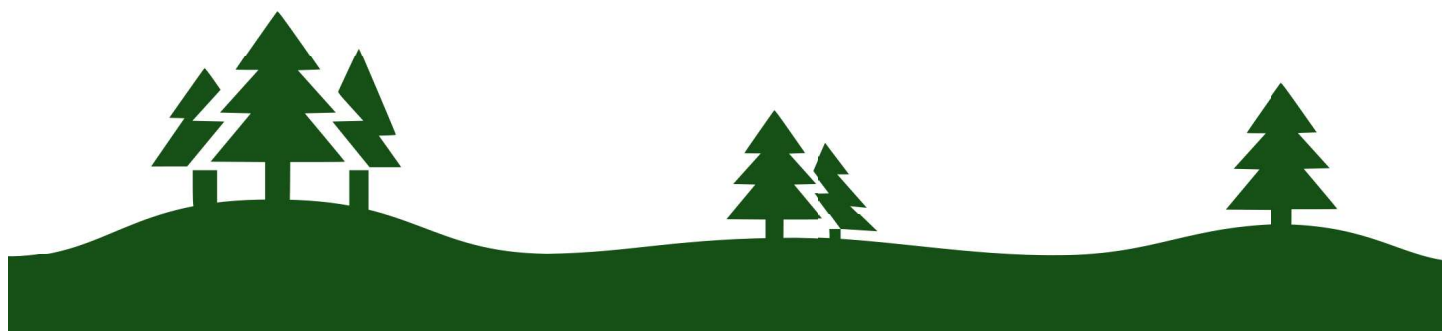




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Welcome to Greenwood Forest!

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

Twenty-Second 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 67)

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: God, be gracious to us and bless us,

People: And make your face to shine upon us,

Leader: That your way may be known upon earth,

People: Your saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: Let all the peoples praise you!

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

People: For you judge with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: Let all the peoples praise you!

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase;

People: God, our God, has blessed us.

Leader: May God continue to bless us;

People: Let the ends of the earth revere the Lord.

Invocation

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Gathering Hymn

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

1. The church of Christ can - not be bound by walls of wood or stone.
2. True faith will o - pen up the door and step in - to the street.
3. True love will not sit i - dly by when jus - tice is de - nied.
4. If what we have, we free - ly share to meet our neigh - bor's need,

Where char - i - ty and love are found, there can the church be known.
True ser - vice will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
True mer - cy hears the home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
then we ex - tend the Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 3/2. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff of each system. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains four lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

Offertory Prayer

Anthony Warren

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

Isaiah 56:1-8

Rev. Efrid

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 Dwell in Solomon's Walls

Z. Randall Stroope

When the final timber lay 'gainst the measured stones,
With the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold.
The Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house,
Also the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole.

Come dwell in Solomon's walls,
Come and dwell in the house of the Lord.
Where the humble bow down,
seeking wisdom and strength,
For the Lord dwells within and heals their land.
Come dwell in Solomon's walls,
Come and dwell in the house of the Lord.
Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness,
Join at the feet of God.

When the people of this house kneel and humbly pray,
When they turn from dark to light and your will obey,
O Lord of heaven and Lord of earth,
Show favor on this house,
And heal restore, forgive, and bless,
Lord, we pray.

Sermon

Together We Build ...
A House of Prayer for All Peoples

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Hymn

Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race

1. Di - verse in cul - ture, na - tion, race, we
2. God, let us be a bridge of care con -
3. When cha - sms wid - en, storms a - rise, O
4. God, let us be a ta - ble spread with

come to - geth - er by Your grace. God, let us be a
nect - ing peo - ple ev - ery - where. Help us con - front all
Ho - ly Spir - it, make us wise. Let our re - solve, like
gifts of love and bro - ken bread, where all find wel - come,

meet - ing ground where hope and heal - ing love are found.
fear and hate and lust for power that sep - a - rate.
steel, be strong to stand with those who suf - fer wrong.
grace at - tends, and en - e - mies a - rise as friends.

Benediction

Rev. Efirid

Postlude

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

Our pianist today is Teri Edwards.

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► Staff Anniversary: Rev. Lauren Efirid

From the Personnel Committee:

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

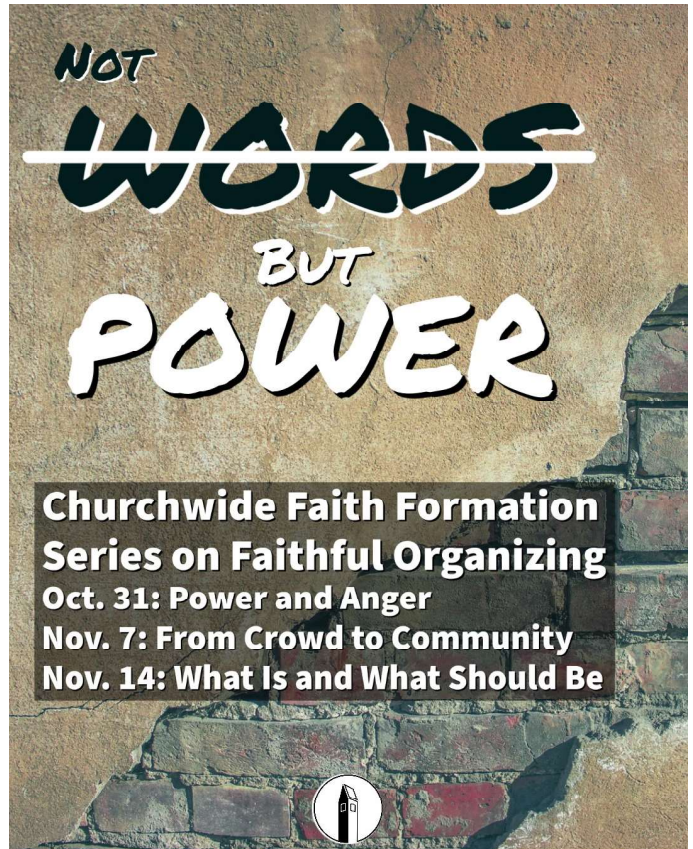
Not only that, but in October we celebrate two special anniversaries in the life of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church for our Senior Pastor, Rev. Lauren Efirid.



