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# Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

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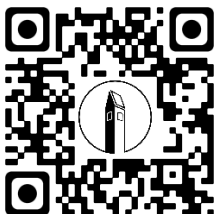
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# an inclusive community of faith

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

Together We Build Celebration

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

See the Day

Liz Vice

I wanna see the day when justice rolls  
Like a mighty river floods out of control  
May that day be today when together we say  
Let justice, let justice roll  
Let justice roll

I wanna see the day when love shakes the ground  
And the walls that separate come tumbling down  
May that day be today when together we say  
Let love, love shake the ground  
Love shake the ground

I wanna see the day when we stand tall  
And the heavy hand of oppression's finally gone  
May that day be today when together we say  
Precious Lord, come lead us on  
Come lead us on  
Precious Lord, come lead us on  
Come lead us on

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Precious Lord, come lead us on

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 93)

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: You, O LORD, are king;

People: You are robed in majesty and girded with strength.

Leader: You have established the world;

People: It shall never be moved;

Leader: Your throne, O God, is established from of old;

People: You are from everlasting.

Leader: The floods have lifted up their voice, O LORD,

People: But you are more majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,

Leader: More majestic than the waves of the sea,

People: Majestic on high is the LORD!

Leader: Your decrees are very sure;

People: Holiness befits your house, O God, forevermore!

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Stacks

Baby Dedication

Kathleen Louise Patten

Gathering Hymn

Bricks and Mortar, Hands and Labor

*(see page 4)*

Offertory Prayer

Andy Jarrell

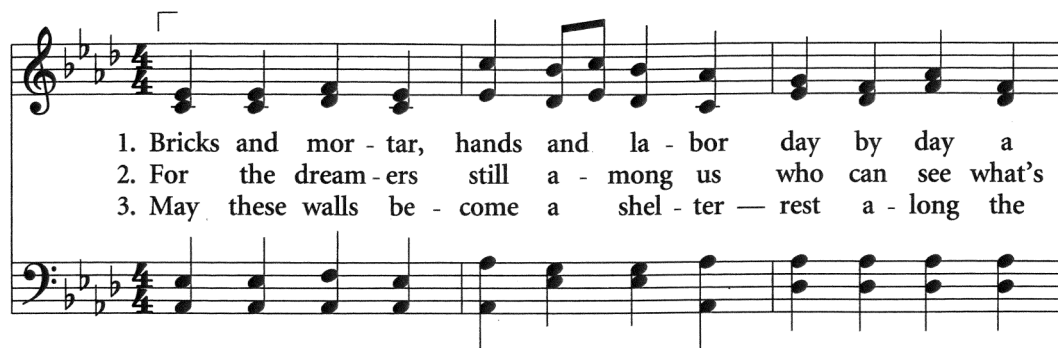
Presentation of the Offering

OLD HUNDREDTH

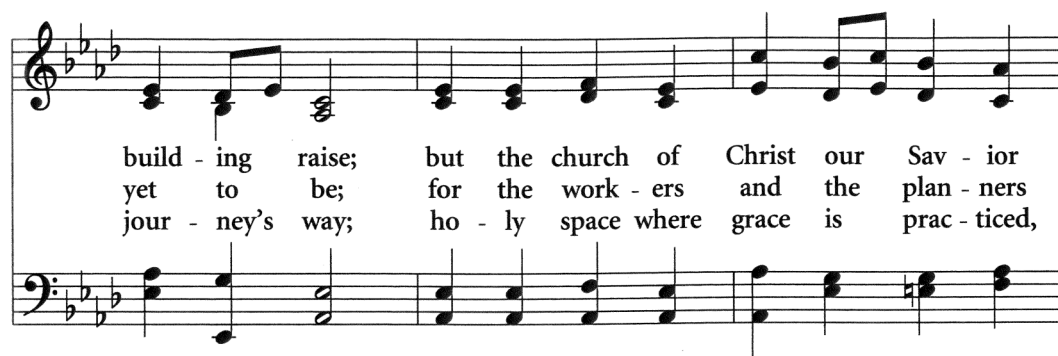
Transcendent God, we bless your name,  
Incarnate Christ, the risen one,  
The Spirit with us, Immanent,  
The Source, the Word, the Breath of Life! Amen.



