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## Baptist Church





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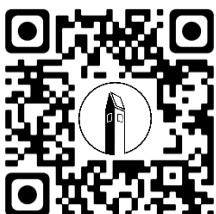
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# an inclusive community of faith

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

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Rice

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 105:1-2, 37-45)

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name,

People: Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to God! Sing praises to the LORD;

People: Tell of all God's wonderful works.

Leader: Remember what God has done,

People: God's miracles, and the judgments God uttered,

Leader: O offspring of God's servant Abraham,

People: Children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

Leader: God brought Israel out with silver and gold,

People: And there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

Leader: Egypt was glad when they departed,

People: For dread of them had fallen upon it.

Leader: God spread a cloud for a covering,

People: And fire to give light by night.

Leader: They asked, and God brought quails,

People: And gave them food from heaven in abundance.

Leader: God opened the rock, and water gushed out;

People: It flowed through the desert like a river.

Leader: For God remembered the holy promise,

People: And Abraham, God's servant.

Leader: So God brought the people out with joy,

People: That they might keep God's statutes and observe God's laws.

All: Praise the LORD!

# The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.  
3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,  
4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!  
In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.  
your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,  
Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,  
We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.  
and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.  
the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano part consists of chords and single notes, providing harmonic support for the vocal lines. The lyrics are: 1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove, 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will. 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest, 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul; the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love! In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still. a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest. your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll. The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed, Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand, There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound, We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name: we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest. deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand. and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned. the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Stacks

Gathering Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise

*(see page 3)*

Offertory Prayer

Leta Huntsinger

Presentation of the Offering

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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. 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

Exodus 25:1-9

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

Locus Iste

Anton Bruckner

*Locus iste a Deo factus est,  
inaestimabile sacramentum,  
irreprehensibilis est.*

This place was made by God;  
It is an inestimable mystery;  
It is beyond reproach.

Sermon	Together We Build ... A Sanctuary on the Move	Rev. Efird
Hymn	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah <i>(see page 6)</i>	
Benediction		Rev. Efird
Postlude	Soon and Very Soon	arr. Hayes

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*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 Addie Smith.*

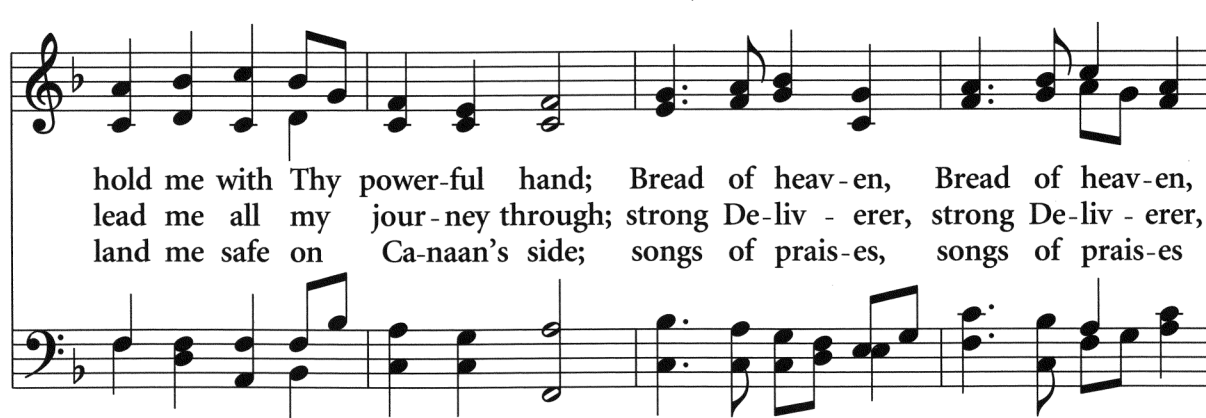
# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side: bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent,



hold me with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.  
 be Thou still my strength and shield, be Thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.



