recall the many times and ways she helped us to celebrate God's blessings and challenges.*

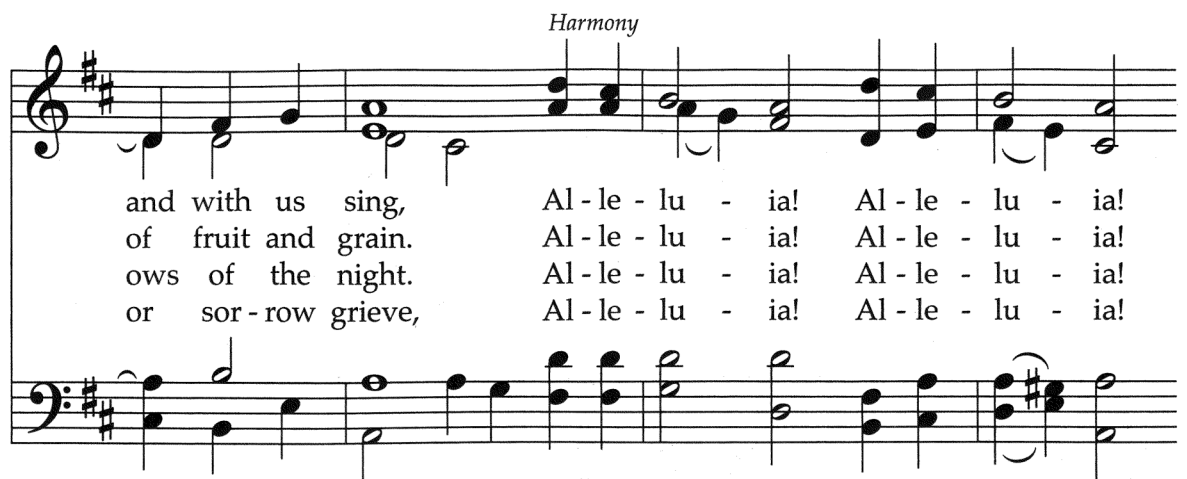
# All Creatures of Our God and King

*Unison*



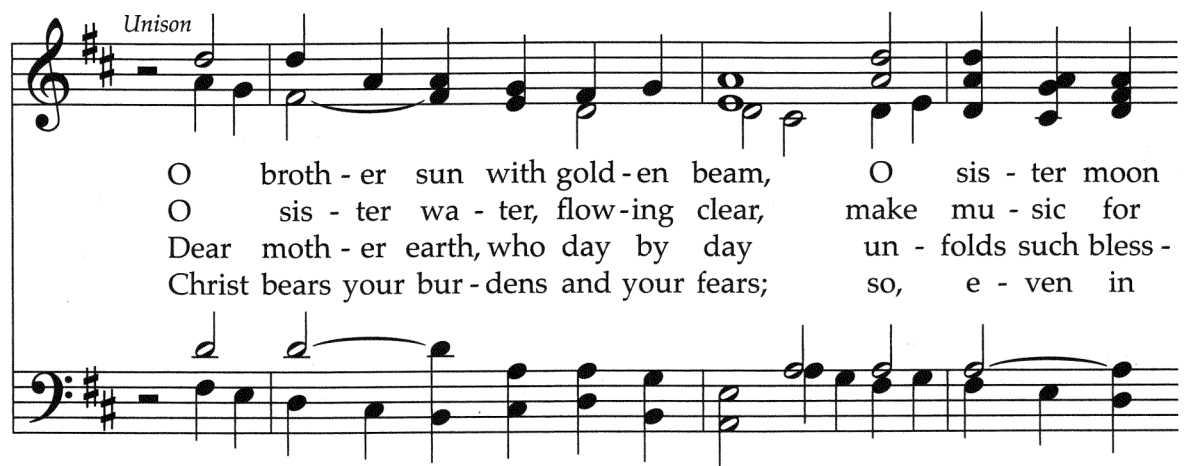
1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice  
2 O broth - er wind with clouds and rain, you nur - ture gifts  
3 O broth - er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad -  
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain

*Harmony*



and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
of fruit and grain. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
ows of the night. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
or sor - row grieve, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*



O broth - er sun with gold - en beam, O sis - ter moon  
O sis - ter wa - ter, flow - ing clear, make mu - sic for  
Dear moth - er earth, who day by day un - folds such bless -  
Christ bears your bur - dens and your fears; so, e - ven in

*Harmony*

with sil - ver gleam,            sing    prais - es!    Al - le - lu - ia!  
 your Lord to hear.            Sing    prais - es!    Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ings on our way,            sing    prais - es!    Al - le - lu - ia!  
 the midst of tears,            sing    prais - es!    Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

Al - le - lu - ia!    Al - le - lu - ia!    Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
 waiting to hush our final breath:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
 fair is the night that leads us home.  
 Sing praises! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
 and worship God with humble heart.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 Sing praises! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## ACTACTACTACT

### ► Penny for Housing Campaign

Our congregational partners in Cary in ONE Wake have been discerning a campaign to propose a policy to the Cary Town Council in advance of the spring elections and during the budget process for next year. We would love your investment in this campaign. You can learn more below.

