



# Greenwood Forest

## Baptist Church





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Baptist Church

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# an inclusive community of faith

## ► 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.*



# Order of Worship

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Youth Sunday  
Black History Month

Chiming of the Hour

Alyssa Medford

Prelude

There is a Balm in Gilead

Giants and Pilgrims

There is a balm in Gilead  
It comes like a wisdom  
but speaks like children  
it's a sight to the blind  
a strength to my weakness  
something for soul, body, mind

There is a balm in Gilead  
it's a rest for the weary  
a balm to the sore  
it's like a dew to my dryness  
that fills me with joy when I had none

There is a balm in Gilead  
its a spring in the desert  
for the withered of soul  
it's a strength and a power  
that keeps making you whole  
it's the question your asking  
and the answers you need  
it's the face you've been seeking  
the one you've been begging to see

There is a balm in Gilead  
the trash and the remnants  
of all my train wrecks  
coming together  
and still heading out west  
like a blank paycheck  
paying off the back rent  
taking me further to  
whatever's supposed happen next

There is a balm in Gilead  
the light of the dawn  
the scales without measure  
it's the bread of a baker  
the blood of a maker  
The water I long for  
and the story on fire  
it's the breath and the magic  
It's something to die for  
and the laying down  
of the shepherd at night

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Leader: We give thanks to you, God. Yes, we give thanks!

People: Your name is near. Your marvelous deeds are declared.

Leader: God says, "When I decide the time is right, I will establish justice.

People: The earth and its inhabitants will melt,  
but I will keep its pillars steady."

Leader: I said to the arrogant, "Don't be arrogant!"

To the wicked I said, "Don't exalt your strength!

People: Don't exalt your strength so highly.

Don't speak so arrogantly against the rock."

Leader: Because what exalts someone doesn't come from the east or west;  
it's not from the south either.

People: Rather, God is the judge. God brings this person down,  
but that person God lifts up.

Leader: Indeed, there's a cup in the Lord's hand full of foaming wine,  
mixed with spice.

People: God will pour it out, and all of the earth's wicked people must drink it;  
they must drink every last drop!

Leader: But I will rejoice always;

People: I will sing to Jacob's God!

Leader: God says: "I will demolish every bit of the wicked's power,

People: But the strength of the righteous will be lifted up."

## Gathering Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one,  
lay down your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank

of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul  
revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light.  
Look unto me; your morn shall rise  
and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till trav'ling days are done.

## Offertory Prayer

Emily Nuss

## 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

Madeline Walden

*We affirm each prayer with the following response:*

Catherine Glasgow

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

Ella Biser

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.

*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 Fields of the Lord

The Porter's Gate

*GFBC Youth Band*

In the fields of the Lord, our work is rest,  
She is moving in our hands and feet to bless.  
In the fields of the Lord, in the fields of the Lord,  
In the fields of the Lord our work is rest.

In the vineyards of the Lord our work is light.  
She is tending every leaf and every vine.  
In the vineyards of the Lord, in the vineyards of the Lord,  
In the vineyards of the Lord our work is light.

In the garden of the Lord our work is sound,  
She is weaving every thorn into a crown.  
In the garden of the Lord, in the garden of the Lord,  
In the garden of the Lord our work is sound.

At the harvest of the Lord the fields are white,  
She will wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye.  
At the harvest of the Lord, at the harvest of the Lord,  
At the harvest of the Lord the fields are white.

Time of Reflection

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Anna Claire Jarrell

Emily Nuss

Ella Biser

Hymn

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

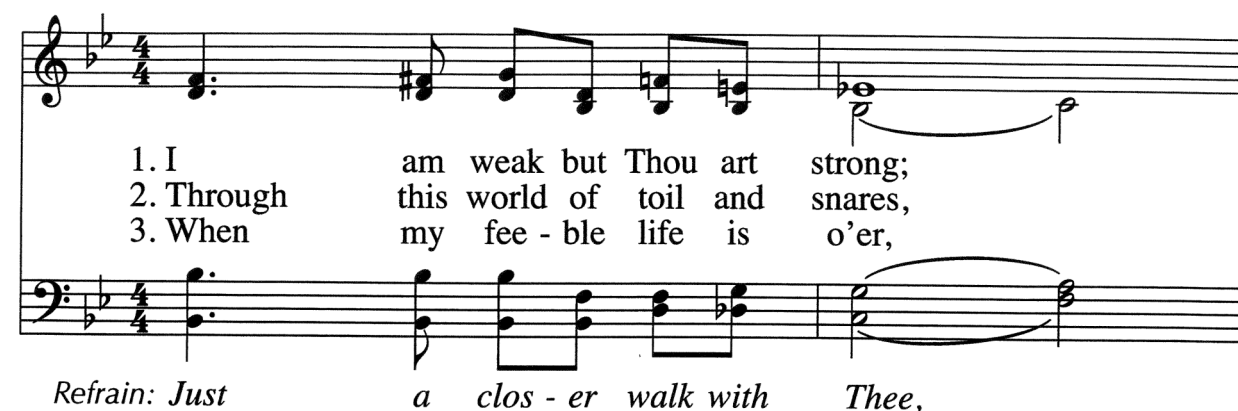
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Benediction

