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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.

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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting
Jasmyn Cooper, Soloist

Pigott/Mountain

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efird

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Efird

Call to Worship (Psalm 124)

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—

People: let Israel now say—

Leader: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side,

People: When our enemies attacked us,

Leader: Then they would have swallowed us up alive,

People: When their anger was kindled against us;

Leader: Then the flood would have swept us away,

People: The torrent would have gone over us;

Leader: Then over us would have gone the raging waters.

People: Blessed be the LORD,

Leader: Who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

People: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;

Leader: The snare is broken,

People: And we have escaped.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Invocation

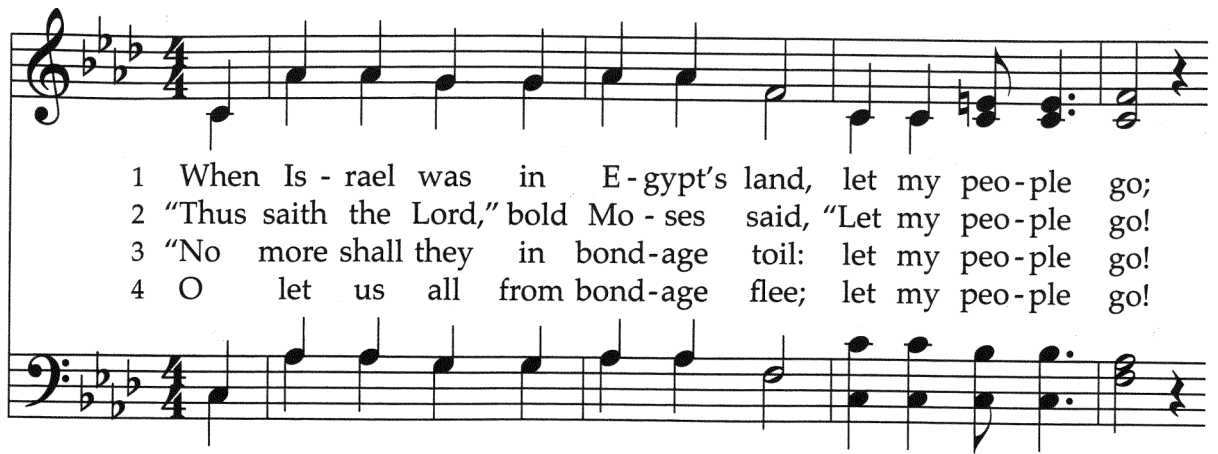
Rev. Spears-Newsome

Gathering Hymn (1, 3, & 4)

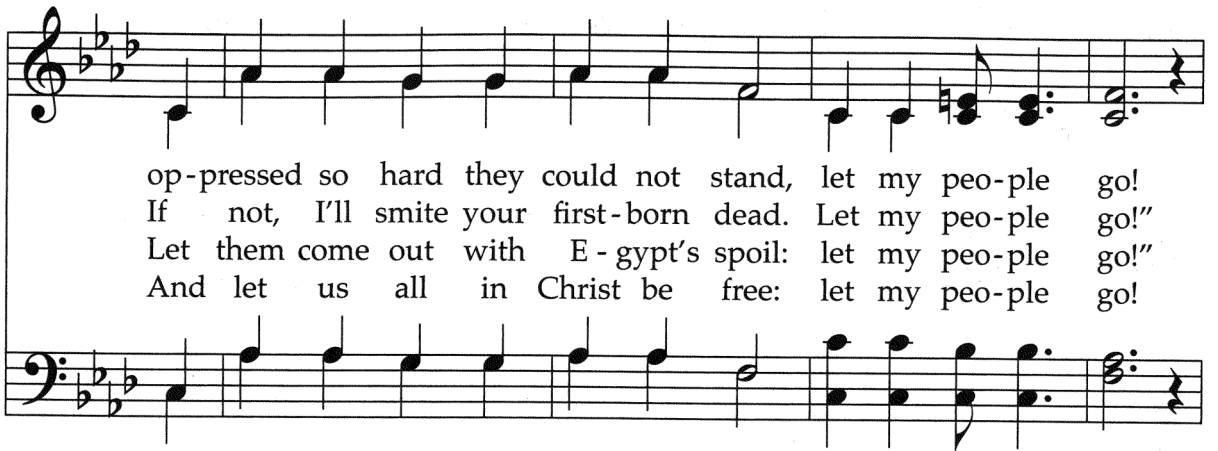
When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

