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Welcome to worship!

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.

- Today's color is green for Ordinary Time, a season of spiritual growth.
- Hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.
- Services are livestreamed and you may end up on camera.



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Black History Month

In honor of Black History Month, our worship services during February will feature music from Black composers and artists, as well as liturgical elements from the African American Heritage Hymnal. We will crown our celebration of Black History Month by welcoming the NC Central University Choir on Sunday, February 27, who will be joining our own Sanctuary Choir to sing Robert Ray's Gospel Mass.

Here at GFBC, we celebrate Black History Month alongside our Black congregants and Black siblings everywhere as a way to honor Black stories, beauty, and contributions, but also as a way to signal our continued commitment to Black lives throughout the year. We celebrate Black History Month, not as an excuse for normalizing White history and culture for the remainder of the year, but as a way to catalyze within our institution and the world the important work of decentering whiteness, so that all God's children might thrive. For us, Black History Month is not a way to absolve ourselves of the year-round and life-long work of anti-racism, but a moment to celebrate and to recommit ourselves to the gospel work of inclusivity in our worship and in our lives.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Come, We That Love the Lord arr. Michael Cox

Welcome to Worship Rev. Lauren Efird

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace Rev. Lauren Efird

Call to Worship (African American Heritage Hymnal) Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: How awesome is the Lord Most High,

the great king over all the earth!

People: God is on the move!

Leader: All those who service the Lord will be blessed.

People: Come we who love the Lord and let our joys be known!

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Leader: There is a song in our hearts. There are untold melodies on our lips.

People: For our God is worthy of songs of praise and delight!

Leader: The neglected and the orphan have a new song to sing;

People: For God cares for the downtrodden and forgotten ones of the world.

Leader: The homeless and wayward have a shelter.

People: The captives have a way up and out.

Leader: Before the beginning, God was at work, making provisions for us,

People: Taking the desolate and void, making a place of wonder for our

habitation.

Leader: God is in this house! God reigns with power and love!

People: Our God is an awesome God!

Invocation Rev. Dr. Stacks

I was lost in sin and sorrow

Tossed about on life's raging sea

Then I saw so far in the distance,

Was a ship, seemed to be,

Then I saw the captain beckon

Savior-like, his hands to me,

Tis the old ship of Zion

Get on board, follow me!

'Tis the old ship of Zion,

'Tis the old ship of Zion,

'Tis the old ship of Zion,

Get on board, get on board!

Gathering Hymn

Old Ship of Zion

Trad. arr. Johnson Reagon

We invite you to participate by listening, clapping, or meditating on the text.

Offertory Prayer

Chris Beal

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. Wesley Spears-Newsome

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

Luke 5:1-11

Rev. Dr. Stacks

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 I Love the Lord Richard Smallwood

Randy Palmer, Soloist

I love the Lord,

He heard my cry

And pitied every groan,

Long as I live

And troubles rise,

I'll hasten to his throne.

Sermon Still Waters Run Deep Rev. Elijah Zehyoue

Hymn All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name

(see page 5)

Benediction Rev. Efird

Postlude I Sing the Mighty Power of God arr. Joanne Brown LeDoux

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Guest Preacher: Rev. Elijah Zehyoue

Rev. Elijah R. Zehyoue serves as the Co-Director of the Alliance of Baptists. In this role, he is leading our denomination through an effort to become an antiracist organization. As an historian, theologian, pastor, preacher, and teacher, Elijah is committed to using his many gifts to help people of all walks of life do the head, heart, and soul work required for our collective liberation.

He is a graduate of Morehouse College (B.A.) and the University of Chicago (M.Div.), and he is currently a Ph.D. candidate in African History at Howard University where he is writing a dissertation on the Trans Atlantic Slave Trade and the Origins of the Conflict in Liberia. Prior to coming to the Alliance, Elijah served as associate pastor at Calvary Baptist Church (DC).

CONNECTCONNECT



Churchwide Faith Formation February 6, 13, and 20 Led by Andy Jarrell 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall Online Option Available

Churchwide Faith Formation Series

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 in the world.

Discipleship Retreat: March 11-13

Rev. Melissa Florer-Bixler will be joining us to talk about her book, *How to Have an Enemy: Righteous Anger and the Work of Peace.* Registration and more information at <u>gfbccary.org/retreat</u>.

Robert Rays 155

a special Black History Month collaboration between the a special Diack Mistory Information Choir and Greenwood Forest NC Central University

Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir

Feb. 25 @ 7pm at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church (Durham) reb. 27 @ 11 am at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church (Cary)

*there is no cost for either event

PRAYPRAYPRAY

Prayer List*

Nell Allen

Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend) Gilles Bikindou

Vanna Fox

Lemuel and Victoria Franco (sister and brother-in-law of Marlen Ruegg)

James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes)

James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)

Betty Griffin (Jane Griffin's mother)

Megan Jarrell

Gary Kent

Jack Lancaster (Christy Brown's father)
Doris Martin

Janet Merriman (Roz Slawson's friend) Sylvia Morgan

Suzanne Rohrbacher (friend of MaryBeth McDermott)

Fred Seeger

Wilton Short (Jennifer Whaley's father)

Frank Smith

Kathi Smith

Jazzmone Sutton at the death of her grandmother, Josephine Sutton

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.

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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.

December 2021 Finance Update

Updated when the previous months' books close.

	Dec. 2021	YTD
Congregational Giving	\$62,794	\$195,713
Congregational Giving Target	\$63,680	\$229,430
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$886)	(\$33,717)
Other Receipts	\$19,405	\$42,461
Total Giving and Receipts	\$82,199	\$238,174
Total Disbursements	\$64,328	\$251,401
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	\$17,871	(\$13,227)
Together We Build Giving	\$11,471	\$109,032

