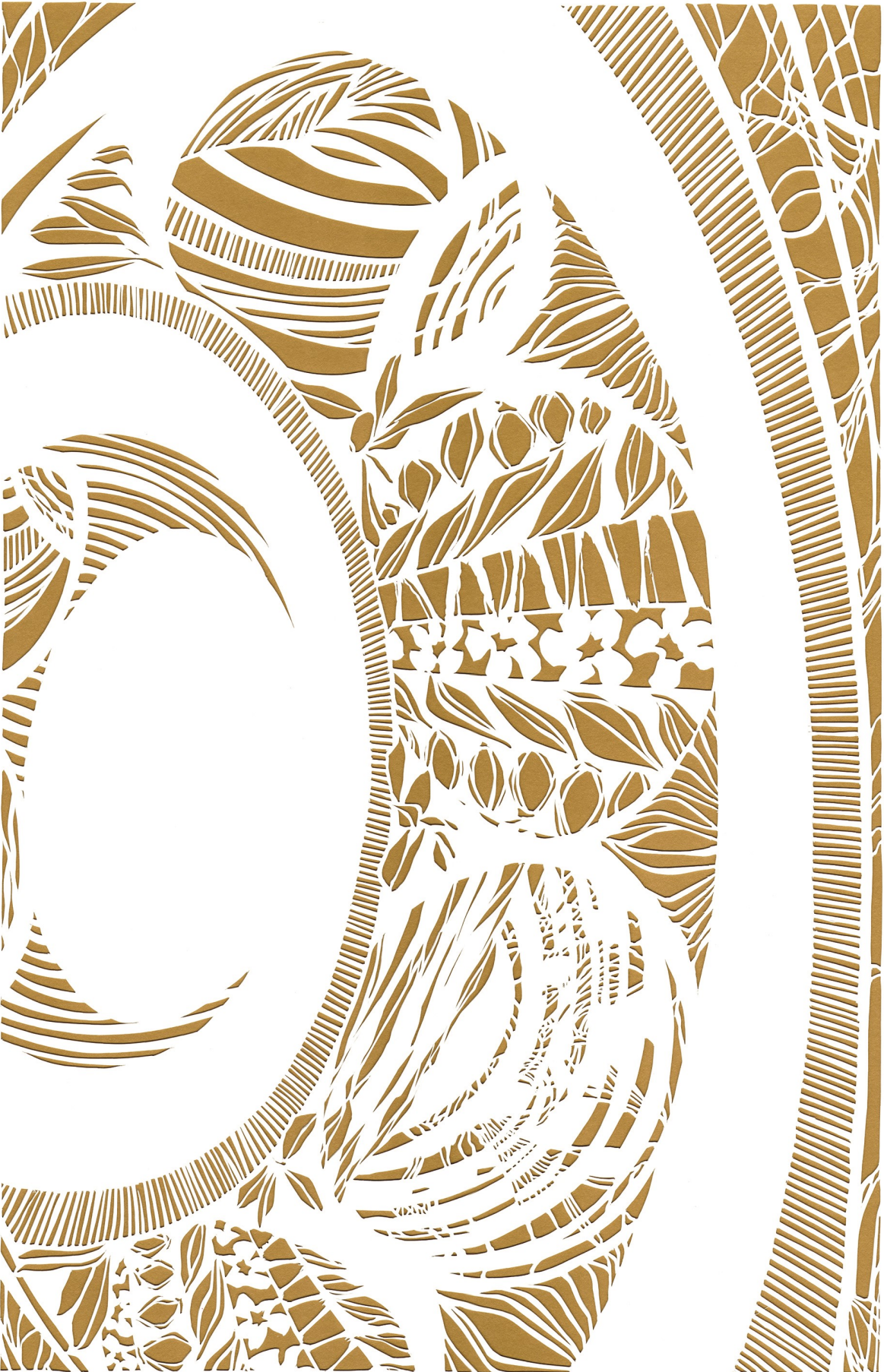


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# an inclusive community of faith

## ► 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 colors are white and gold. White and gold for the Easter season symbolize divine light, the joy of resurrection, and the glory of God.*

► *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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Easter Sunday

Chiming of the Hour

Processional Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

*(see page 3)*

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efrd

Leader: He is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Efrd

Call to Worship (Sanctified Art)

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: Today is not like any other day.