# Bricks and Mortar, Hands and Labor



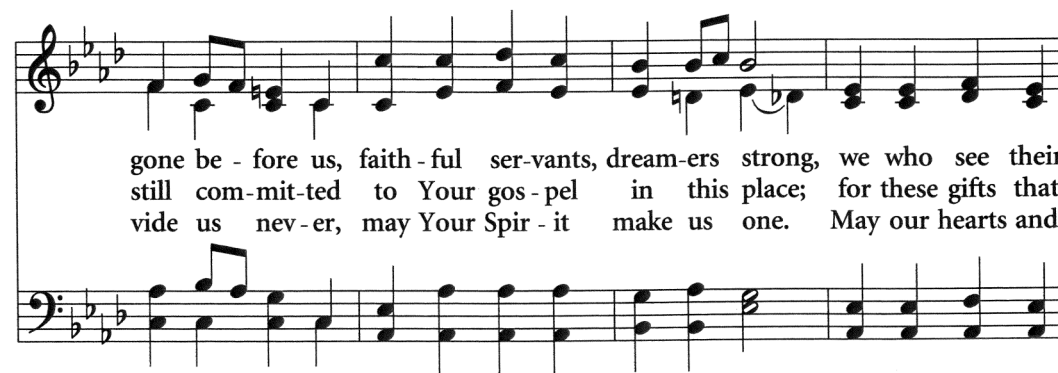
1. Bricks and mor - tar, hands and la - bor day by day a  
 2. For the dream - ers still a - mong us who can see what's  
 3. May these walls be - come a shel - ter — rest a - long the



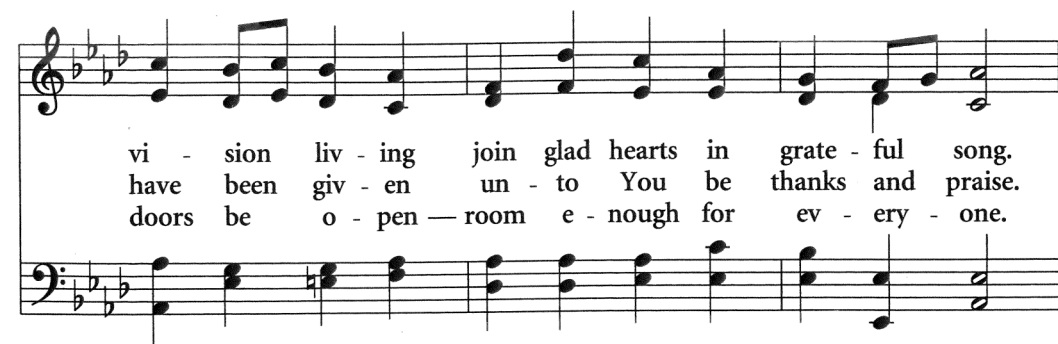
build - ing raise; but the church of Christ our Sav - ior  
 yet to be; for the work - ers and the plan - ners  
 jour - ney's way; ho - ly space where grace is prac - ticed,



grows with wor - ship, work, and praise. For the saints who've  
 who make real the dreams we see; for Your peo - ple,  
 wel - come space where love holds sway. May these walls di -



gone be - fore us, faith - ful ser - vants, dream - ers strong, we who see their  
 still com - mit - ted to Your gos - pel in this place; for these gifts that  
 vide us nev - er, may Your Spir - it make us one. May our hearts and



vi - sion liv - ing join glad hearts in grate - ful song.  
 have been giv - en un - to You be thanks and praise.  
 doors be o - pen — room e - nough for ev - ery - one.

*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

Ephesians 2:11-22

Lindsay Chute

*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

Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

arr. Lloyd Larson

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Come build a church with soul and spirit,  
Come build a church of flesh and bone.  
We need no tower rising skyward;  
No house of wood, or glass, or stone.  
Come build a church with human frailty,  
Come build a church of flesh and blood.  
Jesus shall be its sure foundation.  
It shall be built by the hand of God.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Sermon	Together We Build	Rev. Efird
Hymn	(see page 7)	Together We Build
Benediction		Rev. Efird
Postlude	Come, Ye Thankful People, Come	arr. Mark Hayes

*Today's hymns come from Celebrating Grace. Copyrighted music use is covered  
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*Our pianist for today is Addie Smith..*

*The flowers are given today in memory of Jennifer Denning by the Denning Family.*

# Together We Build

First system of musical notation (measures 1-5) in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: To - geth - er we build, with in these four walls, in - To - geth - er we build, with neigh - bors out - side, a To - geth - er we build, with God as our Lord, a

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Second system of musical notation (measures 6-10) in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: clu - sion, com - pas - sion, re - new - al for all. We ci - ty more e - qual where peace may a - bide, a king - dom where jus - tice and love — are re - stored, a

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Third system of musical notation (measures 11-14) in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: join with the saints who pre - ced - ed us here in place where none lack, where we seek com - mon good, and king - dom of mer - cy, where Christ's rule holds sway, a

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Fourth system of musical notation (measures 15-18) in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: wide - ning our wel - come that all — may draw near. lib - er - ty thrives where op - pres - sion once stood. world where the Spir - it em pow'rs us to - day.





