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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 purple for Lent, a season of reflection and repentance. Resources for Lent are available in your inbox. Contact Rev. Spears-Newsome if you have trouble accessing them.*

► *Hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.*

► *Services are livestreamed and you may end up on camera.*



Scan to give!



Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude O Sacred Head Now Wounded arr. Lynette Maynard

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: May we find courage here—

People: Courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.

Leader: May we find hope here—

People: hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.

Leader: May we find truth here—

People: truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.

Leader: May we find all that we seek.

People: And in our seeking, may we know God. Amen.

Invocation Rev. Dr. Stacks

Gathering Hymn A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar

(see page 3)

Offertory Prayer Chris Beal

Presentation of the Offering OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, who forms us from the dust.

Praise Christ, who frees us through the cross.

Praise Holy Ghost who drives us on

To meet God in the wilderness. Amen.

A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar

1 A proph-et-wom-an broke a jar, by Love's di-vine ap-
 2 A faith-ful wom-an left a tomb by Love's di-vine com-
 3 Though wom-an-wis-dom, wom-an-truth, for cen-tu-ries were
 4 The Spir-it knows; the Spir-it calls, by Love's di-vine or-

point-ing. With rare per-fume she filled the room, pre-
 mis-sion. She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, a-
 hid-den, un-sung, un-writ-ten, and un-heard, de-
 dain-ing, the friends we need, to serve and lead, their

sid-ing and a-noint-ing. A proph-et-wom-an broke a jar,
 ris-ing from sub-mis-sion. A faith-ful wom-an left a tomb,
 rid-ed and for-bid-den, the Spir-it's breath, the Spir-it's fire,
 powers and gifts un-chain-ing. The Spir-it knows; the Spir-it calls,

the sneers of scorn de-fy-ing. With rare per-fume she
 with res-ur-rec-tion gos-pel. She saw; she heard; she
 on free and slave de-scend-ing, can tum-ble our di-
 from wom-en, men, and chil-dren, the friends we need, to

filled the room, pre-par-ing Christ for dy-ing.
 preached the Word, a-pos-tle to a-pos-tles.
 vid-ing walls, our shame and sad-ness mend-ing.
 serve and lead. Re-joice, and make them wel-come!

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

John 12:1-8

Lou Owoc-Edwards

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

Jesus, You're the Center of My Joy

Richard Smallwood

Jesus, you're the center of my joy

All that's good and perfect

Comes from you

You're the heart of my contentment,

Hope for all I do

Jesus, you're the center of my joy.

When I've lost my direction,

You're the compass for my way

You're the fire and light when nights

Are long and cold

In sadness, you are the laughter

That shatters all my fears

When I'm all alone,

Your hand is there to hold.

You are why I find pleasure

In the simple things in life

You're the music in

The meadows and the streams

The voices of the children,

My family, and my home

You're the source and finish

Of my highest dreams

You are everything,

You're my joy in my sorrow

You're my hope for tomorrow

When I'm lonely inside

You're the lifter of my head

You're my music, you're my song

You're my joy all day long

Jesus, you're the center of my joy

Sermon

Good Stewardship

Rev. Efird

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

I Love You, Lord

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship

You. O my soul, re - joice! Take joy, my King, in

what You hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

Benediction

Rev. Efird

Postlude

I Am His, and He is Mine

arr. Gayden Sikes

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Holy Week @ Greenwood Forest

April 10 (11am) Palm Sunday

April 15 (7pm) Good Friday

April 17 (11am) Easter Sunday



Easter Lilies

You can purchase Easter Lilies and dedications to be printed in the Easter bulletin online at gfbccary.org/lilies.



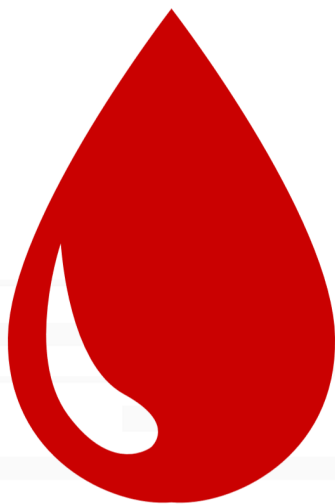
Egg Hunt

Kids are welcome to join in an egg hunt after worship on Palm Sunday, April 10!

► **Blood Donations Needed**

We are currently facing a national blood crisis. It's the worst blood shortage in over a decade. You can pledge to give and sign up to give blood at gfbccary.org/blood. At the link, you can schedule an appointment at a local, convenient donation center or a local blood drive. **Your single blood donation can save as many as three lives!** Imagine the impact our collective generosity will have on the families of the recipients and our community. Additionally, giving now allows you to give for Lent and give again at our annual "Be a Hero" blood drive hosted at GFBC on 6/3.

THERE'S POWER IN THE BLOOD



Donate Blood This Lent

Appointments at gfbccary.org/blood



► **Karen Burden's Work Anniversary**

March 24th marked Karen Burden's 8th year as Greenwood Forest Baptist Church's Office Administrator. We'd like to thank Karen for her many years of faithful service. Karen is often the first friendly voice you hear or kind face you see when you visit the church during the week. We greatly appreciate all her efforts to help keep our church running. If you see or speak to her this week, be sure to say an extra thank you for all she does.