People: Today let's slow down.

Leader: Today let's take it all in.

People: Today let us rest in good news.

Leader: Today is not like any other day.

People: Today we are singing!

Leader: Today we are full to the brim!

People: Today joy cannot be contained!

Leader: Today is not like any other day!

People: Today the stone was rolled away.

Leader: Today the women saw the empty grave.

People: Today we know death does not win.

Leader: Today is not like any other day.

People: Alleluia!

Invocation

Rev. Spears-Newsome



# Christ the Lord is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heav - en join to say, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Dy - ing once He all doth save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth, re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ hath o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

## Baptismal Anthem

## Your Royal Blood

## Rend Collective

What can wash away my sin?  
What can make me whole again?  
What can make me white as snow?  
Nothing but your royal blood

What can heal the heart of stone?  
What can resurrect these bones?

There's no other fount I know  
Nothing but your royal blood  
Nothing but your royal blood

*Your blood will never lose it's power*

*Your blood will never lose*

*Your victory will stand forever*

*Your blood will never lose*

This was won upon the cross  
This was written on his scars  
This has made us conquerors  
Nothing but your royal blood  
Nothing but your royal blood

Now by this we'll overcome  
Now by this we'll reach our home  
Now our sin and shame are gone  
Only by your royal blood  
Now by this we'll overcome  
Now by this we'll reach our home  
Now our sin and shame are gone  
Only by your royal blood

## Baptism

Rev. Lauren Efird

*Alma Gazzaniga*  
*Anna Claire Jarrell*  
*Ella Biser*  
*Emily Nuss*

## Hymn

The Day of Resurrection!

*(see page 5)*

## Offertory Prayer

Andy Jarrell

## Presentation of the Offering

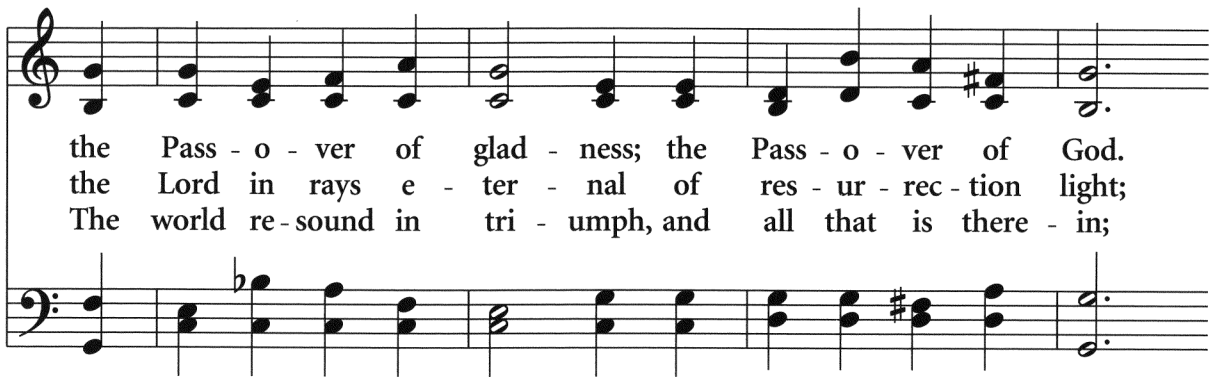
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Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise God all creatures here below! Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
O praise God, O praise God!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

