



Greenwood Forest

Baptist Church





Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

December 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

► Welcome to Greenwood Forest Baptist Church!

**an inclusive
community
of faith**

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.

► Christmas Services at Greenwood Forest

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Candlelight Christmas Eve | December 24 at 8pm

Our traditional service with hymns, prayers, and candles is later that evening where we celebrate Jesus' birth together.

- *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.*



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Service of Lessons and Carols

Chiming of the Hour

Processional Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

Verse 1: Catherine Glasgow, Soloist

Verse 2: Sanctuary Choir

Verse 3 & 4: Congregation

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a
2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is
3. For He is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by
4. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

low - ly cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, and His shel - ter was a
day on earth He grew; He was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
ox - en stand - ing by, we shall see Him, but in

ba - by in a man - ger for His bed. Ma - ry
sta - ble, and His cra - dle was a stall. With the
ject - ed, tears and smiles like us He knew. Thus He
heav - en set at God's right hand on high; when like

was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.
poor and meek and low - ly lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
feels for all our sad - ness, and He shares in all our glad - ness.
stars His chil - dren crowned, robed in white shall gath - er round.



Lighting of the Love Candle

Evan and Lou Owoc-Edwards

Welcome and Bidding Prayer

Rev. Lauren Efird

Lesson 1

God promises Adam that
his seed will bruise the serpent's head

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

After each Lesson today, we affirm the reading of Scripture with this response:

Reader: The word of God for us, the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Carol

Adam Lay Ybounden

Boris Ord

Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took.
As clerkes finden written
In their book.

Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady,
A-been heavené queen.

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was!
Therefore we may singen
Deo gratias!

Lesson 2

God promises Abraham
that his offspring shall bless all the nations

Naomi Gomi

Carol

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have
3. This flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills

hath sprung. Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
in mind: with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the
the air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor, the

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Lesson 3 Isaiah foretells the coming of the Savior John Bonsu
 Carol Infant Holy Porter's Gate
 Greenwood Forest Youth Band

Infant holy, infant lowly,
 Heaven's highest love come down.
 For the poor you left your glory
 and you laid aside your crown.
 Weak and helpless here you slumber
 in a stable with your mother
 As the shepherds gather 'round.
 Do they know you've left Your crown?

Infant holy, infant lowly,
 You who once held heaven's pow'r,
 Now you be here, cold and hungry
 in the silent midnight hour.

With your parents wrapped in worry,
 still exhausted from the journey.
 You were helpless in that hour,
 Yet you set aside your pow'r.

Infant holy, infant lowly,
 King of kings and Lord of lords.
 You have come to us with nothing,
 as the poorest of the poor.
 So we come to you in wonder,
 see you helpless as you slumber,
 And we lay our gift before
 Christ the Savior, weak and poor.

Lesson 4 Isaiah foretells the peace that Christ will bring Jessica Hoyle



1. It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un - furled,
 3. All ye, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
 4. For lo! the days are has-tening on, by proph-et bards fore-told,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
 who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,
 when with the ev - er - cir-cling years comes round the age of gold;

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all - gra - cious King."
 A - bove its sad and lone-ly plains they bend on hov - ering wing,
 look now! for glad and gold-en hours come swift - ly on the wing:
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,

The world in sol - emn still-ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the heaven-ly an - gels sing.
 O rest be - side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing.
 and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.



Nathan Bullock

arr. Cindy Berry

Rev. Efir

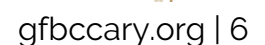
arr. William Dawson

Mary had a baby, my Lord!

Leta Huntsinger

GREENSLEEVES

Carol Carter



Carol

Ogo Ni Fun Oluwa

arr. Rosephanye Powell

Percussion: Sean Glasgow and Helen Bishop

Eyo!
Ogo ni fun Oluwa
Ejo!
Ogo ni fun Oluwa
Abi Jesu Kristi
Irepo, Epàtewö, Alafia!

Rejoice!
Glory to God in the highest!
Dance!
Glory to God in the highest!
Jesus Christ is born
Unity, clap, peace!

