



Greenwood Forest

Baptist Church





Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

January 2, 2022

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

► Welcome to Greenwood Forest!

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.

► Close to Home: Advent and Christmas Sermon Series



close to
Home

When something hits close to home, it affects us deeply. During the Advent and Christmas season, we journey through scriptures and rituals that are tender, heavy with emotion, and vulnerable. We carry the memories and truths of this season close to our hearts. Our worship series this year, *Close to Home*, acknowledges the "already

but not yet" tension of our faith: Emmanuel is with us, and yet, God's promised day—our everlasting home—is not fully realized. It names our deep longing for God to come close to us. *Sanctified Art* has provided devotionals and activities for this season, which you'll receive in your Faith Formation groups and you can visit an art installation in the narthex related to this theme.

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- *Services are livestreamed and you may end up on camera if in attendance.*



Home By Another Way

Epiphany

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Coventry Carol

arr. Cindy Berry

Teri Edwards and Helen Bishop, duet

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Lindsay Chute and Derek Cowell

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 (Sanctified Art)

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: We come to this place—

People: each of us on our own path.

Leader: The path is winding,

People: and the path is not always clear,

Leader: and the path changes,

People: but we are here.

Leader: God is walking us home.

People: What a gift it is to not walk alone.

All: Let us worship Holy God.

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Stacks

Child Dedication

Evelyn Anne Spears-Newsome

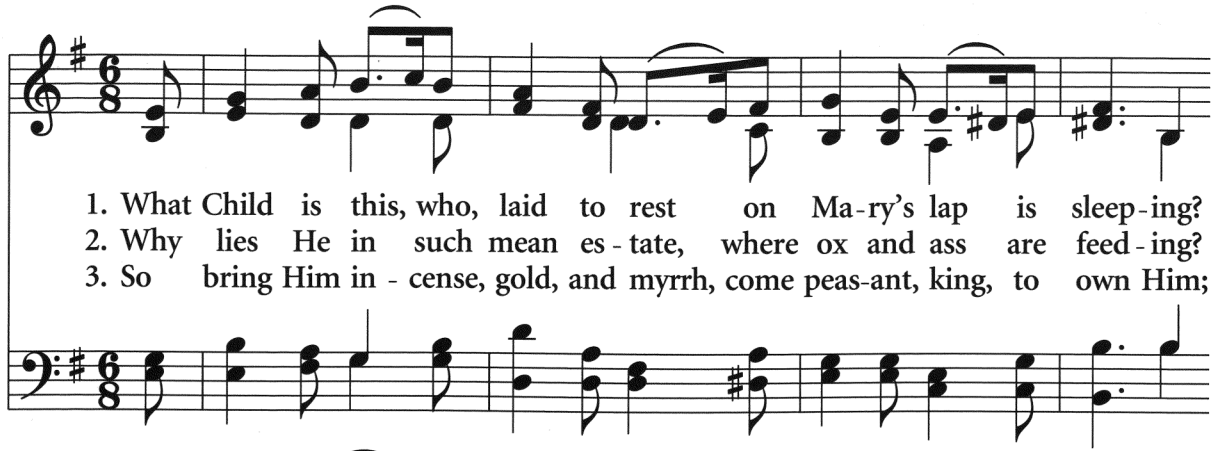
Gathering Hymn

What Child Is This?