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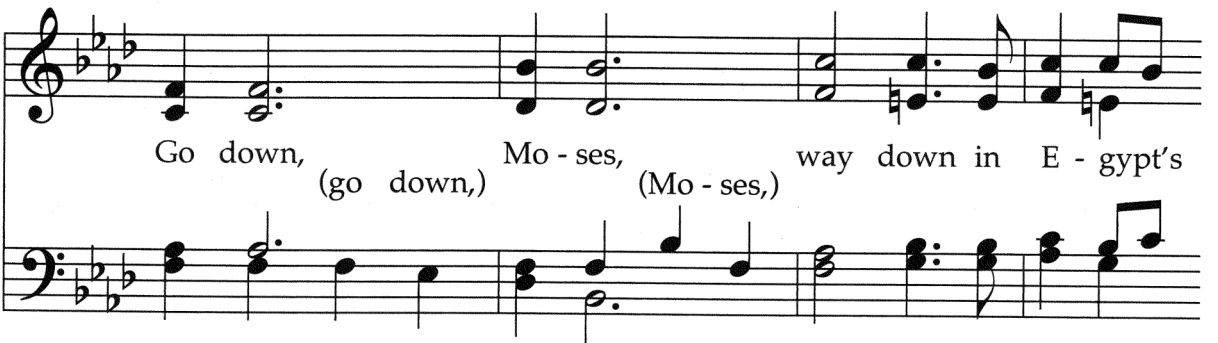


1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;
2 "Thus saith the Lord," bold Mo - ses said, "Let my peo - ple go!
3 "No more shall they in bond - age toil: let my peo - ple go!
4 O let us all from bond - age flee; let my peo - ple go!

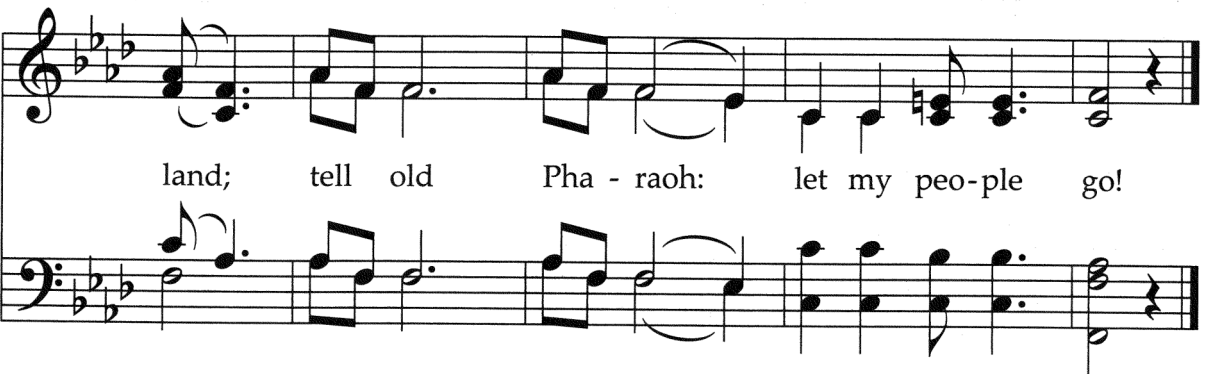


op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo - ple go!
If not, I'll smite your first - born dead. Let my peo - ple go!"
Let them come out with E - gypt's spoil: let my peo - ple go!"
And let us all in Christ be free: let my peo - ple go!

Refrain



Go down, (go down,) Mo - ses, (Mo - ses,) way down in E - gypt's



land; tell old Pha - raoh: let my peo - ple go!