Lesson 8

The magi are led by the star to Jesus

Rev. Bucky Sydnor

Carol

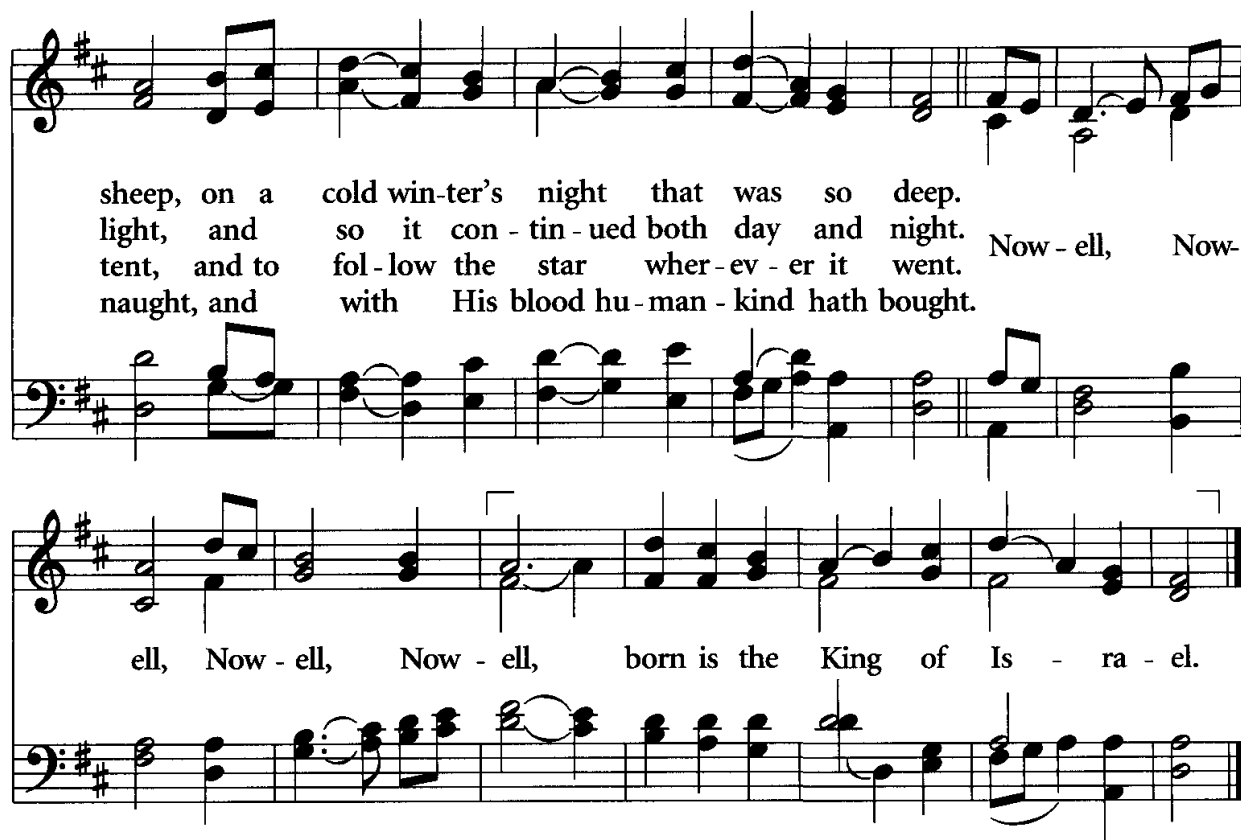
The First Nowell



1. The first Now - ell the an - gel did say, was to cer - tain poor
2. For all to see there was a star shin - ing in the
3. And by the light of that same star the wise men
4. Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prais - es

shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keep - ing their
east, be - yond them far, and to the earth it gave great
came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their in -
to our heav - en - ly Lord who hath made heaven and earth of





Lesson 9

John unfolds the
mystery of the Incarnation

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Carol

All Praise to Thee

Elaine Hagenberg

All praise to thee, eternal God
 Who clothed in garb of flesh and blood
 Dost take a manger for thy throne
 While worlds on worlds are thine alone
 Alleluia!

Like thine own angels, round thee shine
 Alleluia!

A little child, thou art are our guest
 That weary ones in thee may rest;
 Forlorn and lowly is thy birth

Thou comest in the darksome night
 To make us children of the light
 To make us in the realms divine


That we may rise, to heaven from earth
 Alleluia!