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.



▶▶▶ **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+)! Register at gfbccary.org/walk! Begins at 4pm.
- 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.

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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 (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
 George Daniel
 James Mark Frazier (*Sue Hughes' brother*)
 Henry and Sally Glasgow (Scot Glasgow's
 Parents)
 Mac Graham
 Lue Hall
 Amy Harvey (*Elizabeth Harvey's daughter-
 in-law*)
 Janet Merriman (*Roz Slawson's friend*)
 The Milondo Family (*friends of Gilles
 Bikindou*)
 Sylvia Morgan
 Fred Seeger
 Elizabeth Vickery
 Lee Webb
 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.*

► Thank You from Susan Miller

Thank you to our Greenwood Forest family
 for all of the prayers and wonderful cards
 we received after John's death. We are
 especially grateful for the lovely
 columbarium service that was very
 meaningful for our family. We are very
 grateful for each expression of love.

— Susan Miller and Family

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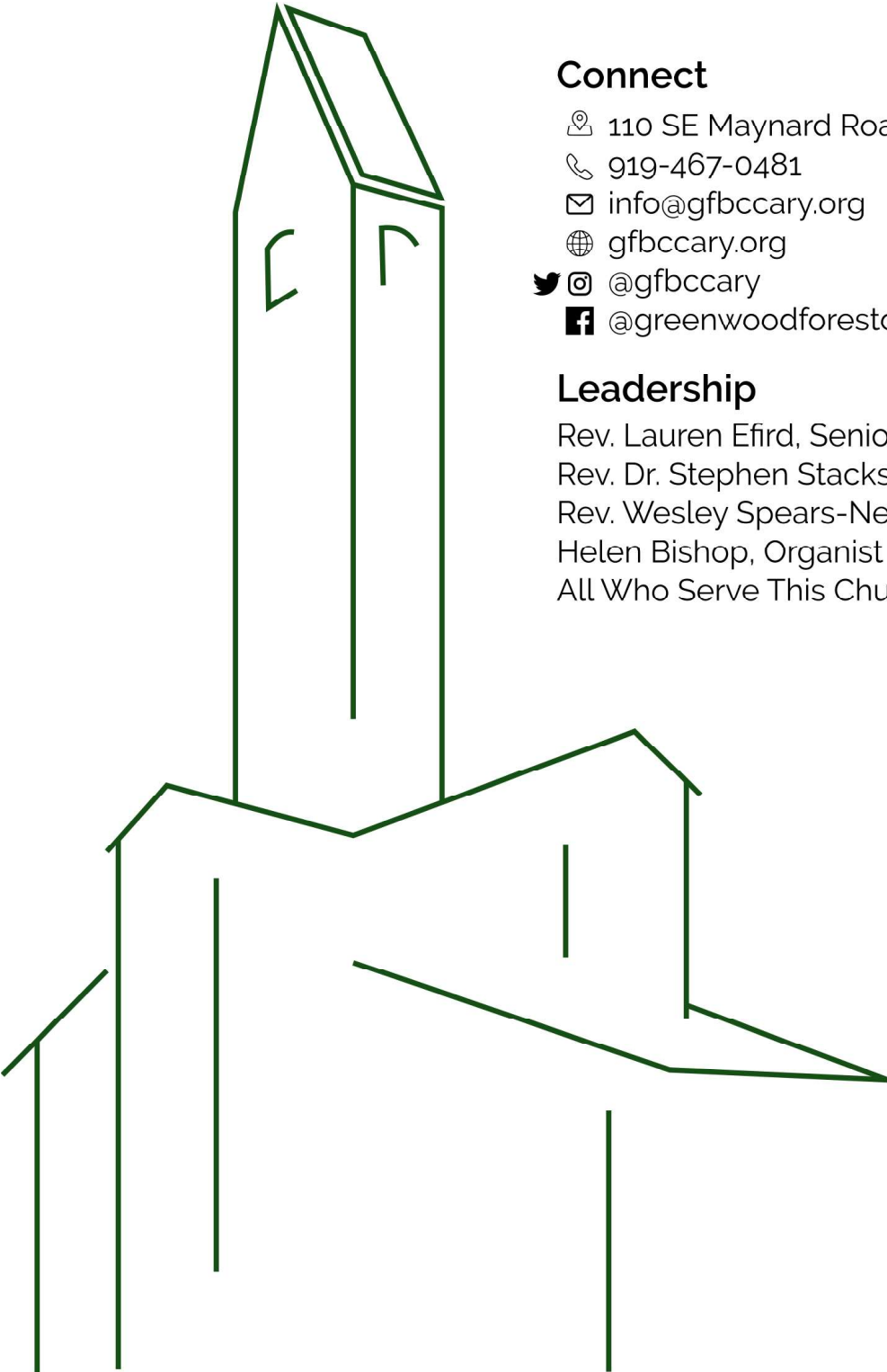
► Ways to Tithe

- 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 your 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.

► 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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Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church
