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Baptist Church





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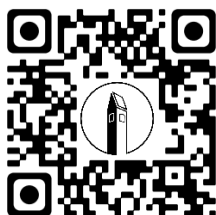
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an inclusive community of faith

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

All Saints Sunday

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

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 (Isaiah 25:6-9)

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: On this mountain the LORD of hosts will
make for all peoples a feast of rich food,

People: A feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow,
of well-aged wines strained clear.

Leader: And God will destroy on this mountain the shroud
that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

People: God will swallow up death forever!

Leader: Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,

People: And the disgrace of the people God will take away from all the earth.

Leader: It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God;

People: We have waited for God, so that God might save us.

Leader: This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

People: Let us be glad and rejoice in salvation!

Invocation

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Gathering Hymn

God of Past Who by Your Spirit

(see page 3)

Offertory Prayer

Chris Beal

God of Past Who by Your Spirit

1. God of past, who by Your Spir - it, led Your peo - ple
2. God of pres - ent un - der - tak - ings, give us wis - dom
3. God of hope, to Whom our ser - vice is en - trust - ed

through each age, may we learn from their ex - am - ple,
as we build for our ser - vice in Your king - dom,
for the day when Your king - dom is es - tab - lished

by their faith our doubts as - suage. May their stead - fast res - o -
that Your pur - pose be ful - filled. May our vi - sion be far -
and all peo - ple know Your way, by the lead - ing of Your

lute - ness as they fol - lowed in Your way be for us an
reach - ing, and our work by You de - creed, that in build - ing
Spir - it guide us now, new faith in - still, that we face the

in - spi - ra - tion as we serve the pres - ent day.
for the pres - ent, we dis - cern to - mor - row's need.
fu - ture bold - ly for the do - ing of Your will.

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.

Remembrance of the Saints and the Prayers of the People 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

1 Corinthians 3:9-11

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

O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings,
thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing
to enter into the courts of the Lord:

My heart and my flesh rejoice
in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house,

And the swallow a nest

where she may lay her young:

Even the altars, O Lord of hosts,
my king and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
They will be always praising thee.

The glorious majesty
of the Lord our God be upon us:
Prosper thou the work
of our hands upon us.

O prosper thou our handiwork.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Sermon

Together We Build ...
On the Foundation of the Saints

Rev. Efird

Celebration of Communion

Rev. Efird

Prayer of Confession: Merciful God, we confess that we have not always loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be obedient disciples. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we've not loved our neighbors, and we've not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us for what we have done and for what we've left undone, and free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mystery of Faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Hymn

For All the Saints

(see page 6)

Benediction

Rev. Efird

Postlude

Count Your Blessings

arr. Melody Bober

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Our pianist today is Sally Shaver.

For All the Saints

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
 2. Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
 3. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 4. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
 5. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
 Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
 We feeblely struggle, they in glory shine,
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
 through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 Thou in the darkness drear their one true light.
 yet all are one in Thee, for all are thine. Al -
 and hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

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



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We remember those who have come before us and contributed to our church, especially those who have died since the last All Saints commemoration.



Emma Aeppli



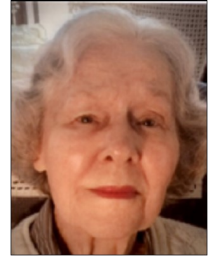
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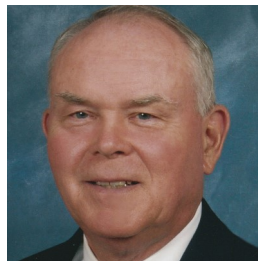
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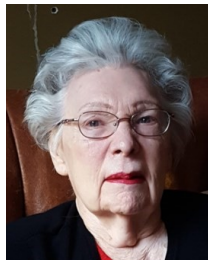
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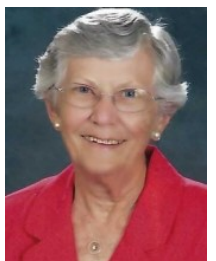
Ruby Proctor



Bryant Stallings



Dick Suddarth



Marvel Wahrman



Carol Wells



POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

The Advent and Christmas seasons are right around the corner, which means we will be decorating the sanctuary soon! If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for the sanctuary adornment and a dedication listed in the bulletin, please visit gfbccary.org/poinsettia. Poinsettias and dedications are \$15. Any profits from poinsettia sales will go to the Organ Fund.