Collect and Benediction

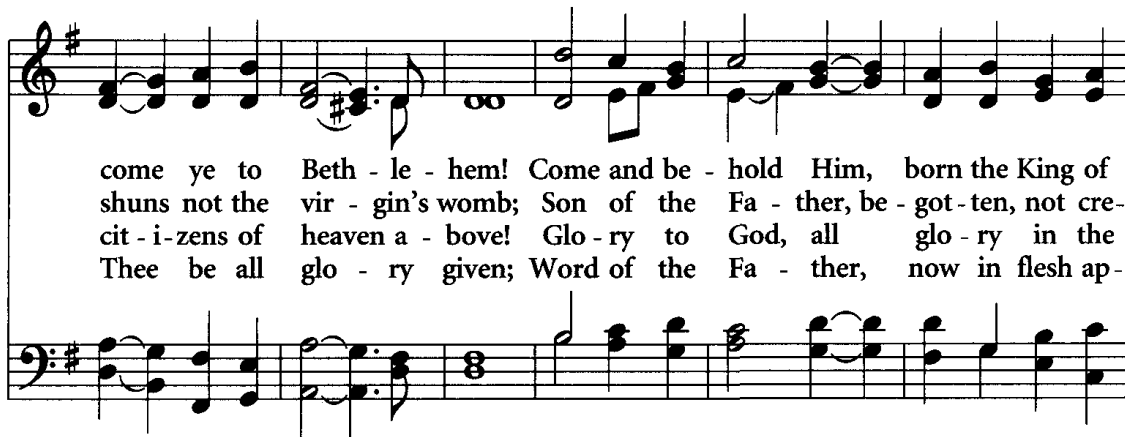
Rev. Efird

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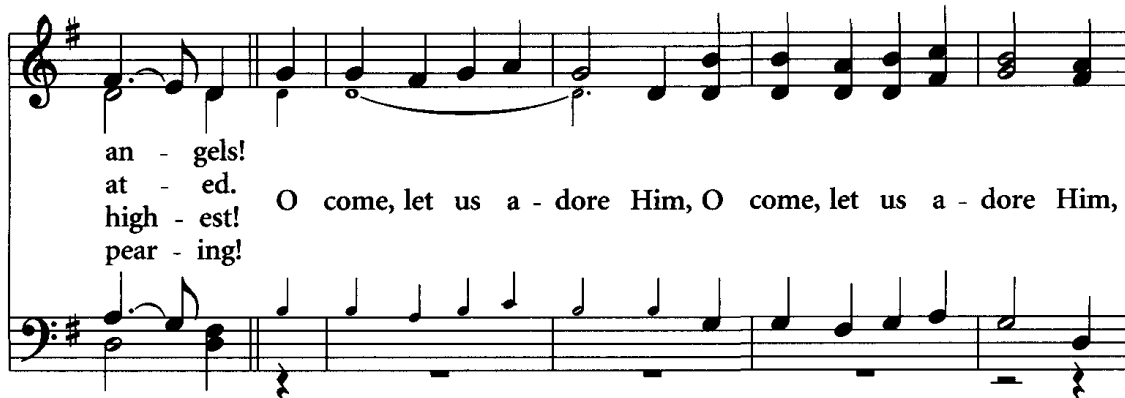




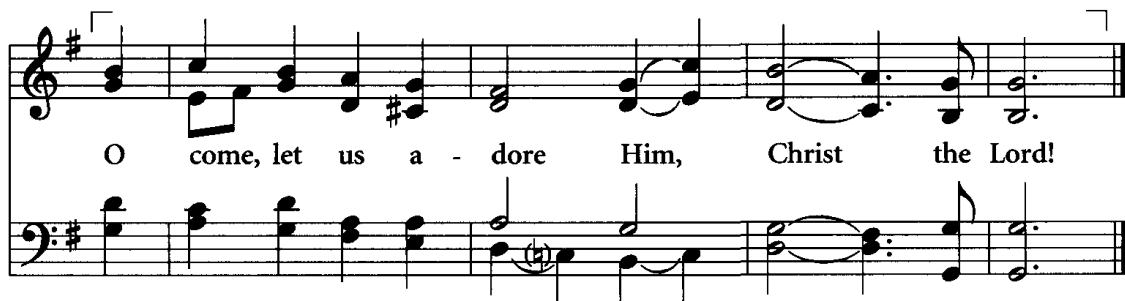
1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um-phant, O come ye, O
 2. True God of true God, Light from Light E - ter - nal, lo, He
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, O sing, all ye
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap-py morn-ing, Je - sus, to



come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come and be - hold Him, born the King of
 shuns not the vir - gin's womb; Son of the Fa - ther, be - got - ten, not cre -
 cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the
 Thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap -



an - gels!
 at - ed.
 high - est! O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,
 pear - ing!