#### What are Cary churches proposing?

That the Cary Town Council prioritize a penny from the property tax rate generating an annual, local fund for affordable and workforce housing development and preservation. ONE Wake's initial work suggests this would equal \$35/year of the taxes paid by the owner of a home valued at \$350,000 and would total \$3 million/year added to the fund.

#### Who would this solution help?

Teachers, healthcare workers, first responders, service sector employees, people on disability income, and others we know, care about, love, and depend upon. Many of these people are becoming unable (or are already unable) to live in Cary. In 2016, the Town of Chapel Hill approved a similar Penny for Housing initiative and the annual fund has led to the addition of about 300 units of affordable housing that would have otherwise not been built.

#### Where has this solution been successful in the past?

In addition to the Town of Chapel Hill, both Raleigh and Durham have enjoyed similar success with both housing bonds and a Penny for Housing policy. Cary remains the only major municipality in the Triangle without either a housing bond or Penny for Housing fund.



#### How can I support Penny for Housing?

Show your support at the petition at [onewake.org/10000strong](https://onewake.org/10000strong).

Come to the assembly with the Town Council members (and their electoral opponents) to hear their perspectives on our proposal. The assembly is virtual on November 11 at 7pm. Sign up for your invite at [onewake.org/carypennyaction](https://onewake.org/carypennyaction).

Email Rev. Spears-Newsome at [wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org](mailto:wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org) to become more involved with ONE Wake.





# Senior Adult Picnic

Oct. 5  
11:30 am

Bring a picnic lunch and we'll have pie for dessert outside the Fellowship Hall!

## CONNECTCONNECT



### ► The Wonder Room Now Open!

*Last week, we opened The Wonder Room, our new space for children (K-5) during Faith Formation. Below is an interview with Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, who designed the space:*

**Q.** What led to the development of The Wonder Room?

**Wes:** For a long time, we've wanted to fashion an experience for children on Sunday morning that was both engaging for the kids and sustainable for adults. The Wonder Room is a kid-driven, exploration-focused room that can accommodate all kinds of learning and adult engagement. Kids with different learning styles and abilities will all find something for them in The Wonder Room and adults don't need to plan a lesson every week. The room and its stations teach on their own in some exciting ways!

**Q:** Why is it called The Wonder Room?

**Wes:** At my ordination, we did a similar thing that Greenwood Forest does at our deacon and clergy ordinations where

you get individual messages from those in attendance. One of my professors in children, youth, and faith formation told me at my ordination the saying that's on the materials for The Wonder Room: "wisdom begins in wonder." I believe the wonder that exploration and play give to kids is essential for their development and their maturity. It's through wonder that we uncover many of the most important truths in life. That discovery is part of what church is for, especially in The Wonder Room.

**Q; How did the first week go?**

**Wes:** It was so much fun! Our youth joined a few adults in showing the kids around the room. We rotated between the four sections (Play, Reading, Crafts, and Church) and the kids never wanted to leave the section they were in! It's almost as if we needed to remind them, "You'll be here every week, don't do everything today!"

**Q: Can adults enjoy The Wonder Room, too?**

**Wes:** They certainly can! We tried to design The Wonder Room to accommodate a spectrum of ages and abilities of adult volunteers. There's seating throughout the room and no requirement to be on your knees with the kids. All you need is a heart open to our children and a spirit open to wonder about God.

*Feel free to stop by The Wonder Room and explore a bit for yourself on your way out after worship today!*

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## PRAYPRAYPRAYPRAY

### ► Prayer List\*

Jim Allen  
Nell Allen  
Peter Barboriak (*Valerie Brooks' friend*)  
Gilles Bikindou  
James Mark Frazier (*Sue Hughes' brother*)  
Mac Graham  
Amy Harvey (*Elizabeth Harvey's daughter-in-law*)  
The Mangone Family (*friends of the Meador Family*)  
Janet Merriman (*Roz Slawson's friend*)  
The Miller Family (*at the death of John*)  
Sylvia Morgan  
Zelma Palmer  
Betty Patterson (*Doris Martin's sister*)  
Fred Seeger  
Julie Tickle (*Bianca Fowler's aunt*)  
Elizabeth Vickery  
Emma Webster  
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.*

### ► Thank You from Elizabeth Harvey

*Dear Church Family, Thank you for all your support during my Mother's decline and passing. Even more to those who have reached out during my illness. They are true examples of The Good Samaritan. May your selflessness, prayers, and thoughts be repaid to each of you.*



# Golf Tournament

October 18  
Contact Rev. Stacks  
to play!

