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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

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Black History Month*

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

O How I Love Jesus

arr. Mark Kellner

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Stacks

Call to Worship (Based on "Lift Every Voice
and Sing" by J. Rosamund and
James Weldon Johnson)

Rev. Dr. Stacks

Leader: Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,

People: Ring with the harmonies of liberty!

Leader: Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies

People: Let it resound loud as the rolling sea!

Leader: Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,

People: Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,

Leader: Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,

People: Let us march on till victory is won!

Leader: Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,

People: Felt in the days when hope unborn had died,

Leader: Yet with a steady beat have not our weary feet,

People: Come to the place for which our forebears sighed?

Leader: We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,

People: We have come, treading our path through the blood of the
slaughtered,

Leader: Out from the gloomy past till now we stand at last,

People: Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast!

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Stacks

**see note on page 7*

Gathering Hymn

Faithful is Our God

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

Faithful, faithful, faithful is our God

Faithful, faithful, faithful is our God

Faithful, faithful, faithful is our God

Faithful, faithful, faithful is our God

I'm reaping the harvest God promised me

Take back what the devil stole from me

And I rejoice today, for I shall recover it all

Yes, I rejoice today, for I shall recover it all

Holy, holy, holy is our God...

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is our God...

Offertory Prayer

Chris Cook

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.

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**Down by the Riverside****Traditional Spiritual**

Goin' to lay down my burden,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside;
Goin' to lay down my burden,
Down by the riverside,
to study war no more.

*I ain't goin' to study war no more,
ain't goin' to study war no more,
ain't goin' to study war no more.
I ain't goin' to study war no more,
ain't goin' to study war no more,
ain't goin' to study war no more.*

Goin' to lay down my sword and shield,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
Goin' to lay down my sword and shield,
Down by the riverside,
to study war no more.

Goin' to try on my long white robe,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
Goin' to try on my long white robe,
Down by the riverside,
to study war no more.

Sermon

Rev. Kadeisha Bonsu

Hymn

Lead Me, Guide Me

(see page 5-6)

Benediction

Rev. Bonsu

Postlude

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

Today's pianist is Addie Smith.

Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

For if You lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r to
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous-ness, Be my
 3. I am lost if You take your hand from me, I am

help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness
 aid when Sa-tan and sin op-press. I am put - ting all
 blind with - out Thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways let me

Thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
 my trust in Thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
 Thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

D.C.

A graphic featuring the words "Black History Month" in a bold, sans-serif font. "Black" is red, "History" is yellow, and "Month" is green. The text is centered within a black rectangular box. On either side of this central box are several vertical black bars of varying heights, creating a rhythmic, barcode-like pattern.

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.

CONNECTCONNECT



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.

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!

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.

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ONE Wake Internal Assembly Feb. 24

On February 24, ONE Wake members from across Wake County will gather for our first virtual internal assembly of 2022. The agenda for the meeting includes the ratification of a 2022 power strategy and organizational budget.

2022 is going to be a big year for ONE Wake's institutions and our communities! We are anticipating an action-heavy spring to support existing campaigns **to win a dedicated affordable housing fund in Cary** and a new property tax assistance program in Raleigh and Wake County to prevent the displacement of long-time, low-income home owners.

Current plans up for discussion and vote at this meeting include organizing training sessions and a **significant, non-partisan Get Out the Vote effort** timed with Cary's delayed municipal elections.

Everyone is invited to attend, especially those who are interested in getting more involved with our Missions Ministry or community organizing with ONE Wake specifically. Register today at onewake.org/internal_assembly_2_24_22. When registered, you'll receive a Zoom link the day before the assembly.