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!



Poinsettia Dedications



Terry Allen	in memory of	Beverly H. Allen
Bess Averre	in memory of	My Husband, Barry Patchett
Faye Beal	in memory of in honor of	Don Beal Chris, Toni, Chloe, Ellie, and Griffin Beal Ashley and Jeremy Clos Kadeisha, John, and Adom Bonsu
Chuck and Susan Beck	in honor of	Gilles Bikindou
The Brewer Family	in memory of	Luther Brewer
Tom and Pat Brooks	in memory of in honor of	Our Parents Our Children and Grandchildren
Greg and Carol Carter	in honor of	Our Children and Grandchildren
Rick and Linda Chappell	in honor of	Our Grandkids: Riley, Caleb, Davis, Shelby, Noah, and Mason Our Ministers and Staff
Ashley Clos	in memory of	Don Beal
Jennifer, Tom, and Sarah Coltrane	in honor of	Jean Harris
	in memory of	Jerry Harris
Bob and Alice Curti	in memory of	Our Parents, Beaty and Sara Randall Peter and Carrie Curti



Poinsettia Dedications

Vivian and Steve Denning	in honor of	Anna, Mallory, Rachel, and Tess Marc, Morgan, and Ellery Jennifer Denning
Edwin & David Floyd and Nancy, Greg, Evan, Eric, and Emily Long	in memory of	Marjorie Floyd, Our Beloved Wife, Mother, and Grandmother
Jane Griffin	in memory of	Ann Griffin Clawson
N. Lorraine Griggs	in memory of	My Husband, Bill Griggs Don Beal Marvel Wahrman Faye Beal Jean Harris Kathleen Wicker Gerry Ritter
Don and Laura Hamrick	in memory of	Our Son, David Lee Hamrick
Jean Harris	in memory of	Jerry Harris
MaryBeth McDermott	in honor of	GFBC Properties Ministry
Henry and Susan Meador	in honor of	Our Daughter, Hannah Meador
Janice and Randy Medford	in memory of	Dorothy and Howard Beard
The Miller Family (John, Liz, and Margaret)	in memory of	Our Parents, John and Susan Miller
Diana Morde	in memory of	My Beloved Friend, Annette King



Poinsettia Dedications



Felice and Jeff Parent

in memory of
in honor of

Our Parents
Our Daughters

Harold and Gerry Ritter

in memory of

in honor of

Our Son, Dean Ritter
Our Parents,
ET and Geneva Parham,
Walter and Ruther Ritter
Scott and Denise Ritter
Our Granddaughters:
Ava and Erica Ritter

Evelyn Spears-Newsome

in honor of

Lynn Newsome

Judy and Vincent Vaccaro
and Julie, Michael,
and Addison Mulawka

in honor of
in memory of

Jean Harris
Jerry Harris

Patti and Lee Webb

in memory of

William Webb Glasgow
Morris and Lorene Phillips
Hurst and Virginia Webb

Wayne and Jenny Williams

in memory of

Sol and Marvel Wahrman
John and Marion Williams

Michael Yates

in memory of

Royal and Anna Yates
Hal Yates
Martha Yates
Daniel Mitchell



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► Prayer List*

Jim Allen
 Nell Allen
 Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)
 Gilles Bikindou
 Karen Burden (at the death of her father) John and Susan Miller
 Vanna Fox
 James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)
 Gloria Lee (friend of the Becks and the Curtis)
 Cathy Lockhart (Katie Lockhart's mother)
 Doris Martin
 Janet Merriman (Roz Slawson's friend)
 Sylvia Morgan
 Willie Palmer (Randy Palmer's brother)
 Gerry Ritter
 Fred Seeger
 Frank Smith
 Marta Whitehouse (Al Whitehouse's mother)
 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.*