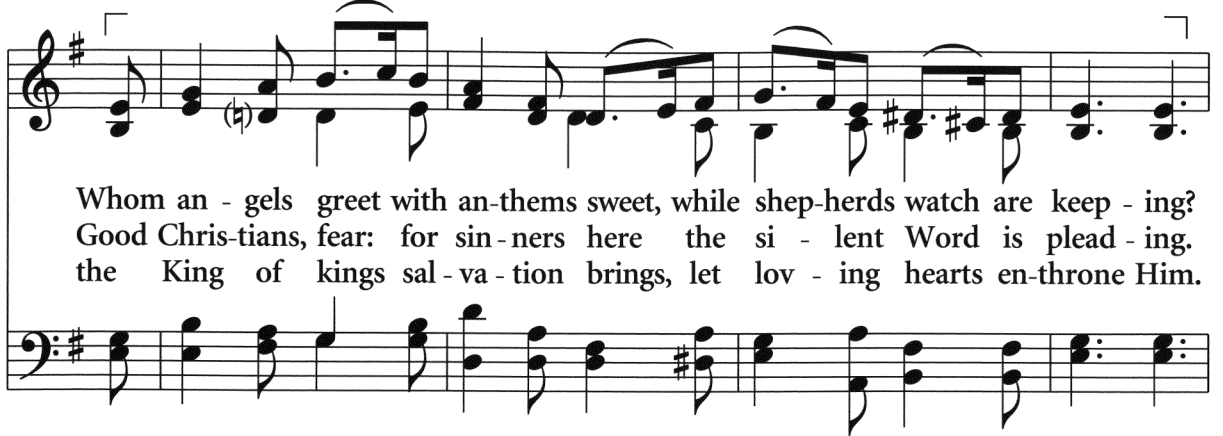
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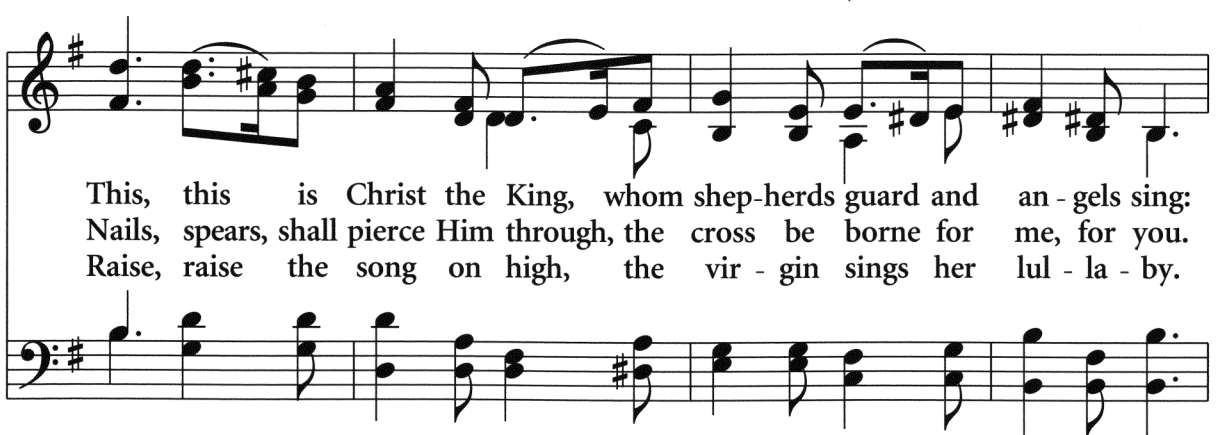
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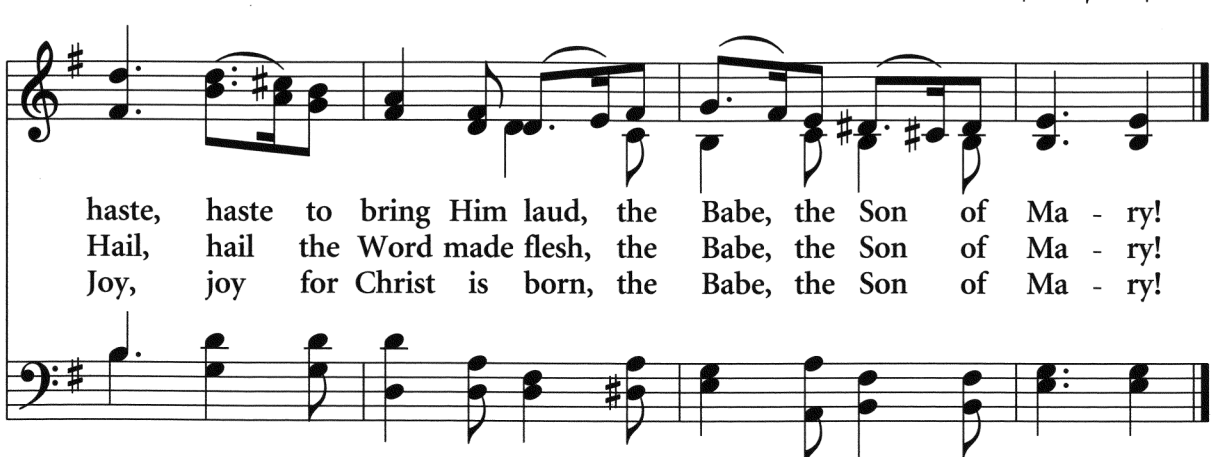
1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest on Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing?
 2. Why lies He in such mean es-tate, where ox and ass are feed-ing?
 3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come peas-ant, king, to own Him;



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris-tians, fear: for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en-throne Him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing:
 Nails, spears, shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.



haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!
 Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!