## CONNECTCONNECT

### ► 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!

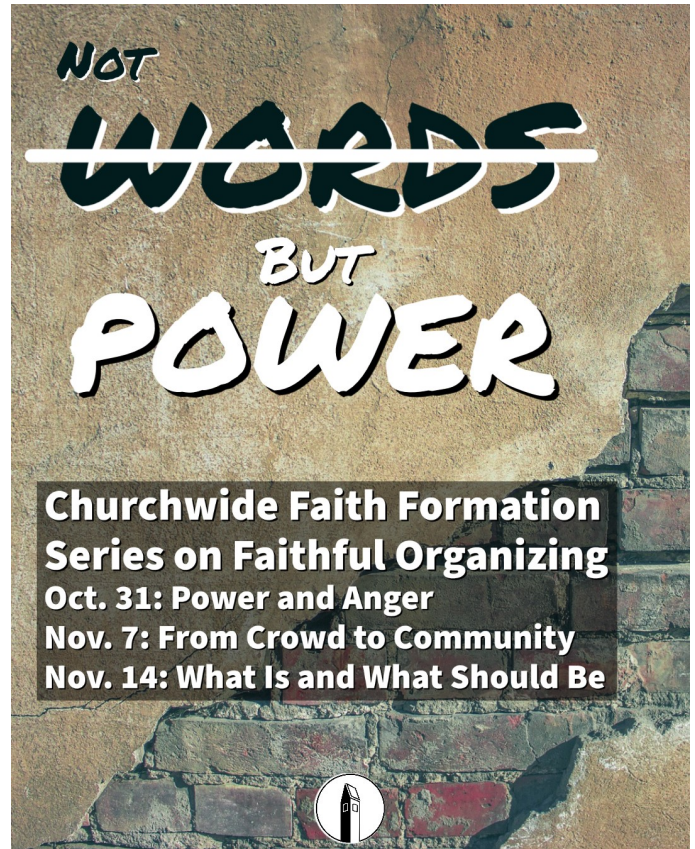
Not only that, but in October we celebrate two special anniversaries in the life of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church for our Senior Pastor, Rev. Lauren Efird.



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!



### ► 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.





**9:45am | Faith Formation & JOY Class Biscuits**

**11:00am | Worship in the Sanctuary and Online**

**4:00pm | Together We Walk Fundraiser Begins**

**5:00pm | Fall Festival Begins**

**Welcome back walkers and runners!**

**Fall-themed snacks!**

**Pumpkin-decorating contest!**

**Games!**

**Music!**

**And more!**

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

- In the morning, the JOY Class will be selling Annette King's famous ham biscuits—you'll want to get your hands on one (or more)—as well as coffee and jams!
- 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 (if desired, 21+)!
- 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.

## ACTACTACTACT

### 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](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).



### 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 (recurring contributions welcome!) 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.

## PRAYPRAYPRAYPRAY

### ► Prayer List\*

Jim Allen  
 Nell Allen  
 Peter Barboriak (*Valerie Brooks' friend*)  
 Gilles Bikindou  
 James Mark Frazier (*Sue Hughes' brother*)  
 The Dejarnette Family (*at the death of Nadene*)  
 Carol Fuller (friend of Linda Chappell)  
 Mac Graham  
 Debra Haraway and Jennifer Prilliman (friends of Linda Chappell)  
 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 (*friends of Gilles Bikindou*)  
 Sylvia Morgan  
 Harold Ritter (*at the death of his nephew, Mitchell Ritter*)  
 Fred Seeger  
 Elizabeth Vickery  
 Emma Webster  
 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