## GIVEGIVEGIVEGIVE

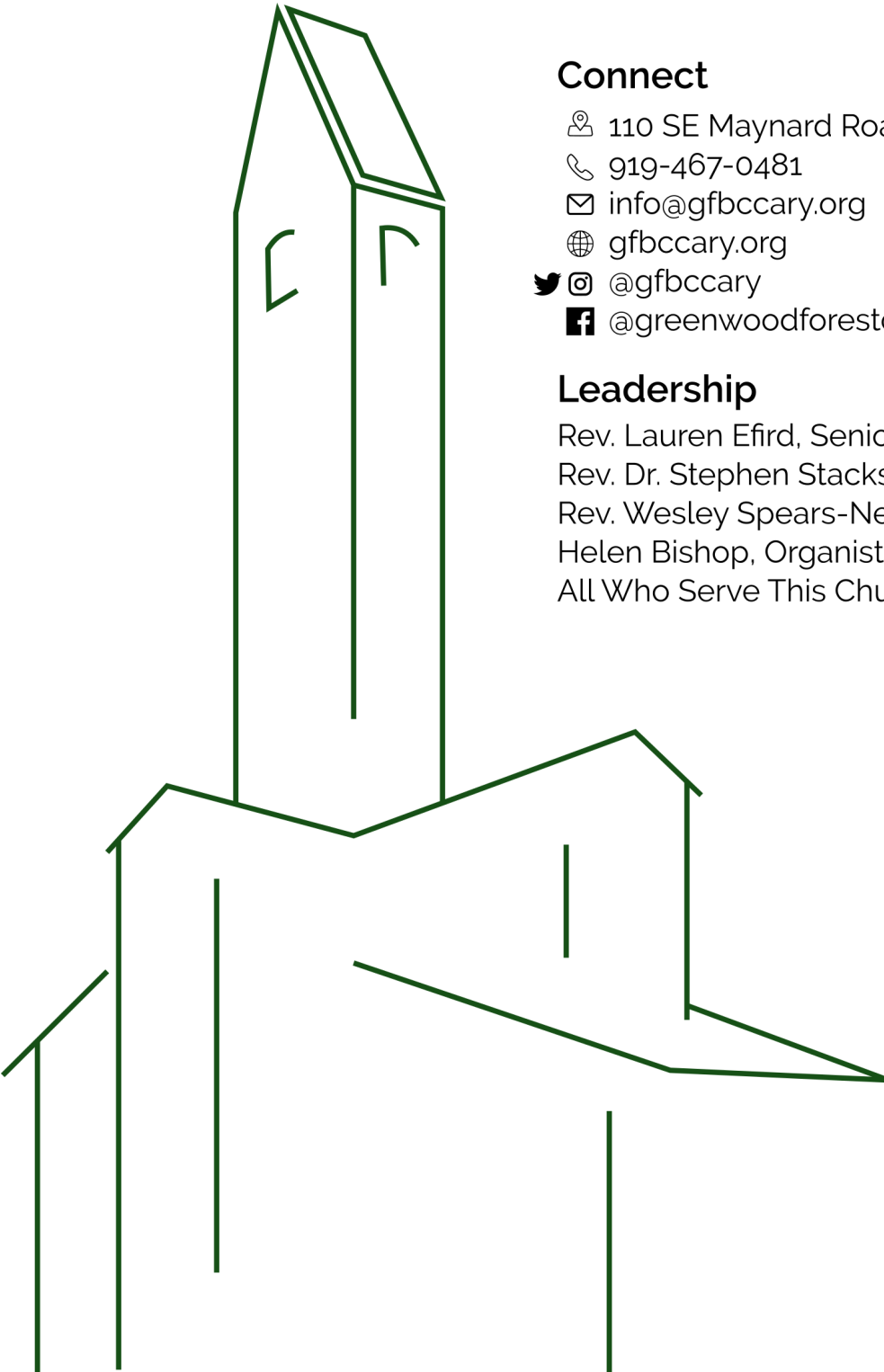
### ► Ways to Tithe

- 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).

### ► Aug. '21 (Preliminary) Finance Update


*Updated from previous weeks to correct a misprint.*

	Aug. 2021	YTD
Congregational Giving	\$46,097	\$644,738
Congregational	\$67,030	\$715,000
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$20,933)	(\$70,262)
Other Receipts	\$1,080	\$150,702
Total Giving and Receipts	\$47,178	\$795,440
Total Disbursements	\$86,237	\$773,992
Under/Over Receipts vs.	(\$42,279)	\$21,448
Together We Build	\$29,463	\$148,314



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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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