Offertory Prayer

Andy Jarrell

Presentation of the Offering


GREENSLEEVES

E Minor: Em D G D B⁷ Em Am/C




Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures

B Em D G D B⁷



here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise

Em Am B Em



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. 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

Matthew 2:1-12

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

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst

*Quartet: Blair Biser, Helen Bishop,
Stephen Stacks, and Jazzmoné Sutton*

In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away

when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

Sermon

Home By Another Way

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Celebration of Communion

Rev. Efird

Prayer of Confession: Merciful God, we confess that we have not 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

Home By Another Way

(see page 6)

Benediction

Rev. Efird

Postlude

While By My Sheep

arr. Mark Hayes

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Ma - gi from a far - a - way place
Threat - ened by the and good news they bring
Plans that change and storms that de - lay

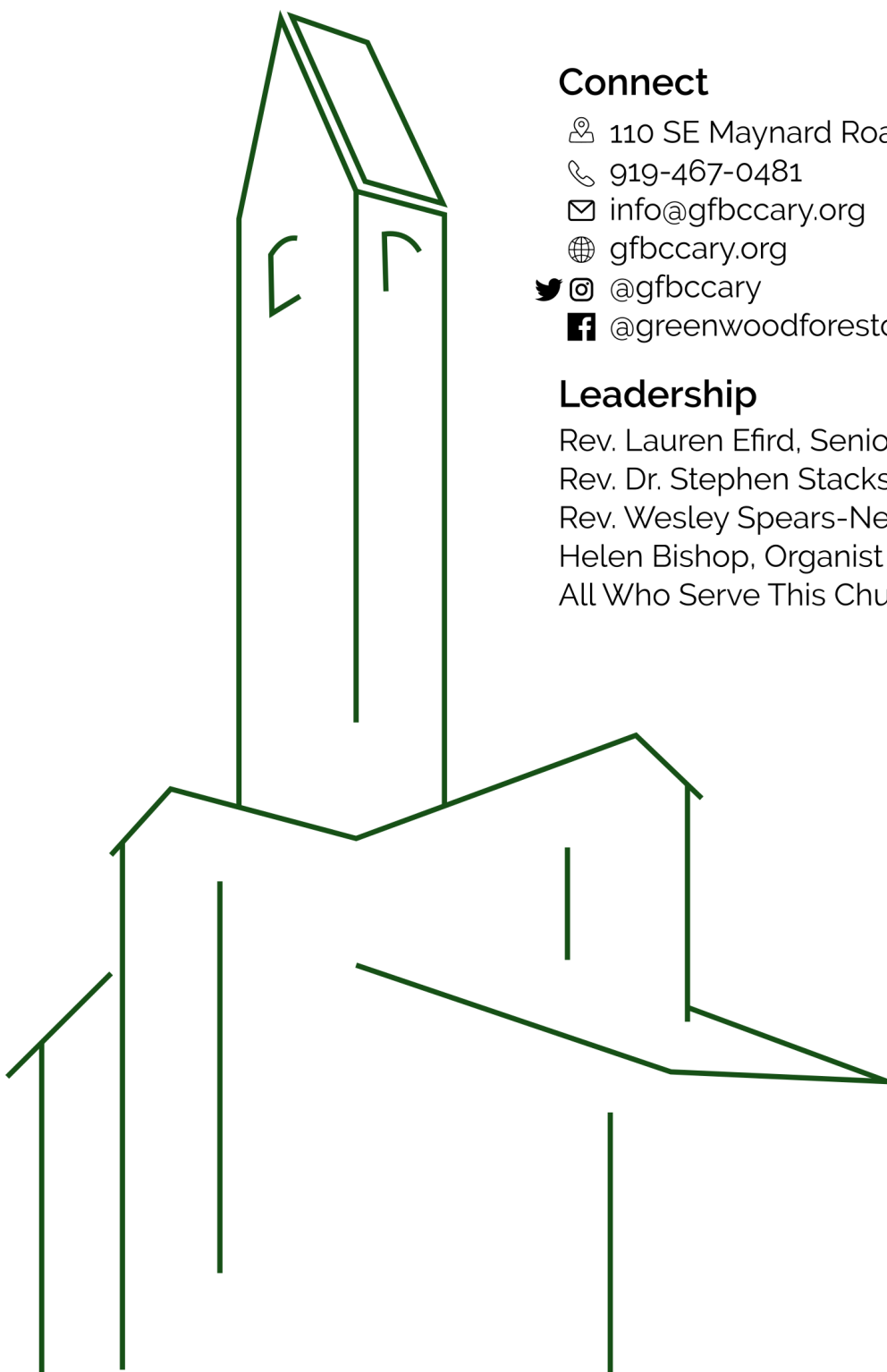
Ra - diant star - light set-ting their pace Ford - ing wa - di,
Her - od plots to kill the new king An - gels warn - ing
Dreams and hopes left in dis - ar - ray Make us trem - ble,

risk - ing bo - dy Seek-ing the king's birth place
in the mor - ning: "A-void Je - ru - sa - lem"
but re-mem - ber There is a - noth - er way

O We have trav - eled night and day

Meet - ing God where - e'er we stay Paths are chan - ging,

re - ar - ran - ging As we find a - noth - er way



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Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church