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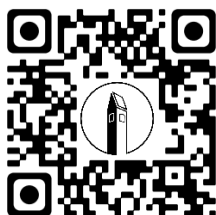
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an inclusive community of faith

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

Lay Leadership Sunday

Chiming of the Hour

BJ Facemire

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Leta Huntsinger

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Leta Huntsinger

Call to Worship (Adapted from Hannah's Song in 1 Samuel 2)

Emily and Ivy Nuss

Leader: My heart rejoices in the Lord.

People: My strength rises up in the Lord!

Leader: No one is holy like the Lord—

People: There is no rock like our God!

Leader: The bows of mighty warriors are shattered,

People: But those who were stumbling now dress themselves in power!

Leader: Those who were filled full now sell themselves for bread,

People: but the ones who were starving are now fat from food!

Leader: God raises the poor from the dust,

People: Lifts up the needy from the garbage pile.

Leader: God sits them with officials,

People: And gives them the seat of honor!

Leader: The pillars of the earth belong to the Lord;

People: God set the world on top of them!

Leader: God guards the feet of faithful ones,

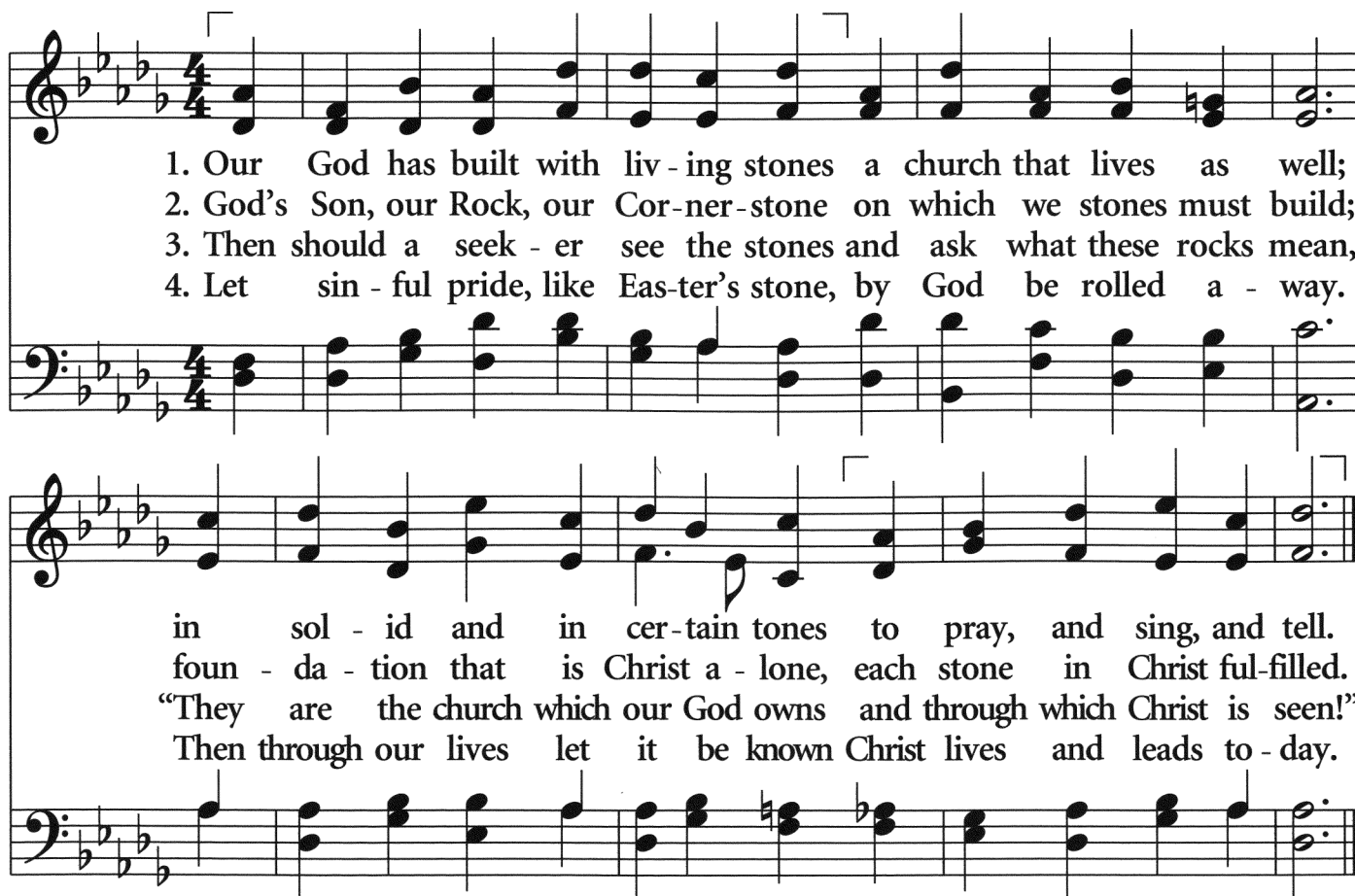
People: Praise the Lord!