Offertory Prayer

Katie Lockhart

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. 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

Exodus 1:8-14

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.

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| Anthem | Great Day <i>Jasmyn Cooper, Soloist</i> | arr. Barbara Baker |
| | <i>Oh great day!</i> <i>Great day the righteous marchin'</i> <i>Great day!</i> <i>God's gonna build up Zion's walls</i> | This is the day of Jubilee When my Lord set his people free When I was a moaner just like you I prayed and prayed till I come through |
| | Chariot moved on the mountaintop My Lord spoke and the chariot stopped | We want no cowards in our band We call for valiant hearted ones |
| Sermon | Together We Build ... A Home Beyond Empire | Rev. Efird |
| Hymn | <i>(see page 6)</i> | Lead On, O King Eternal |
| Benediction | | Rev. Efird |
| Postlude | Oh, How I Love Jesus | arr. Cindy Berry |

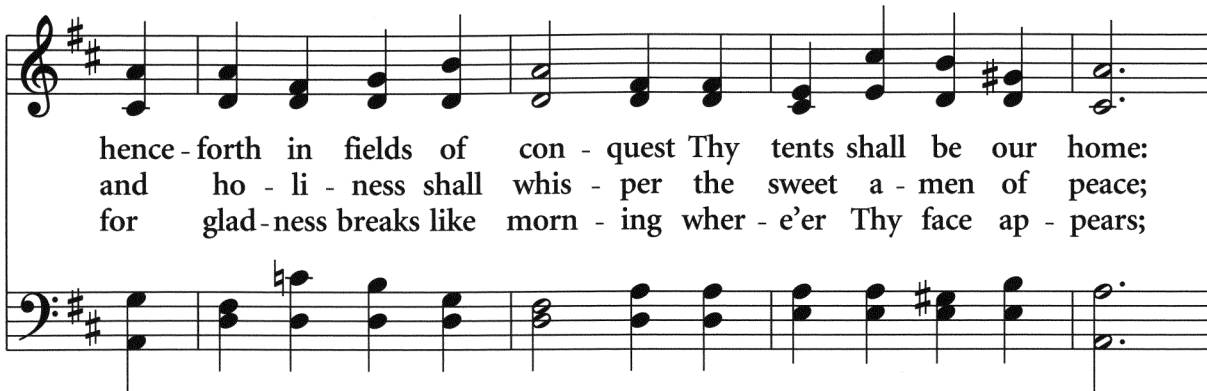
Today's hymns come from Celebrating Grace and Glory to God. Copyrighted music use is covered by CCLI License #1243530 and OneLicense #A-721397.

*Our pianist today is Sally Shaver.
Our guest soloist today is Jasmyn Cooper, soprano.*