Naomi Gomi

Postlude

# Just a Closer Walk with Thee



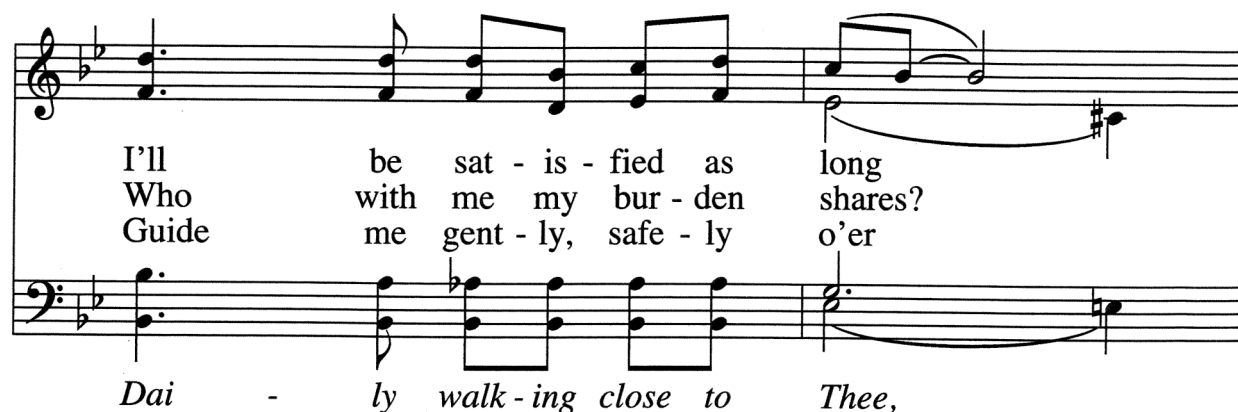
1. I am weak but Thou art strong;  
 2. Through this world of toil and snares,  
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,

Refrain: *Just a clos - er walk with Thee,*




Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
 If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
 Time for me will be no more;

*Grant it, Je - sus, if You please?*



I'll be sat - is - fied as long  
 Who with me my bur - den shares?  
 Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er

*Dai - ly walk - ing close to Thee,*



As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.  
 None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.  
 To Thy king - dom shore, to Thy shore.

*Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

*Today's hymn comes from The African American Heritage Hymnal. Copyrighted music use is covered by CCLI License #1243530 and OneLicense #A-721397.*

*Our Youth Band includes Lucy Beal, Catherine Glasgow, Sean Glasgow & Ivy Nuss. Our youth ushers today are Griffin Beal, Ella Biser, Alyssa Medford & Emily Nuss.*

► **Thank you to all our youth who led in worship today!**

Our youth selected the Scripture, planned the reflection time, wrote all the prayers, and rehearsed all the music together for this worship service. Please thank them for their hard work and dedication for making this experience possible and take their words to heart as you go!

► **Black History Month**

In honor of Black History Month, our worship services in 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.

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.





**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 is 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.



**HOW TO  
HAVE AN  
ENEMY**  
**MELISSA  
FLORER-BIXLER**

► **Discipleship Retreat: March 11-13**

We are excited to welcome Melissa Florer-Bixler, author and pastor of Raleigh Mennonite Church, to lead several sessions over the course of the weekend on her new book, *How to Have an Enemy: Righteous Anger and the Work of Peace*. Registration is \$20, which includes a copy of the book and refreshments over the course of the weekend.

Well-fitting masks will be required indoors at all times; all refreshments will be served outside. There will be a virtual option available (registration fee for the virtual option is \$10; books will be available for pickup the week before and the week after the event).

Please see the schedule below and register at [gfbccary.org/retreat!](https://gfbccary.org/retreat!)