Invocation

Emily and Ivy Nuss

Gathering Hymn

Living Stones



1. Our God has built with liv - ing stones a church that lives as well;
 2. God's Son, our Rock, our Cor - ner - stone on which we stones must build;
 3. Then should a seek - er see the stones and ask what these rocks mean,
 4. Let sin - ful pride, like Eas - ter's stone, by God be rolled a - way.

in sol - id and in cer - tain tones to pray, and sing, and tell.
 foun - da - tion that is Christ a - lone, each stone in Christ ful - filled.
 "They are the church which our God owns and through which Christ is seen!"
 Then through our lives let it be known Christ lives and leads to - day.

Offertory Prayer

Chris Cook

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.



The Prayers of the People

Rev. Evan Edwards

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 Peter 2:4-10

Felice Parent

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.

Reflection

Tim Carr

Anthem

Come to Him a Living Stone

Mark Kilstofte

Come to him a living stone,
Though rejected by mortals,
yet chosen and precious in God's sight.
And like living stones,
let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.
Come to him, to him.

Reflection

Rev. Amanda Warren

Hymn

We Are God's People

(see page 6)

Benediction

Isaac Efird

Postlude

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

The flowers today are given in honor of Kathleen Wicker who will celebrate her 96th birthday on November 17.

*Thank you to all of our lay leaders for serving in worship today!
Thank you to Rev. Amanda Warren for organizing Lay Leadership Sunday.*

*Our hymn leader for today is Jazzmoné Sutton .
Our choir leader and pianist is Teri Edwards.*

Our lay worship leaders are:

*Tim Carr
Chris Cook
Evan Edwards
Isaac Efird
BJ Facemire
Leta Huntsinger
Emily Nuss
Ivy Nuss
Felice Parent
Amanda Warren*

We Are God's People

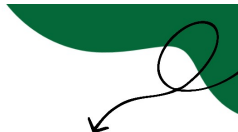
Unison

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord,
 2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
 3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head,
 4. We are a Tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place,

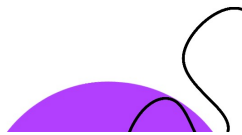
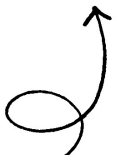
born of His Spir - it, es - tab - lished by His Word; our
 for we have known it, the love of God out - poured; now
 called to o - bey Him, now ris - en from the dead; He
 formed in great weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; we

cor - ner-stone is Christ a - lone, and strong in Him we stand: O
 let us learn how to re - turn the gift of love once given: O
 wills us be a fam - i - ly di - verse yet tru - ly one: O
 die a - lone, for on its own each em - ber los - es fire: yet,

let us live trans - par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
 let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es heaven.
 let us give our gifts to God, and so shall His work on earth be done.
 joined in one, the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.



Ministry Monday



► Ministry Monday | November 15 @ 6:30pm

Schedule:

6:30-7:15 pm | Team A Meetings

7:30-8:15pm | Team B Meetings

Teams:

Team A: Children, Congregational Care, Fellowship, Finance, Properties, and Youth

Team B: Discipleship, Missions, Outreach, Personnel, and Worship

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



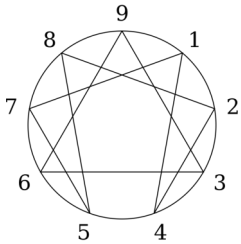
Join us on November 21 from 3pm to 5pm for a festive church decorating and Advent wreath making party! We'll gather in the Sanctuary and decorate the church for Advent and Christmas while listening to Christmas carols. There will be tasks for all ages and abilities so bring the whole family. After decorating, 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!