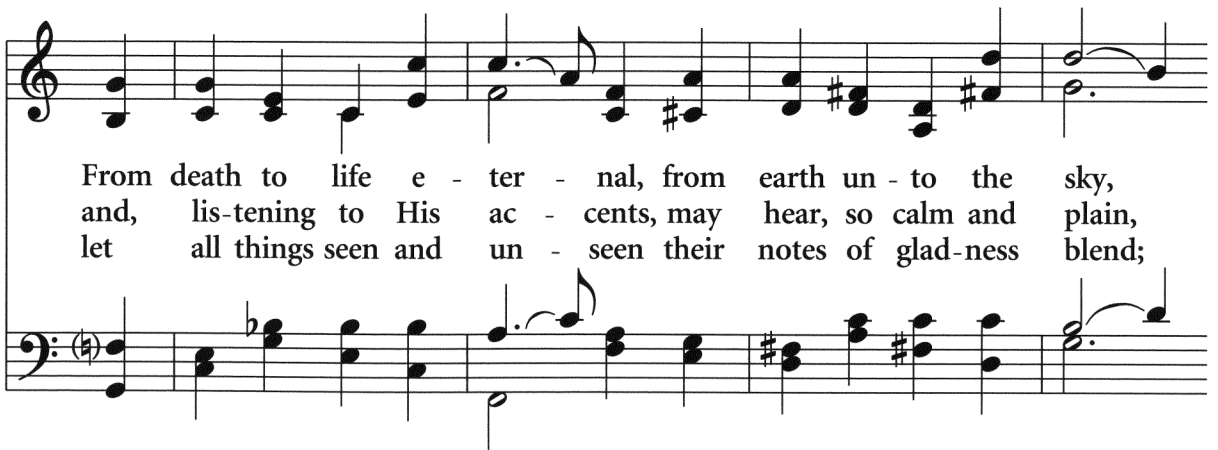
# The Day of Resurrection!



1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
 3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful! Let earth her song be - gin!



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness; the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;  
 The world re-sound in tri - umph, and all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
 and, lis-tening to His ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad-ness blend;



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

## The Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Stephen 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

Luke 24:1-12

Rev. Spears-Newsome

*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

Alleluia

Randall Thompson

## Sermon

More than an Idle Tale

Rev. Efird

## Hymn

Thine Is the Glory

*(see page 7)*

## Presentation of Baptismal Gifts

Rev. Spears-Newsome

## Benediction

Rev. Efird

## Postlude

"Hallelujah" from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

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*Thank you to our instrumentalists for helping lead us in worship today:  
Blair Biser (trumpet), Catherine Glasgow (trumpet), Sean Glasgow (percussion), and  
Julianne Rejesus (trombone)*

*Exterior Art provided by A Sanctified Art ([sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)): "Prepared" by Hannah  
Garritty, paper lace inspired by Luke 24:1-12.*

# Thine is the Glory

1. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is the  
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly He  
 3. No more we doubt Thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught with-

vic - tory Thou o'er death hath won. An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let His church with glad - ness  
 out Thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth;  
 through Thy death-less love: bring us safe through Jor - dan

where Thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing  
 to Thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory Thou o'er death hath won.



## ▶ Prayer List\*

Richard Adair (Janice Medford's brother)  
 Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)  
 Gilles Bikindou  
 Scott Davenport (friend of the Biser family)  
 Brittany Foster (Kevin Schaefer's friend)  
 Vanna Fox  
 James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)  
 Janet Merriman (Roz Slawson's friend)  
 Sylvia Morgan  
 Kate (Alma Gazzaniga's friend)  
 Jennie Pegram  
 Gerry Ritter  
 Fred Seeger  
 Greg Upchurch  
 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.*

## ▶ 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).

## ▶ March 2022 Finance Update

*Updated when the previous months' books close.*

	Mar. 2022	YTD
Congregational Giving	\$42,459	\$325,955
Congregational Giving Target	\$51,000	\$395,180
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$8,541)	(\$69,225)
Other Receipts	\$8,131	\$77,653
Total Giving and Receipts	\$50,590	\$403,609
Total Disbursements	\$57,549	\$430,682
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	(\$6,959)	(\$27,073)
Together We Build Giving	\$14,305	\$147,947