# TOGETHER WE BUILD

Thank you to everyone who has pledged and given sacrificially to this campaign. We appreciate your generosity. It is because of you that Greenwood Forest will continue to remain a beacon of light at the corner of Kildaire and Maynard for many years to come! It is because of you that we will be able to serve our community and offer sanctuary, belonging, and liberation for all of God's children!

Roumen and Sarah  
Alexandrov

Terry and Beverly Allen

David and Mary Ann  
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Fred and Christine Asfoury

Dave and Elise Atkins

Mercedes Auger

Bess Averde

Chris and Toni Beal

Don and Faye Beal

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Carrie Boschan

Ben Boswell

Mary George Brewer

Joyner and Frances  
Brooks

Jo Brooks

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Randy and Janice Medford	Roz Slawson	
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Luke Perrin		



ONE Wake is a broad-based, non-partisan, locally-controlled alliance of Wake County institutions, including Greenwood Forest, that builds power to create change for our members and the whole of Wake County.

### ► ONE Wake Spurred Approval of Cary Housing Plan

Cary approved an ambitious housing plan on November 9, which included 22 action items to increase the supply of affordable housing in Cary. The Cary Housing Plan was supported by numerous voices in the community, most vocally by ONE Wake. GFBC members commented in support of the Housing Plan and attended the Town Council meeting to support passage of the Plan. ONE Wake, Habitat Wake, The Caring Place, and other allies urged the Council to provide a sustainable and renewable funding source for the Housing Plan. In the end, the vote for approval was unanimous but funding commitments were left on the table.

### ► All Cary Town Council Candidates Endorsed ONE Wake's Penny for Housing Plan

On November 11, ONE Wake hosted candidates for the Town Council seats up for election in March 2022. All candidates present, including the incumbents currently on Town Council, opted to endorse ONE Wake's Penny for Housing Plan (which asks the Town of Cary to dedicate one penny of every \$100 the Town collects from property taxes toward a renewable and sustainable housing fund to back up the Cary Housing Plan with a strong financial commitment). Over 350 ONE Wake members attended the candidate assembly, making it one of the largest local government candidate events in recent Cary history. With all candidates committed to ONE Wake's policy, ONE Wake will monitor the budget process and pursue an enthusiastic Get Out the Vote campaign in the spring to promote democratic engagement and the Housing Plan.

To get involved with ONE Wake, email Rev. Spears-Newsome at [wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org](mailto:wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org).

# Advent & Christmas

## Special Worship Services

Decorating/Wreath-Making Party | Nov. 21, 3:00 pm

Service of Lament | Dec. 15, 6:00 pm

Churchwide Christmas Breakfast | Dec. 19, 9:00 am

A Service of Lessons & Carols | Dec. 19, 11:00 am



## Advent Worship Services

First Sunday of Advent | Nov. 28, 11:00 am

Second Sunday of Advent | Dec. 5, 11:00 am

Third Sunday of Advent | Dec. 12, 11:00 am



## Christmas Worship Services

Children's Christmas Eve Service | Dec. 24, 11:00 am

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service | Dec. 24, 8:00 pm

First Sunday of Christmas | Dec. 26, 11:00 am

Epiphany Sunday | Jan. 2, 11:00 am



# 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](http://gfbccary.org/poinsettia). Poinsettias and dedications are \$15. Any profits from poinsettia sales will go to the Organ Fund.

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## 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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## CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

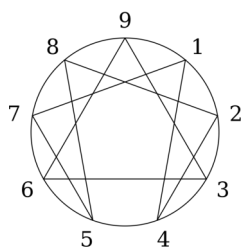
We will be collecting Christmas gifts for our neighbors that we work with through Backpack Buddies and the Neighborhood Summer Program this year. If you'd like to sign up to purchase a gift, please email Rev. Spears-Newsome at [wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org](mailto:wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org).

# 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*

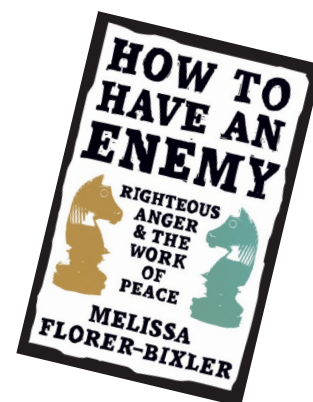


Andy will lead us through spiritual insights from the Enneagram, a personality type system that has amazing potential for spiritual discernment and interpersonal awareness. You'll be amazed by how these personality types describe your, your loved ones', and your fellow church members' motivations and 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 Jazzmone' Sutton, Rick Chappell, Elizabeth Biser, and Mary Whitehouse.