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Spring and Summer 2022

► Why Do They Do That?! Insights from the Enneagram

February 6, 13, and 20 during Faith Formation / Led by Andy Jarrell

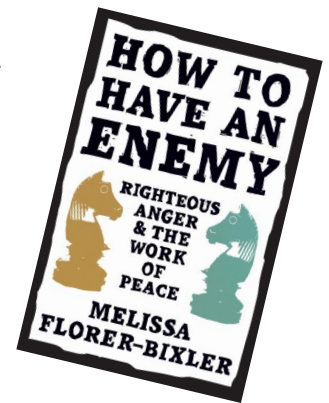


Andy will lead us through spiritual insights from the Enneagram, a personality type system that has amazing potential for spiritual discernment and interpersonal awareness. You'll be amazed by how these personality types describe your, your loved ones', and your fellow church members' motivations and desires, and how they will help us work together to fulfill God's mission.

► Retreat | How to Have an Enemy: Righteous Anger and the Work of Peace

March 11-13 at GFBC / Led by Rev. Melissa Florer-Bixler

Don't miss this year's Discipleship Retreat featuring Rev. Melissa Florer-Bixler, who will lead several sessions over the weekend on her new book *How to Have an Enemy: Righteous Anger and the Work of Peace*. Melissa is a dynamic writer and speaker. In addition to her many publications, she is the pastor at Raleigh Mennonite Church. Stay tuned for more details!



► Mean Jesus?

May 8, 15, and 22 during Faith Formation / Led by Stephen Stacks

In this provocative series, Rev. Dr. Stacks will dive into passages in the gospels when Jesus is ... less than pleasant. These passages fly in the face of the sweet, sentimental Jesus about which many of us were taught. What does "mean Jesus" have to teach 21st century Christians? Is "nice" a synonym for "loving" or not? These are the questions we'll explore together.

► Stories of Vocation and Faith

June 5, 12, 19, and 26 during Faith Formation

Each week we will hear a lay person reflect on the intersection of their faith lives and their vocational/work lives. This will be an exciting way to learn more about your fellow church members and to connect what we do in church with our lives during the week. This round of vocational reflections will feature Jazzmoné Sutton, Rick Chappell, Elizabeth Biser, and Mary Whitehouse.



Almost there!

We are so proud of how our community has come together to shape the future of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church. We are so close to reaching an amazing milestone with the Together We Build campaign: raising \$1 million!

As of midweek, the individual pledges, donations, as well as estate gifts and fundraisers have brought us within \$46,000 of \$1 million, and we'd love to get there. If you haven't been able to pledge, or want to up your pledge to help us meet this benchmark, please do! You can receive a pledge card at church or contact us directly with details of your pledge.

Final pledges and gifts due by November 15!

PRAYPRAYPRAYPRAY

► Prayer List*

Vickie Albergotti
 Jim Allen
 Nell Allen
 Peter Barboriak (*Valerie Brooks' friend*)
 Gilles Bikindou
 Becky Chapman
 James Mark Frazier (*Sue Hughes' brother*)
 Alix Grizzard (*Gail Jones' cousin*)
 Don Hamrick
 Amy Harvey (*Elizabeth Harvey's daughter-in-law*)
 Margie McLawhorn
 Janet Merriman (*Roz Slawson's friend*)
 Sylvia Morgan
 Fred Seeger
 Lee Taylor
 Elizabeth Vickery
 Marta Whitehouse (*Al Whitehouse's mother*)
 Alison Zieglmeier
 Our partners at 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.*

► A Note of Thanks from Mac Graham

Thank you for the prayers, cards, phone calls, food, and visits wishing me a full recovery from my fall which broke both my arms. I am truly blessed to have so many friends! I am in physical and occupational therapy three times per week and hope that I will someday be back to my old self. — Mac Graham