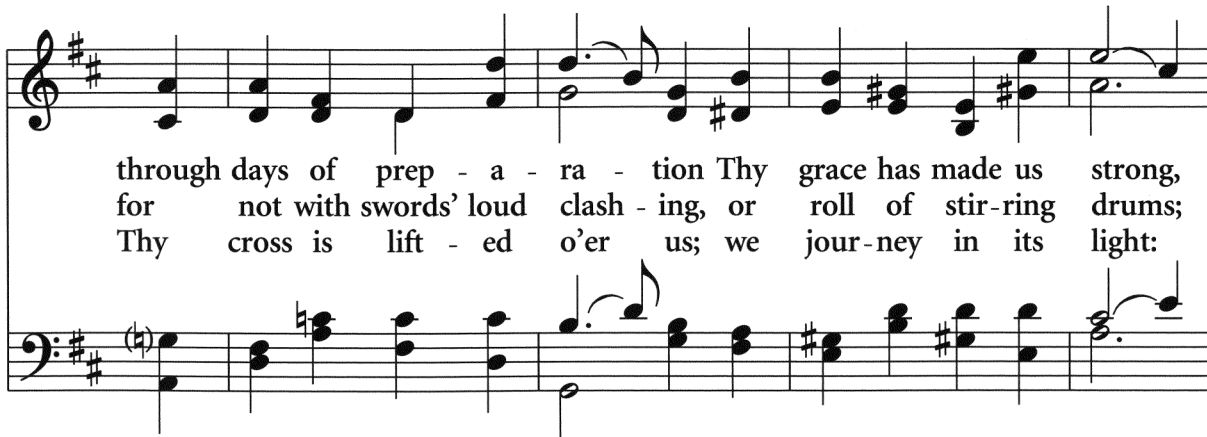
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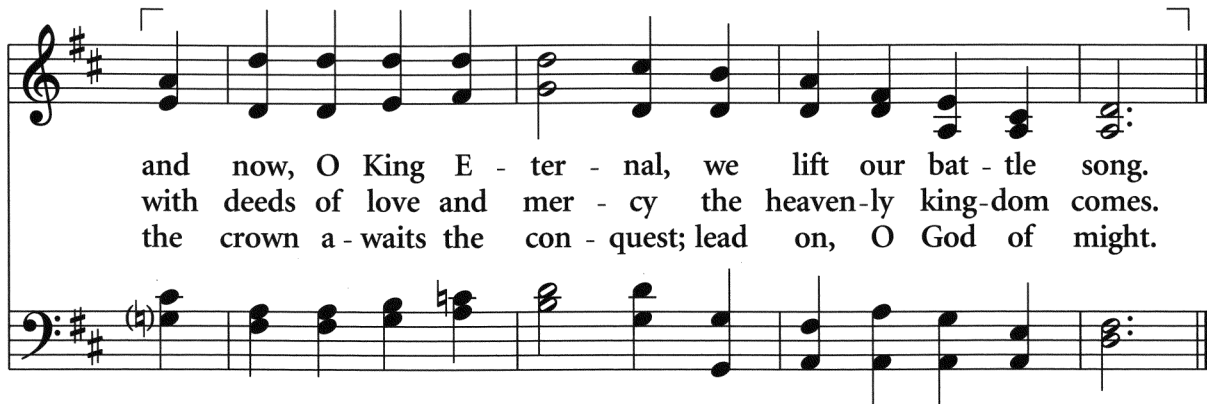
1. Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
2. Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3. Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, we fol - low, not with fears;



hence - forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home;
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er Thy face ap - pears;



through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong,
for not with swords' loud clash - ing, or roll of stir - ring drums;
Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:



and now, O King E - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
with deeds of love and mer - cy the heaven - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

Penny for Housing Campaign

What are Cary churches proposing?

ONE Wake churches in Cary are asking the Town Council to prioritize a penny from the property tax rate generating an annual 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.

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.



Backpack Buddies Update

Our Backpack Buddies ministry continues to provide vital resources for families in need in our neighborhood. Recently, we've expanded the program to include food for some afterschool programs at Briarcliff and Farmington Woods Elementary Schools. If you'd like to help with the program, you can contribute to the Backpack Buddies fund or volunteer to help pick up or pack food (this can be a fun family activity, as well!). Thank you to all the families who have committed to packing and keeping this program going during the pandemic and all our recurring donors.

► **Fall Festival on November 7!**

We will be having a Fall Festival on November 7 full of fun events!