# ***Easter Lily Dedications***

Terry Allen	<i>in memory of</i>	Beverly Allen
Dave and Elise Atkins	<i>in memory of</i>	Katherine Taylor Delores Atkins
Chris and Toni Beal	<i>in memory of</i> <i>in honor of</i>	Don Beal Faye Beal
Faye Beal	<i>in memory of</i>	Don Beal
The Beck Family	<i>in memory of</i>	Alvin and Hattie Beck Robert Curti Leroy Walters
The Brewer Family	<i>in memory of</i>	Luther Brewer
Tom and Pat Brooks	<i>in honor of</i> <i>in memory of</i>	their children and grandchildren their parents
Lisa Butcher	<i>in memory of</i>	Jo Hay
Greg and Carol Carter	<i>in memory of</i>  <i>in honor of</i>	Wilma Caldwell Frances Jones their children and grandchildren
Jennifer, Tom, and Sarah Coltrane	<i>in honor of</i> <i>in memory of</i>	Jean Harris Jerry Harris
Joe and Laura Crook	<i>in memory of</i>	Mary Ruth Crook Jasper and Frances Baker
Alice Curti	<i>in memory of</i>	Robert Curti

Jane Griffin	<i>in memory of</i>	Ann Griffin Clawson
Jean Harris	<i>in memory of in honor of</i>	Jerry Harris her family
Gail and Virgil Jones	<i>in memory of</i>	Gerald and Anna Jones Ford and Dorothy Mastin
The JOY Faith Formation Class	<i>in memory of in honor of</i>	Annette King Lydia Hoyle Bucky Sydnor
Henry and Susan Meador	<i>in honor of</i>	Lee and Patti Webb Henry Francis Meador and Shirley Wheldon
Randy and Janice Medford	<i>in memory of</i>	Dorothy and Howard Beard
Lynn Newsome	<i>in honor of in memory of</i>	Evelyn Anne Spears-Newsome Fred Newsome
Evan and Lou Owoc-Edwards	<i>in memory of</i>	Joan Edwards Dorothy Dawson
Natalie, Brian, and Kathleen Patten	<i>in honor of in memory of</i>	Oscar Hinton Lou Nell Hinton Bill and Kathleen Parks Joseph Patten, Sr. and Rita Conlon
Harold and Gerry Ritter	<i>in memory of</i>	Dean Ritter E.T. and Geneva Parham Walter and Ruth Ritter Annette King
Meg and Wes Spears-Newsome	<i>in honor of</i>	Lynn Newsome
Bucky and Carole Sydnor	<i>in honor of</i>	Jyoti, Wes, and Eli Valerie and Aurora

### ► Save the Date: Business Meeting 4/24

We will be having a church business meeting on Sunday April 24 at 2pm. The meeting will be held virtually. This includes a vote on proposed bylaw changes. If you need help accessing Zoom to participate, please contact the church office. A link will be sent out on the day of the meeting. Printed reference materials will be available for pickup after worship on the morning of the 24th.

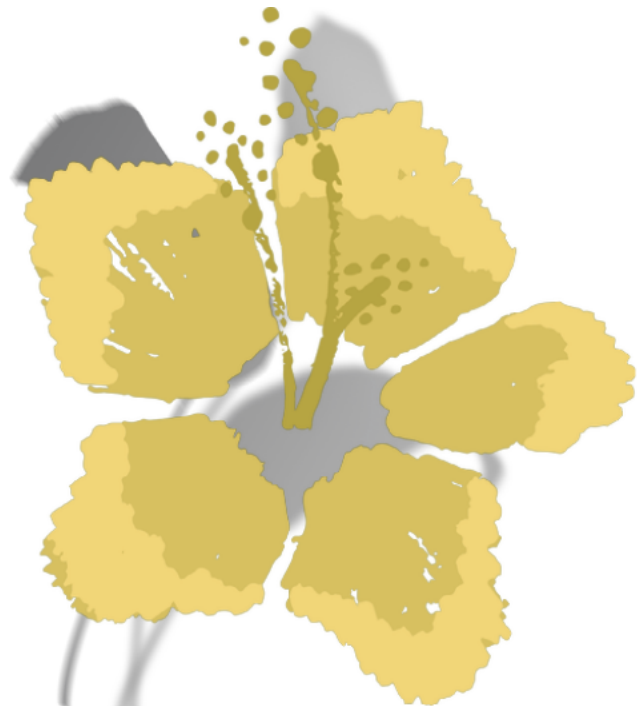
### ► Senior Pastor Sabbatical

*From the Personnel Committee:*

One of the great traditions and church disciplines of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church is the practice of a minister's sabbatical. Per our church's tradition and policy, every 5 years we provide for a period of intentional sabbatical for our Senior Pastor. The purpose of this period away from normal pastoral duties is for renewal, rest, creative work, professional development, and other experiences in order to reinvigorate the Senior Pastor and enhance their work in ministry at GFBC.