## ► Prayer List\*

Vickie Albergotti  
 Jim Allen  
 Nell Allen  
 Peter Barboriak (*Valerie Brooks' friend*)  
 Gilles Bikindou  
 James Mark Frazier (*Sue Hughes' brother*)  
 Cathy Lockhart (*Katie Lockhart's mother*)  
 Margie McLawhorn  
 Janet Merriman (*Roz Slawson's friend*)  
 Sylvia Morgan  
 Fred Seeger  
 Elizabeth Vickery  
 Marta Whitehouse (*Al Whitehouse's mother*)  
 Alison Zieglmeier  
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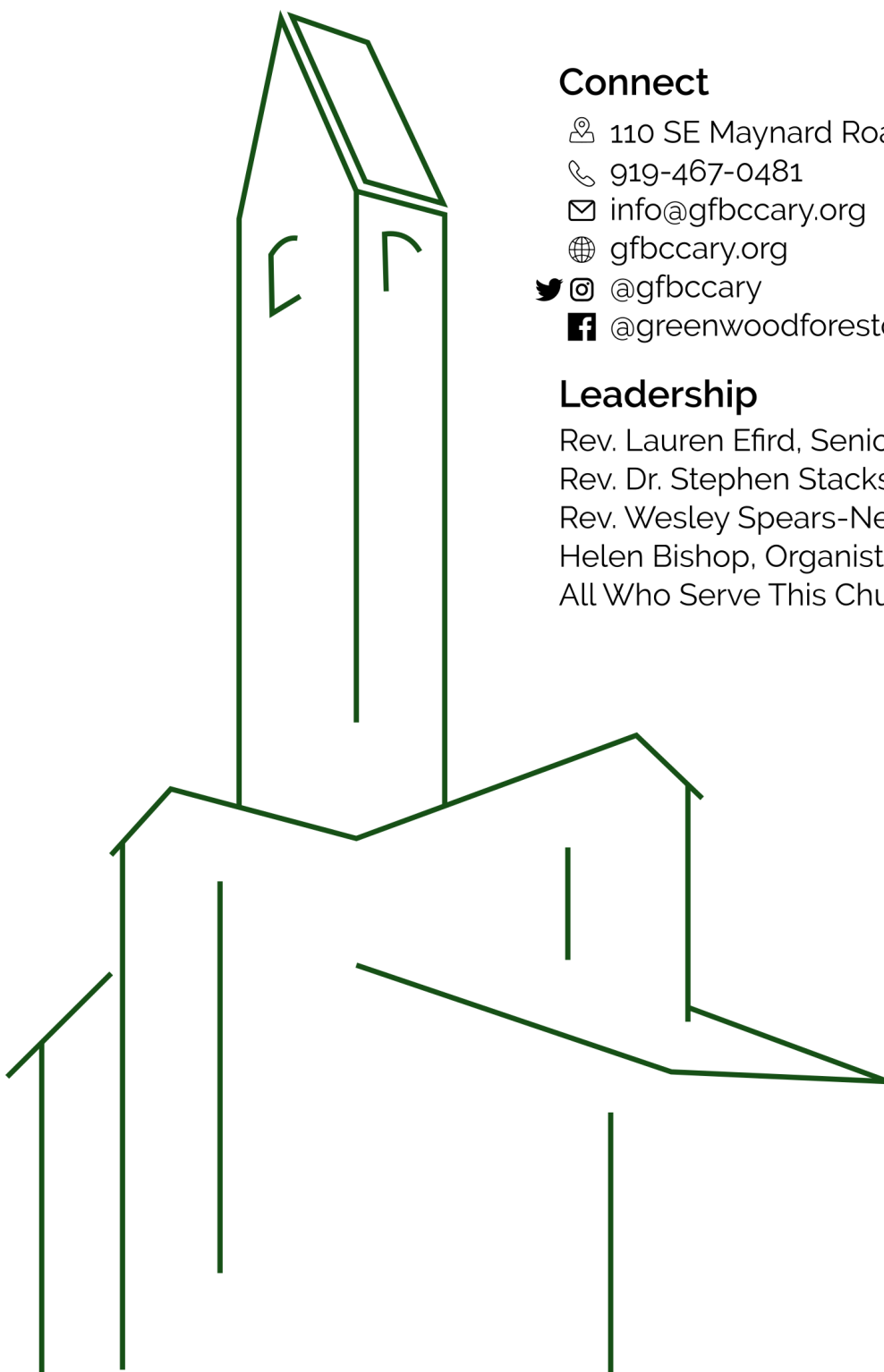
## ► Ways to Tithe

- 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](http://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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## 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