PRAYPRAYPRAYPRAY

► Prayer List*

Richard Adair (Janice Medford's brother)
 Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)
 Gilles Bikindou
 Tom Brooks
 Christy Brown (at the death of her father)
 Scott Davenport (friend of the Biser family)
 Brittany Foster (Kevin Schaefer's friend)
 Vanna Fox
 James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)
 Howard Manning
 Janet Merriman (Roz Slawson's friend)
 Sylvia Morgan
 The Nichols Family at the death of Anne Nichols
 Kate (Alma Gazzaniga's friend)
 Gerry Ritter
 Harold Ritter (at the death of his sister-in-law Vonni Ritter)
 Fred Seeger
 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.*

GIVEGIVEGIVEGIVE

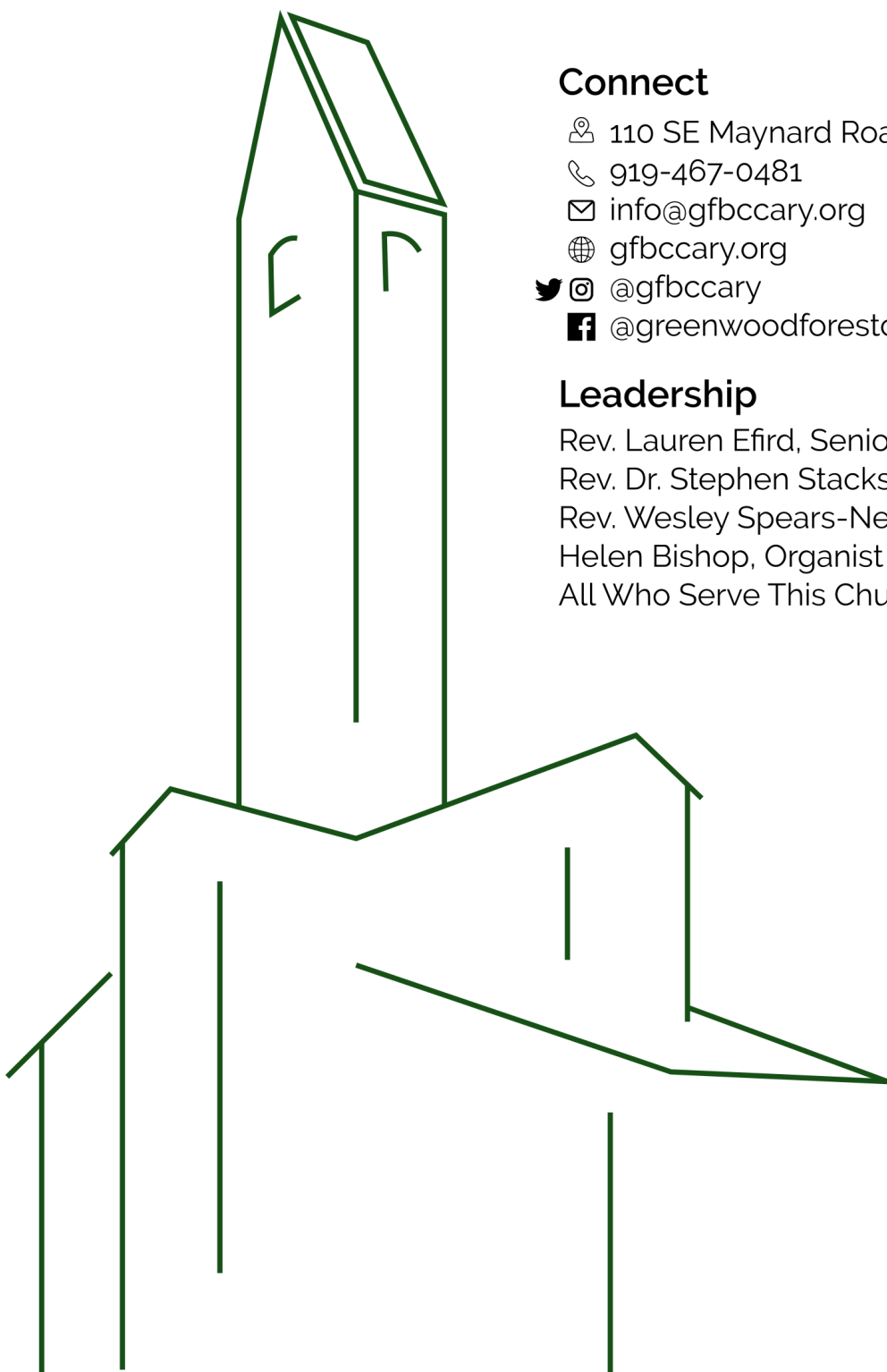
► Ways to Tithe

- 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.

► February 2022 Finance Update

Updated when the previous months' books close.

| | Feb. 2022 | YTD |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Congregational Giving | \$45,572 | \$283,497 |
| Congregational Giving Target | \$51,000 | \$344,180 |
| Congregational Giving Under/Over | (\$5,428) | (\$60,683) |
| Other Receipts | \$11,105 | \$69,522 |
| Total Giving and Receipts | \$56,677 | \$353,019 |
| Total Disbursements | \$57,942 | \$373,133 |
| Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements | (\$1,265) | (\$20,114) |
| Together We Build Giving | \$11,325 | \$133,642 |



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Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church