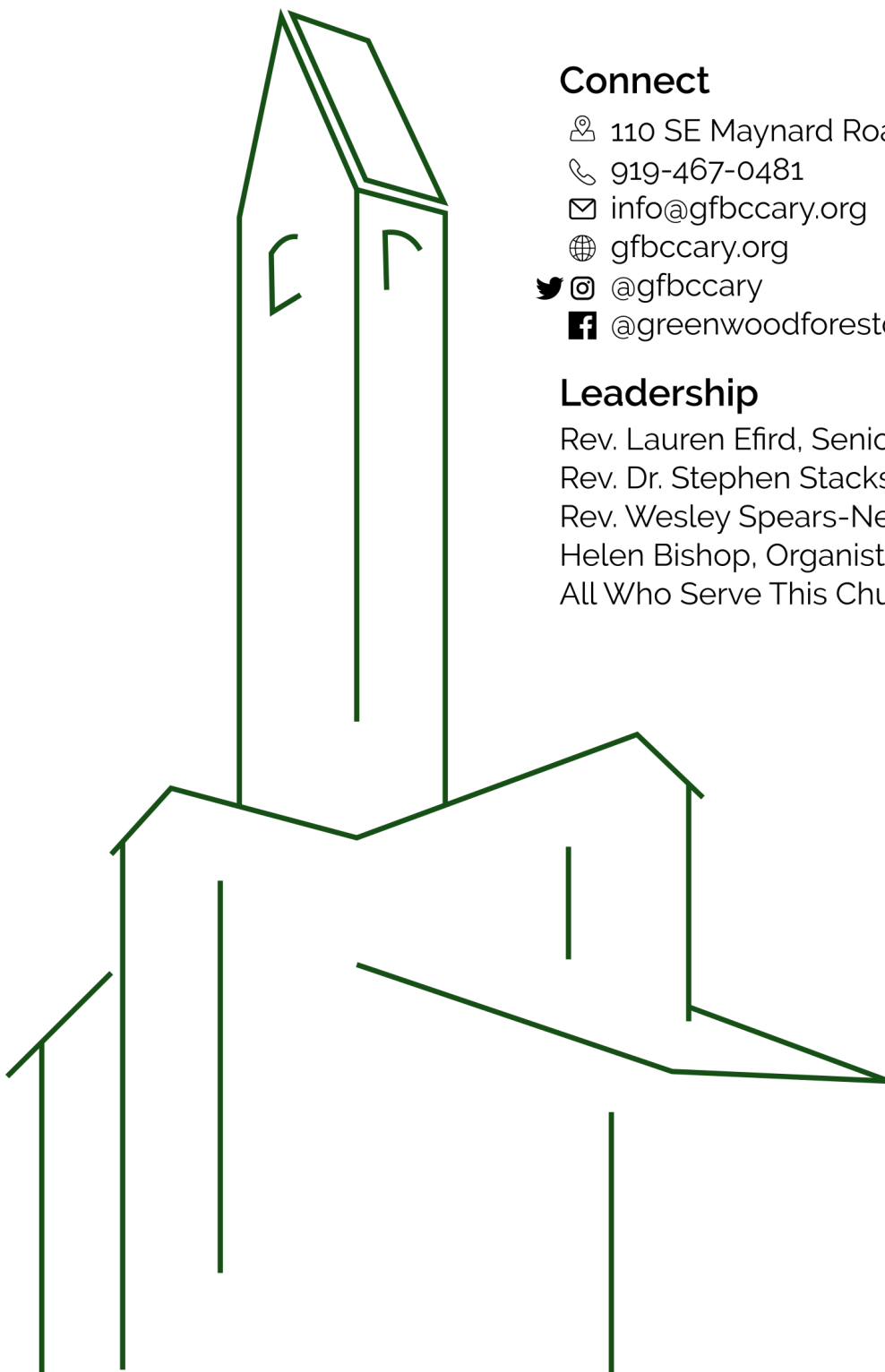
### ► Ways to Tithe

- 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).

### ► September 2021 Finance Update

*Updated when the previous months' books close.*

	Sept. 2021	YTD
Congregational Giving	\$41,829	\$41,829
Congregational Giving Target	\$51,000	\$51,000
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$9,171)	(\$9,171)
Other Receipts	\$4,475	\$4,475
Total Giving and Receipts	\$46,304	\$46,304
Total Disbursements	\$57,608	\$57,608
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	(\$11,304)	(\$11,304)
Together We Build Giving	\$15,437	\$15,437



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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