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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

Second Sunday of Easter

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise arr. Melody Bober

Welcome to Worship Rev. Lauren Efird

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (Psalm 150) Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in the sanctuary;

People: Praise God in the mighty firmament!

Leader: Praise the Lord for mighty deeds;

People: Praise God for surpassing greatness!

Leader: Praise the Lord with trumpet sound;

People: Praise God with lute and harp!

Leader: Praise the Lord with tambourine and dance;

People: Praise God with strings and pipe!

Leader: Praise the Lord with clanging cymbals;

People: Praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord!

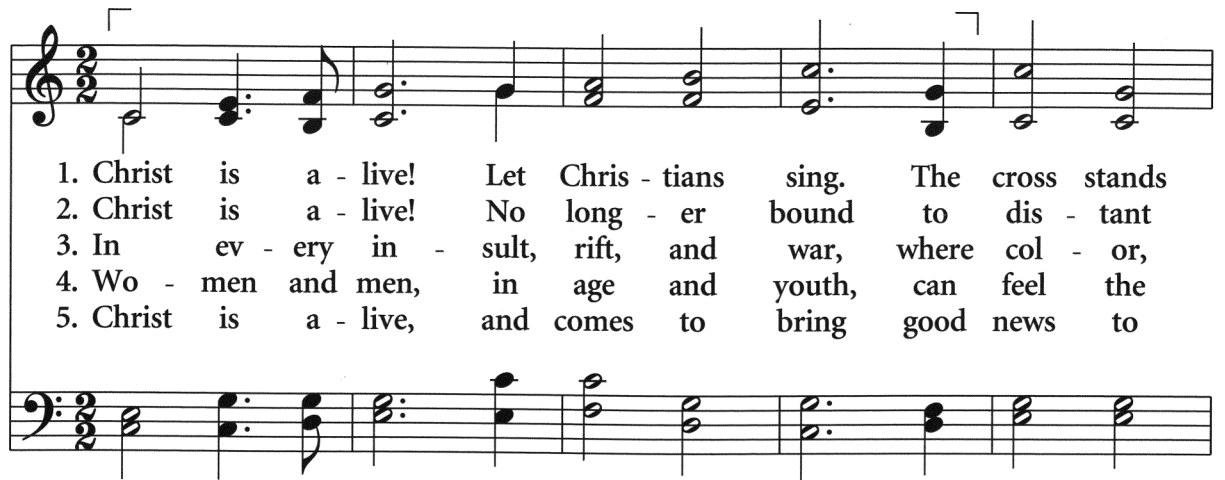
Invocation Rev. Dr. Stacks

Gathering Hymn (vv. 1 and 2) Christ is Alive

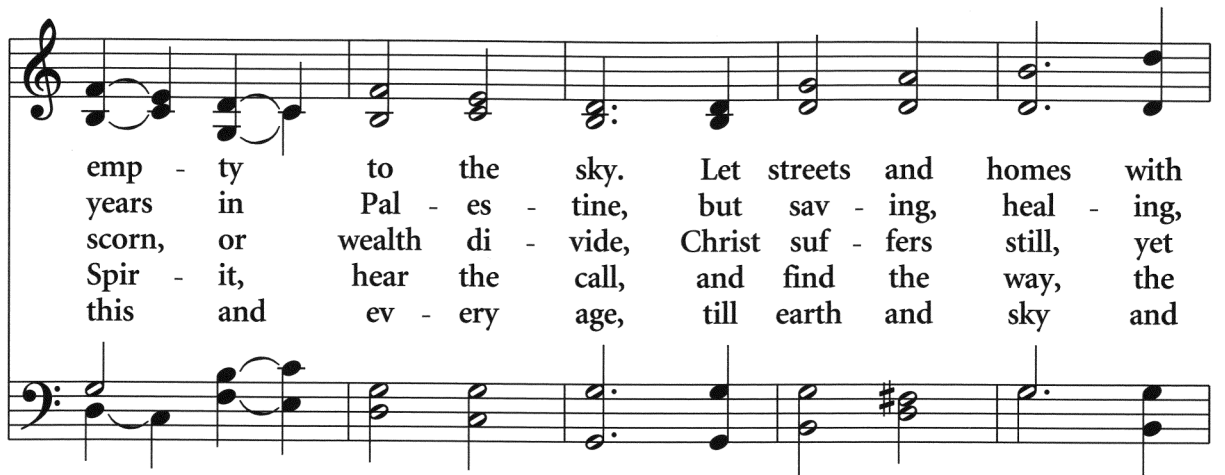
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Offertory Prayer Katie Lockhart