► Year-End Stock Donations

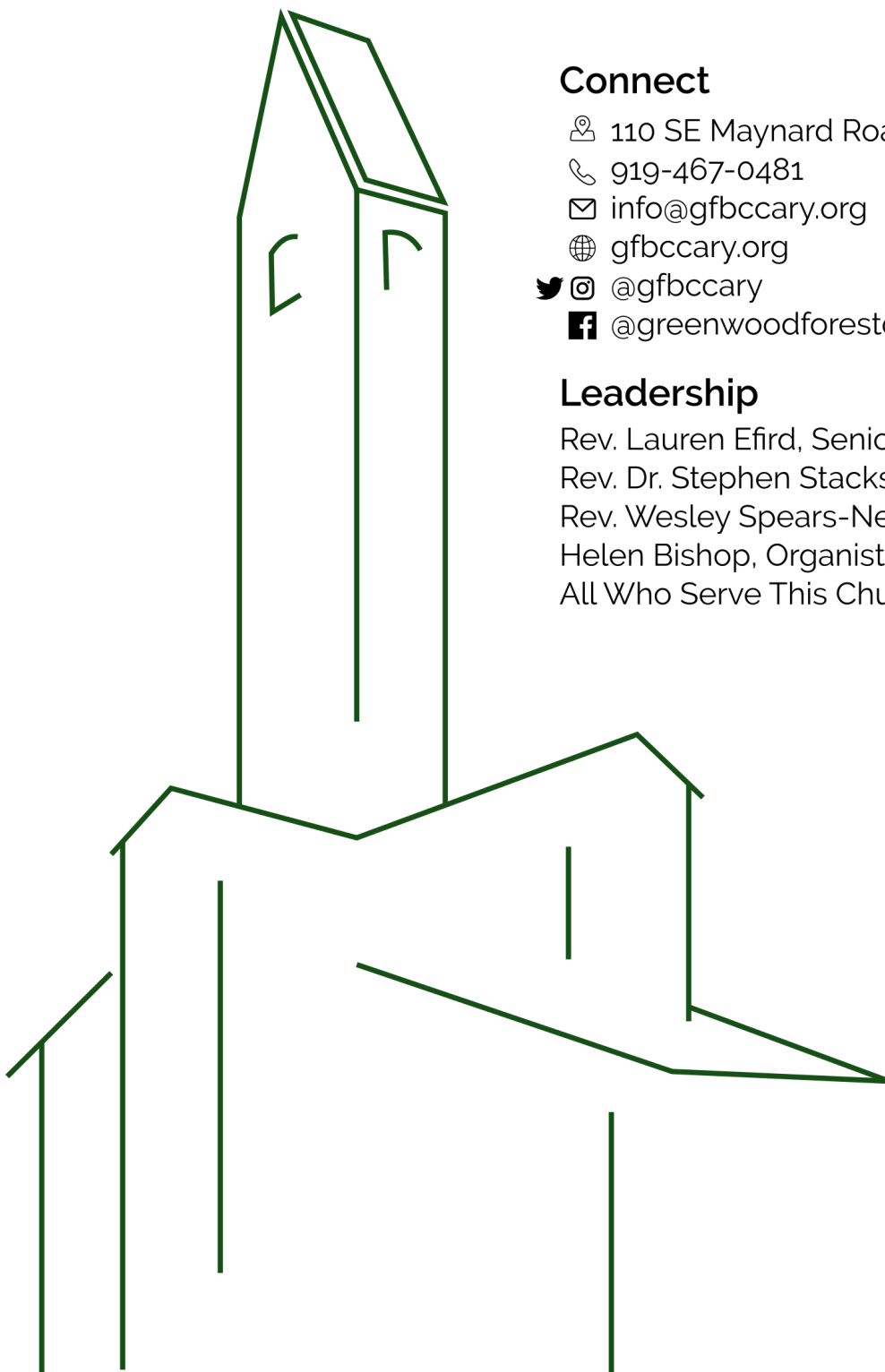
If you plan to make a stock donation to the church this year, please do so as soon as possible as it takes several weeks for transfers to be processed. The donated stock must be in the church's account by December 31 for you to receive credit for your 2021 taxes. Contact the church office at info@gfbccary.org if you need specifics on how to process a stock transaction.

► November 2021 Finance Update

Updated when the previous months' books close.

	Nov. 2021	YTD
Congregational Giving	\$44,179	\$132,918
Congregational Giving Target	\$56,307	\$165,750
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$12,128)	(\$32,832)
Other Receipts	\$5,580	\$23,056
Total Giving and Receipts	\$49,760	\$155,974
Total Disbursements	\$60,882	\$187,072
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	(\$11,123)	(\$31,098)
Together We Build Giving	\$44,080	\$97,561





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Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church