WREATHS & SANCTUARY DECORATING



Join us on November 21 from 3pm to 5pm for a festive church decorating and Advent wreath making party! We'll gather in the Sanctuary and decorate the church for Advent and Christmas while listening to Christmas carols. There will be tasks for all ages and abilities so bring the whole family. After decorating, we will move to the Fellowship Hall around 4:30pm to make Advent wreaths. Everyone who comes will leave with a wreath and cinnamon roll to enjoy at home!

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► ONE Wake Assembly with Cary Town Council Candidates | November 11 @ 7pm

Candidates running for election to the Cary Town Council are meeting with ONE Wake's Cary members to discuss housing in Cary on November 11 @ 7pm via Zoom. We want as many GFBC members as possible to hear from the candidates, so we invite everyone to attend! ONE Wake is on track to set the record for the largest candidate forum in recent history in Cary, so we hope you'll be able to attend this important event. Register to attend and receive the Zoom link at <https://www.onewake.org/carypennyaction>.



A poster for the Greenwood Forest Fall Festival. The background is a light beige color with faint, stylized illustrations of autumn leaves and pumpkins in shades of orange and red. The text is arranged in a central, slightly left-aligned manner. At the top left, there is a small illustration of a red leafy branch. The main title 'Greenwood Forest' is in a bold, dark green sans-serif font, and 'Fall Festival' is in a large, orange, cursive script font. Below the title, the date 'November 7 @ 5pm' is written in a bold, dark green sans-serif font. To the right of the title, there is a small, tilted photograph of a five-piece bluegrass band. Above the photograph, the text 'Live Music feat. Fair to Middlin'' is written in a bold, orange, cursive script font. Below the title and date, the text 'Join us for chili and fall treats, games and activities for all ages, and live music!' is written in a bold, orange, sans-serif font.

Greenwood Forest Fall Festival

November 7 @ 5pm

Join us for chili and
fall treats, games
and activities for all
ages, and live music!

Live Music feat.
Fair to Middlin'

► Fall Festival Sunday at 5pm! Together We Walk at 4pm!

The Greenwood Forest Fall Festival is back this year! We can't wait for you to join us this Sunday afternoon (11/7) for all of the festivities. The Together We Walk Fundraiser will begin at 4pm and raise money for the Together We Build campaign. The Fall Festival starts at 5pm when we'll be welcoming back participants in the walk. The Festival will have lots for everyone to enjoy, including live bluegrass from Fair to Middlin', The Glamorous Gourd Competition (bring your most handsome decorated/carved pumpkin to be voted on in the contest!), good food and snacks, with games and activities for all ages!



► Faith Formation This Week

Churchwide Faith Formation continues! We'll hear from Rev. Spears-Newsome about the intersection between the Bible, Christian tradition, and community organizing. The series began October 31 and runs through November 14. Churchwide Faith Formation takes place in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45am and is also available online via Zoom.

PRAYPRAYPRAYPRAY

► Prayer List*

Jim Allen
 Nell Allen
 Peter Barboriak (*Valerie Brooks' friend*)
 Jeanette Bell (*friend of Pat Brooks and Janice Medford*)
 Gilles Bikindou
 Becky Chapman
 Sue Daniel (*at the death of her brother, Bob Prince*)
 James Mark Frazier (*Sue Hughes' brother*)
 Mac Graham
 Alix Grizzard (*Gail Jones' cousin*)
 Amy Harvey (*Elizabeth Harvey's daughter-in-law*)
 Margie McLawhorn
 Janet Merriman (*Roz Slawson's friend*)
 Sylvia Morgan
 Fred Seeger
 Diane Smith (*at the death of her sister and nephew*)
 Lee Taylor
 Elizabeth Vickery
 Emma Webster
 Marta Whitehouse (*Al Whitehouse's mother*)
 Alison Zieglmeier
 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 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. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church