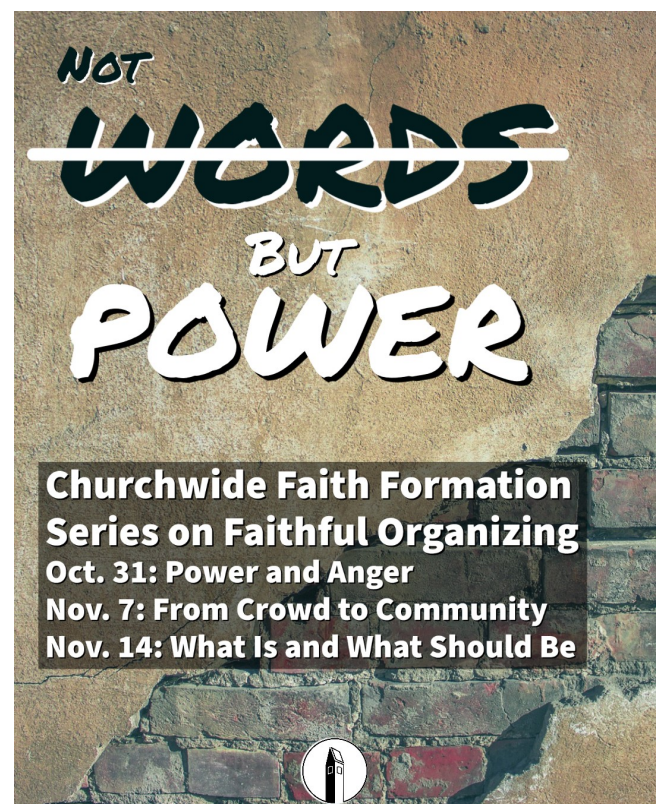
- In the morning, the JOY Class will be having a Bake Sale. They'll be selling Annette King's famous ham biscuits—you'll want to get your hands on one (or more)—and other food!
- In the afternoon, we'll have a fun(d raising!) walk/run to Bond Brothers Brewery and back to benefit the Together We Build campaign. Registration for the fundraiser walk is \$50 and comes with a t-shirt and a drink at Bond Brothers!

- In the evening, we'll have an outdoor

Fall Festival with tons of festivities, including a Glamorous Gourd Decorating Contest. Bring your finest decorated pumpkin (or other seasonal veggie) and we'll vote on the winner! We'll have activities for all ages as well as food and music.

Next Churchwide Faith Formation

- Throughout the year, we offer special churchwide Faith Formation series to give our Faith Formation teachers a break and to give everyone the chance to hear from those in our congregation with special experiences in specific areas. First up this church year, we'll hear from Rev. Spears-Newsome about the intersection between the Bible, Christian tradition, and community organizing. The three-week series will begin October 31 and run through November 14. Churchwide Faith Formation takes place in the Fellowship Hall and is also available online via Zoom.



► Staff Anniversary: Rev. Lauren Efird

From the Personnel Committee:

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, so be sure to thank our pastors for all their hard work!

Not only that, but in October we celebrate two special anniversaries in the life of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church for our Senior Pastor, Rev. Lauren Efird.



Lauren was originally hired as an Associate ten years ago on October 2, 2011. She was installed as our Senior Pastor five years ago on October 23, 2016. Since then, she has been our

pastor through many challenging times, including fighting the deportation of one of our church members, leading discernment processes about the future of our community, and navigating the unprecedented difficulties of a global pandemic for our church.

We are grateful for Lauren's faithful service, tireless dedication, and strong leadership of our congregation these many years!

► Prayer List*

Jim Allen
Nell Allen
Peter Barboriak (*Valerie Brooks' friend*)
Gilles Bikindou
James Mark Frazier (*Sue Hughes' brother*)
Mac Graham
Lue Hall
Amy Harvey (*Elizabeth Harvey's daughter-in-law*)
The Mangone Family (*friends of the Meador Family*)
Janet Merriman (*Roz Slawson's friend*)
The Milondo Family at the death of Daniel (*Gilles Bikindou's friend*)
Sylvia Morgan
Zelma Palmer
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.*

► 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.