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)
 Megan Jarrell
 Jack Lancaster (Christy Brown's father)
 Doris Martin
 Janet Merriman (Roz Slawson's friend)
 Sylvia Morgan
 Brynn Oliver
 Fred Seeger
 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.*

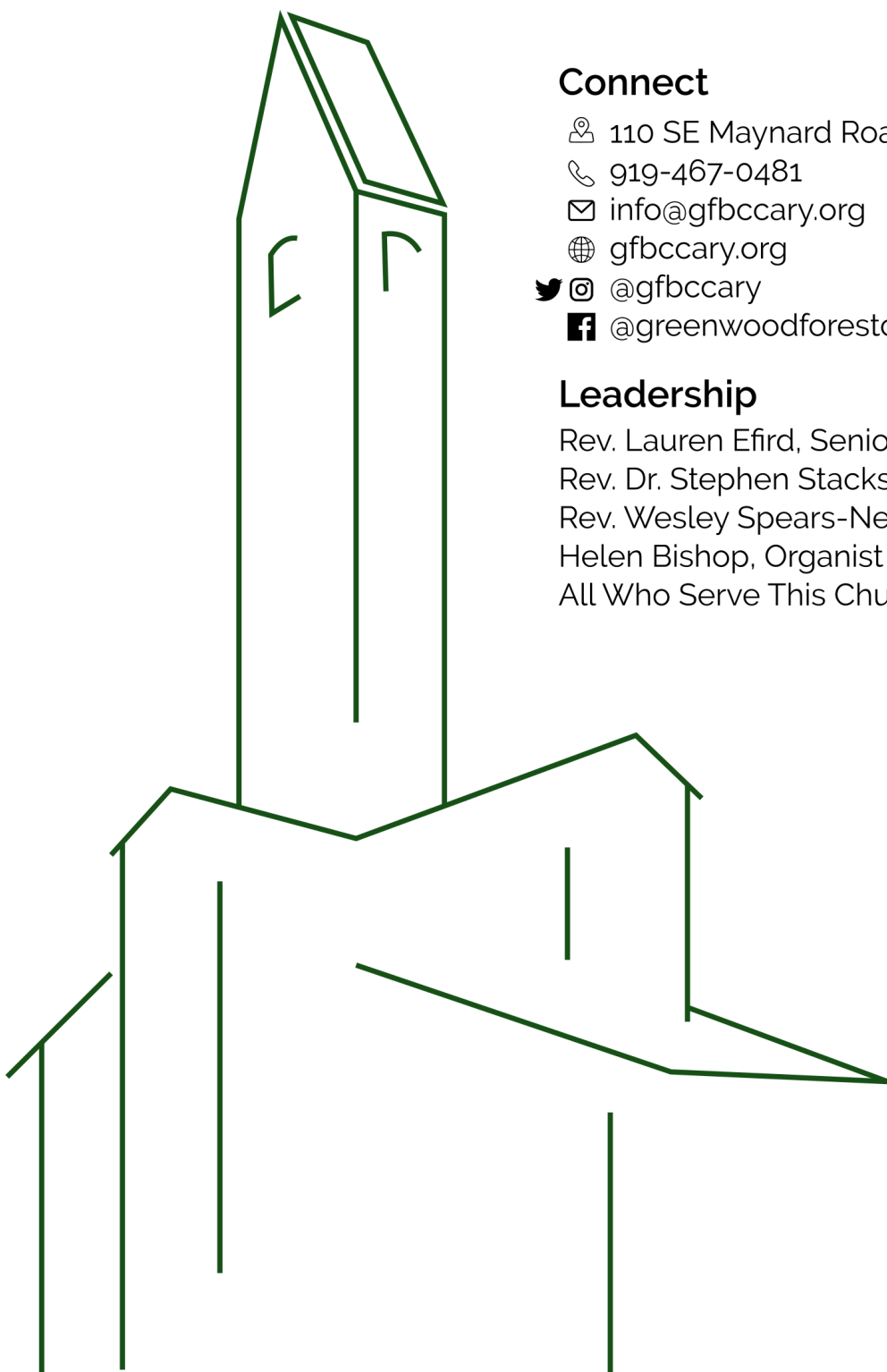
► Ways to Tithe

- 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.

► January 2022 Finance Update

Updated when the previous months' books close.

	Jan. 2022	YTD
Congregational Giving	\$42,212	\$237,925
Congregational Giving Target	\$63,750	\$293,180
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$21,538)	(\$55,255)
Other Receipts	\$15,957	\$58,418
Total Giving and Receipts	\$58,169	\$296,342
Total Disbursements	\$63,790	\$315,191
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	(\$5,621)	(\$18,849)
Together We Build Giving	\$13,285	\$122,317



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Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church