Rev. Lauren Efird, has served at Greenwood Forest for almost 11 years and is approaching her 6 year anniversary as our Senior Pastor. Rev. Efird offered to delay her sabbatical in the midst of the height of the COVID-19

pandemic in order to provide necessary leadership for the church. To mark her years of service, **Rev. Efird will start a sabbatical May 22 lasting for 12 weeks.** The rest of the church staff will be providing coverage of her critical duties during this time and we have an exciting series of voices lined up to fill the pulpit while she is away. We are grateful that Rev. Efird is able to continue this tradition at GFBC and are excited for the experiences she will share with us as a result!



### ► Easter Lillies

If you dedicated a lily, you can take it home with you today!



## Will you be an affordable housing voter?

We have unusually-timed local elections coming up this May! We need you to pledge to vote to help our church and our partner churches and institutions in ONE Wake make affordable housing a priority for our new Town Council. ONE Wake is engaging in a strictly non-partisan Get-Out-The-Vote campaign and **you can pledge to vote at the display in the narthex!**

Also, we want to see you at the April 28 Voting Rally hosted by ONE Wake on April 28, the first day of early voting, at 6pm. We will hear from candidates running for Town Council and then march to the polls together and cast our ballots. All candidates who have filed have been invited to the event and will be given equal treatment. This event will be in-person at FUMC Cary, near the early voting site at the Community Center.

**Register to attend today at [gfbccary.org/vote!](https://gfbccary.org/vote!)**





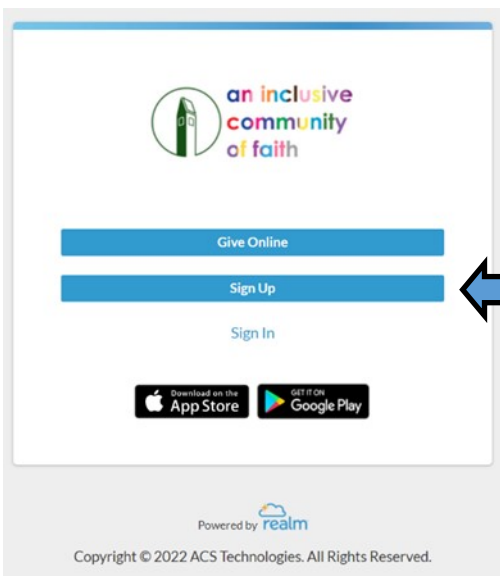
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## We have an exciting new resource just for you!

We're excited to share a great new tool and resource with you to interact with your church! Realm is an online platform (either on your computer or your smartphone) that will give you easy access to everything you need at church. Realm will give you access to your Faith Formation and Small Groups, contact information that church members wish to share with you, signups for events and volunteering, and even discipleship resources for retreats and more! Realm will be a one-stop-shop for Greenwood Forest members to access everything they need at church straight from their computer or smartphone.

## How can you get a Realm account?

Signing up is really easy. Just go to [onrealm.org/GreenwoodForest](https://onrealm.org/GreenwoodForest):



- If you've ever given online and set up an account for that, you already have a Realm account!
- If you don't have an account for giving, just click "Sign Up"! If you're not sure, just click "Sign Up" and it will walk you through the steps to access your account.
- If you have trouble accessing your account or creating one, please email Rev. Spears-Newsome ([wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org](mailto:wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org)).

More information, including a tutorial and FAQ document, is in your email inbox. If you need a copy because you didn't receive one, email Rev. Spears-Newsome.





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