► Aug. '21 Finance Update

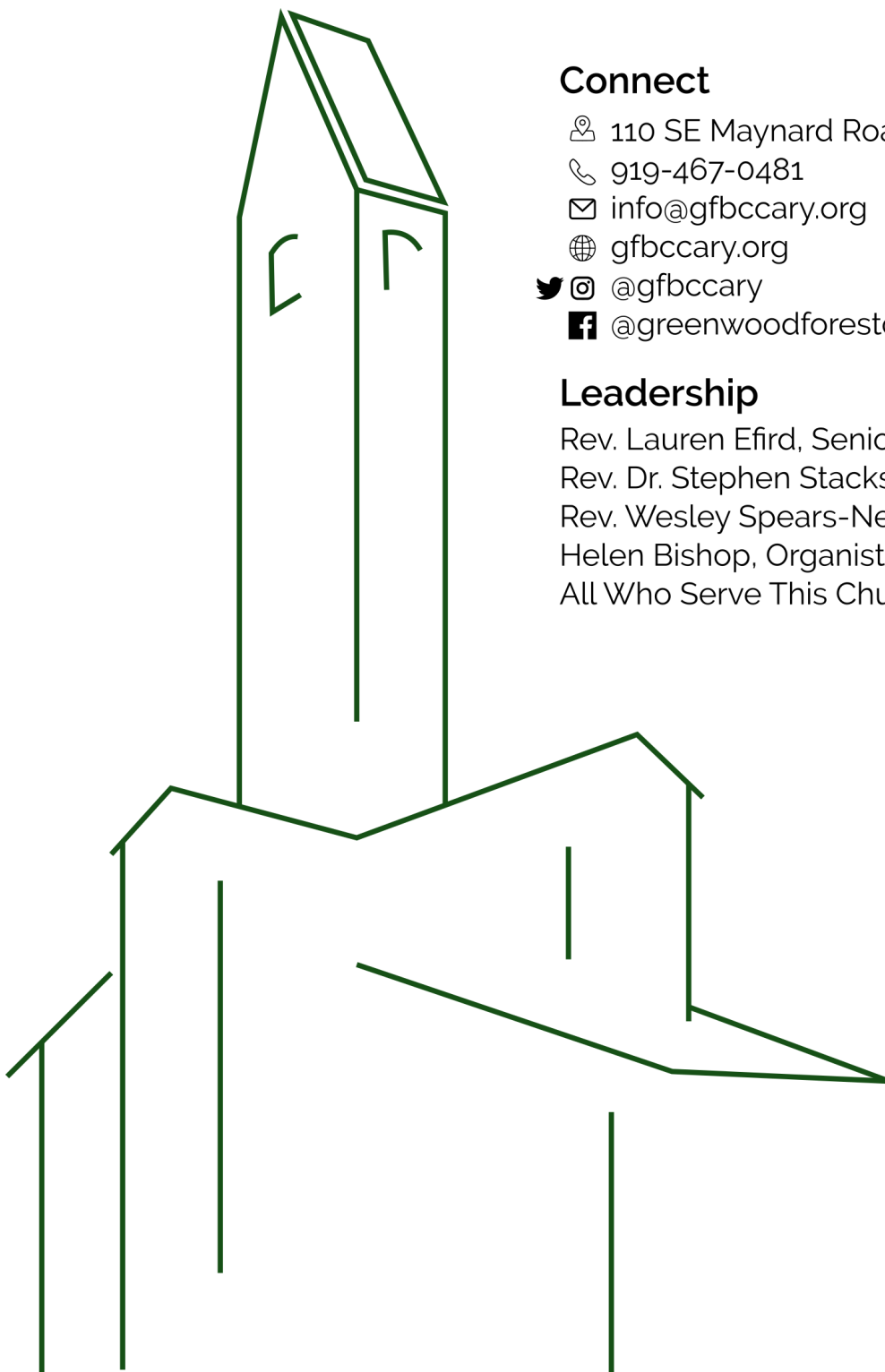
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| | Aug. 2021 | YTD |
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| Congregational Giving | \$46,097 | \$644,738 |
| Congregational Giving Target | \$67,030 | \$715,000 |
| Congregational Giving Under/Over | (\$20,933) | (\$70,262) |
| Other Receipts | \$1,080 | \$150,702 |
| Total Giving and Receipts | \$47,178 | \$795,440 |
| Total Disbursements | \$89,458 | \$777,212 |
| Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements | (\$42,280) | \$18,228 |
| Together We Build Giving | \$29,488 | \$148,339 |



Golf Tournament

October 18
Contact Rev. Stacks
to play!



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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