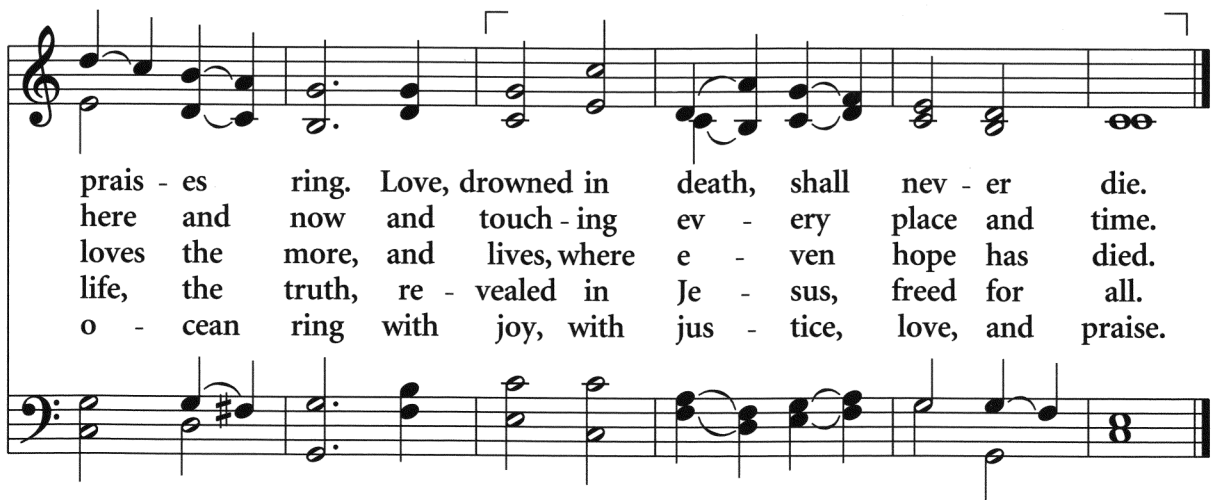
Christ is Alive



1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4. Wo - men and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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 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.

Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord is King

(see page 5)

Scripture Reading

Revelation 1:9-20

Rev. Efird

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.

Rejoice, the Lord is King

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore!
2. Je - sus, the Sav - ior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules both earth and heaven;
4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come

Re - joice, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
when He had purged our stains, He took His seat a - bove:
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given:
and take His ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home:

lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains four verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the piece with a final line of lyrics. The music features a variety of note values, including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4.

Anthem

The Strife is O'er

The Welcome Wagon

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.

Alleluia!

The powers of death
have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shouts of holy joy outburst.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped,
he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen head!

Alleluia, alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell,
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let songs of praise his triumphs tell!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord! by the stripes
which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting
your servant's free,
that we may live and sing to thee.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Sermon

The End Times are Now

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Hymn

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

(see page 7)

Benediction

Rev, Efird

Postlude

Come, Thou Almighty King

arr. Margaret Goldston

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

The pianist for today is Sally Shaver.

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2. He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er sound re - treat;
3. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies, Christ was born a - cross the sea,
4. He is com - ing like the glo - ry of the morn - ing on the wave;

He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He is sift - ing out the hearts of all be - fore His judg - ment seat;
with a glo - ry in His bo - som that trans - fig - ures you and me;
He is wis - dom to the might - y, He is hon - or to the brave;

He hath loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His ter - ri - ble swift sword;
O be swift, my soul, to an - swer Him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
as He died to make us ho - ly, let us live to make all free.
so the world shall be His foot - stool, and the soul of wrong His slave.

His truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on. Glo - ry! glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry! glo - ry, hal - le -
Our God is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.

lu - jah! Glo - ry! glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Our God is march - ing on.

CONNECTCONNECT

▶ Business Meeting This Sunday at 2pm

We will be having a church business meeting this 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 and digitally during the meeting.

▶ Senior Pastor Sabbatical

From the Personnel Committee:

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!

▶ Note of Thanks

Thanks for all the prayers, calls, cards and thoughts. I am doing somewhat better now, but I still need your prayers.

- Doris Martin

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▶ Candidate Assembly on April 28

You are invited to a candidate assembly with those running for Town Council in Cary on April 28 at 6pm, the first day of early voting. The event is hosted by Greenwood Forest Baptist Church and our ONE Wake member churches in Cary and we strongly encourage you to attend. After hearing from the candidates, there will be an optional march to the polls to cast our ballots.

The event will be at First United Methodist Church in Downtown Cary and voting will take place at the Herb Young Community Center a few blocks away. Register to attend at gfbccary.org/vote.

Regardless of whether you can attend the candidate assembly, we want to make sure everyone in our congregation who lives in Cary votes in our municipal elections. You can pledge to vote at the display in the narthex by adding your name.

Early voting begins on April 28.

Election Day is May 17.





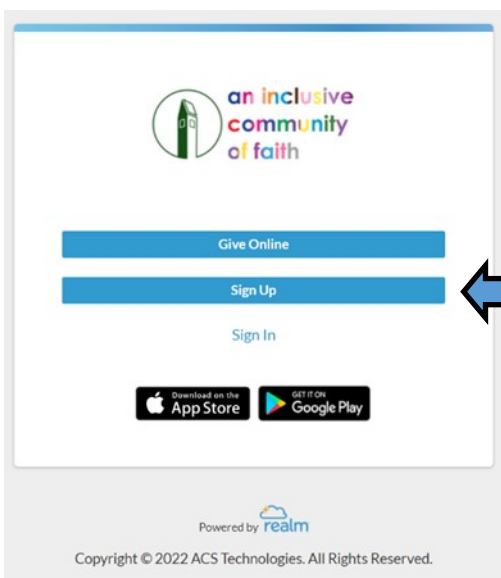
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We have an exciting new resource just for you!

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:



- 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).

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.

PRAYPRAYPRAYPRAY

▶ 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
 Jennie Pegram
 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.*

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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.

▶ 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



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Leadership

Rev. Lauren Efird, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church