**Session 1:** Friday (3/11) 6-7pm

**Sessions 2, 3:** Saturday (3/12) 8am-12pm

**Session 4:** Sunday (3/13) 9:45-10:45am

**Worship:** Sunday (3/13) 11am-12pm

All in-person sessions will take place in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church (110 SE Maynard Rd, Cary NC, 27511)

# Robert Ray's GOSPEL MASS

a special Black History Month collaboration between the  
NC Central University Choir and Greenwood Forest  
Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir

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

\*there is no cost for either event

## ► Prayer List\*

Nell Allen  
 Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)  
 Gilles Bikindou  
 Vanna Fox  
 James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)  
 Betty Griffin (Jane Griffin's mother)  
 Megan Jarrell  
 Jack Lancaster (Christy Brown's father)  
 Doris Martin  
 Janet Merriman (Roz Slawson's friend)  
 Sylvia Morgan  
 Brynn Oliver  
 Fred Seeger  
 Wilton Short (Jennifer Whaley's father)  
 The Smith Family at the death of Kathi Smith  
 Marta Whitehouse (Al Whitehouse's mother)  
 John Wilkes (Rebekah Oliver's father)  
 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.*

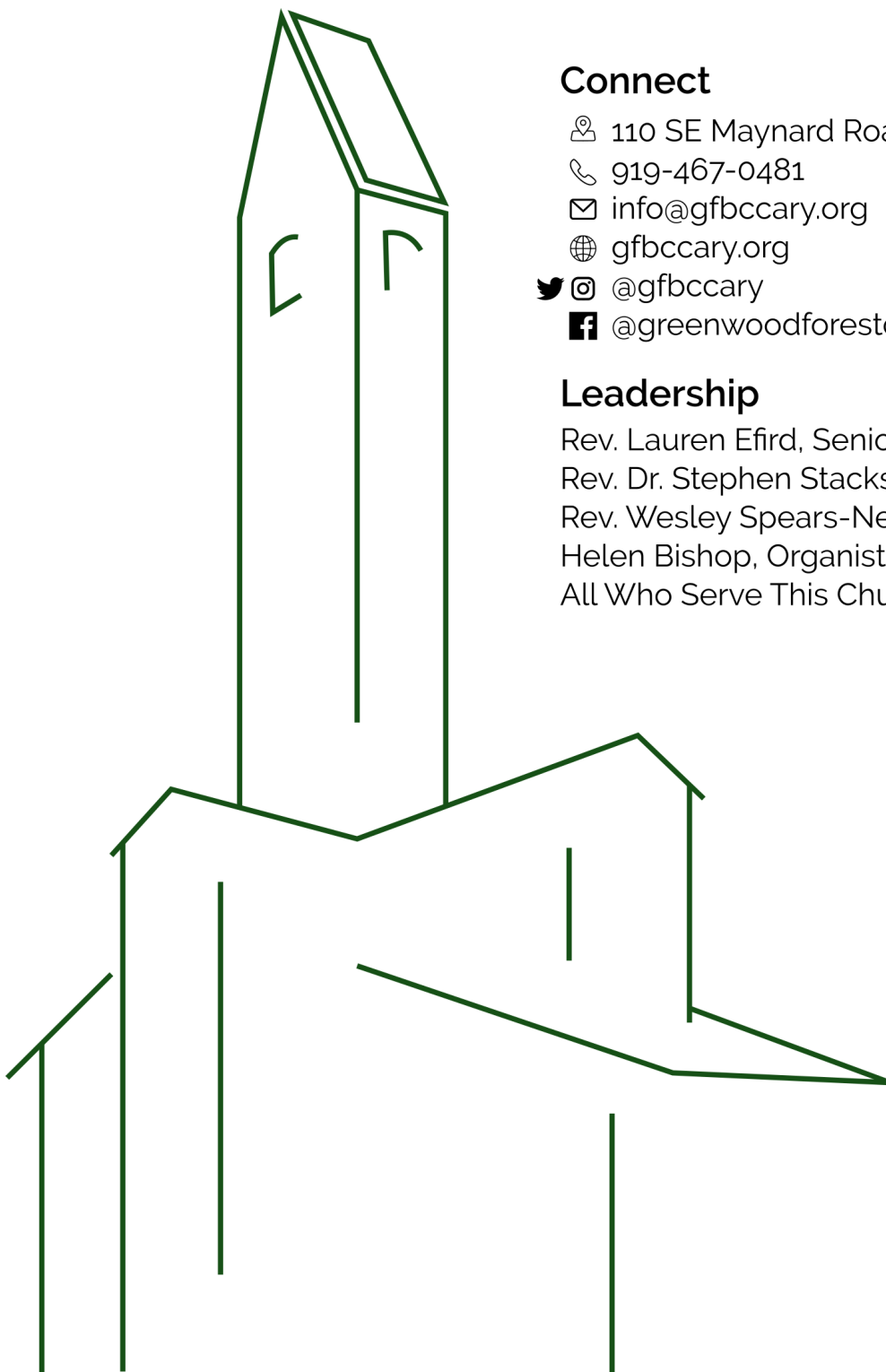
## ► Ways to Tithe

- 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).

## ► 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



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Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church