GIVEGIVEGIVEGIVE

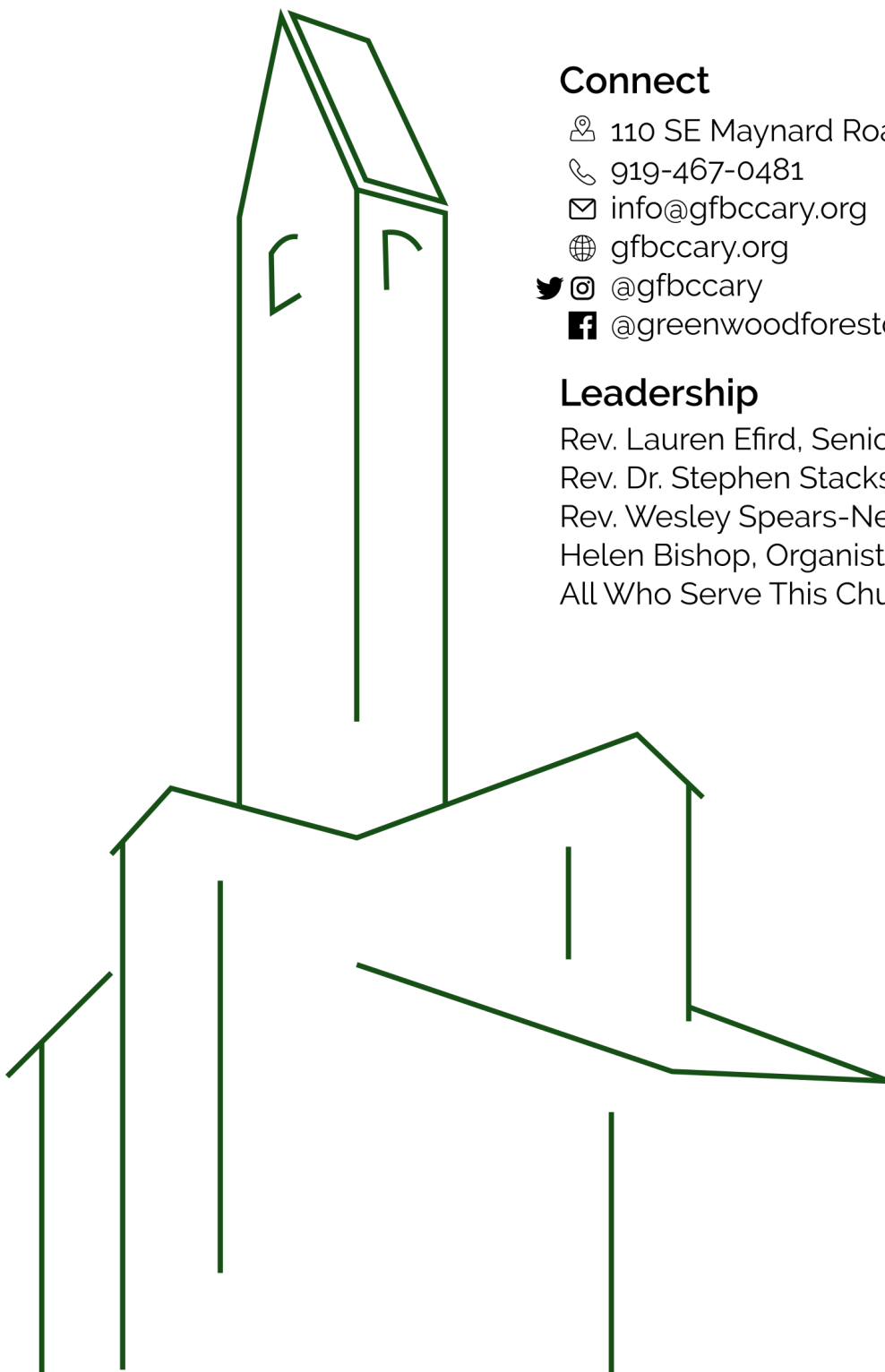
► Ways to Tithe

- 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.

► October 2021 Finance Update

Updated when the previous months' books close.

	Oct. 2021	YTD
Congregational Giving	\$46,910	\$88,739
Congregational Giving Target	\$63,750	\$114,750
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$16,480)	(\$26,011)
Other Receipts	\$13,000	\$17,476
Total Giving and Receipts	\$59,910	\$106,215
Total Disbursements	\$68,582	\$126,190
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	(\$8,672)	(\$19,975)
Together We Build Giving	\$38,045	\$53,482



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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