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# 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.

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Today's color is green to symbolize the creation and growth that takes place in the season after Pentecost.

- Hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.
- Services are livestreamed and you may end up on camera.

# Faces of our Faith

We're beginning a new series in worship today called Faces of our Faith that will take a look at specific characters in our Scriptures and ask what we can learn from them. Some of these characters will be familiar to you and others may be entirely new! We're excited to welcome this lineup of preachers during Rev. Lauren Efird's sabbatical to share these stories with us.



Rev. Kadeisha Bonsu Hagar (June 19)



Rev. Amanda Warren Shiprah and Puah (June 26) Mary Magdalene (July 24)



**Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks** Daughters of Zelophehad (July 3)



Rev. Bucky Sydnor Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (July 10)



Rev. Al Whitehouse Jonah (July 17) Peter and Paul (August 21)



Susan Meador The Woman at the Well (July 31)



Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome Barrabas (August 7)



Rev. Marie Collins-Maingi The Centurian (August 14)



# The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Welcome to Worship Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (Psalm 43)

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause

against an ungodly people;

People: from those who are deceitful and unjust deliver me!

Leader: For you are the God in whom I take refuge;

why have you cast me off?

People: Why must I walk about mournfully

because of the oppression of the enemy?

Leader: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;

People: let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Leader: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy;

People: and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul,

and why are you disquieted within me?

People: Hope in God; for I shall again praise the Lord, my help and my God.

Invocation Rev. Spears-Newsome

Gathering Hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness

(see page 4)

Offertory Prayer Chris Beal



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. Dr. 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 Ride on, King Jesus

(see pages 7-8)

Scripture Reading Selections from Genesis 16 and 21 Rev. Kadeisha Bonsu

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 Freedom Come Ben Allaway

Soloist: Ken Scott

Inside these walls,

freedom come, freedom come,

Come one and all.

freedom come, freedom come,

Hallelujah!

Come for the healing;

freedom come, freedom come.

We will pray for healing.

Freedom come, freedom come.

Come for the victory,
freedom come, freedom come.

We will share the victory.
Freedom come, freedom come.

Hallelujah!

Inside these walls,
healing come, healing come.
Come one and all,
healing come, healing come.
Come with your burden;
healing come, healing come.
we will share your burden.
Healing come, healing come.
Come with your sorrow;
healing come, healing come.
We will share your sorrow.
Healing come, healing come.
Bring your burden. Sing it away,
Hallelujah!

Inside these walls, kingdom come, kingdom come. Come, one and all, kingdom come, kingdom come. Come if you're guilty;
kingdom come, kingdom come.
We are all guilty,
kingdom come, kingdom come.
Come for forgiveness;
kingdom come, kingdom come.
We all need forgiveness;
kingdom come, kingdom come.

Bring your anger; sing it away.
Bring your hatred; sing it away.
Bring your burden; pray it away.
Bring your sorrow; pray it away.
Hallelujah!

Jesus come. Freedom come. Hallelujah!

Sermon Hagar Rev. Bonsu

# Hymn

Way Maker

You are here, moving in our midst,
I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, working in this place,
I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, turning lives around,
I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, mending every heart,
I worship you, I worship you.

Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness.

My God, that is who you are (x2)

You are here, touching every heart, I worship you, I worship you. You are here, turning lives around, I worship you, I worship you.

**Benediction** Rev. Bonsu

## Postlude

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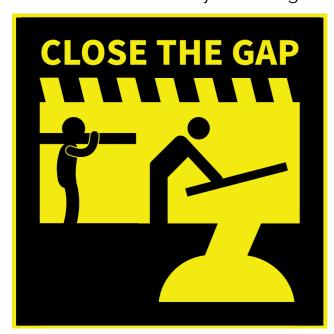




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# Help us Close the Gap!

Unfortunately, this year saw continued disruption for many of us because of the pandemic. That's been true for our financial life as a church, too. As of the end of May, we have spent \$32,808 more than we've received and we are also \$86,694 behind in projected congregational receipts. We can still fully subscribe this year's budget and close the gap between our spending and receipts. Can you help us achieve that goal? Don't forget your church over the next few travel-heavy months and we can end this fiscal year strong!



## Stories of Vocation and Faith

Our Faith Formation Series on vocation continues this week with Rick Chappell sharing about his work and faith. Mary Whitehouse will finish the series on June 26.

# Finding Your Place at GFBC

We have a follow-up to the Spiritual Life survey up now at **gfbccary.org/place**. Please fill it out to help us shape our life together next church year!

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# Neighborhood Summer Program

Every summer, we join with other area churches in hosting a summer program with nutrition assistance and educational enrichment for neighborhood children. The program runs from 9:00-12:30 on Thursdays during the summer. If you can volunteer for any Thursday morning between June 23 and August 18, email Rev. Spears-Newsome (wesley.spearsnewsome@gfbccary.org) to sign up. We need folks who can work in the kitchen and who can play with elementary-school-aged kids. GFBC kids are also welcome to attend the program.

## Yarn Donations Needed

Marlen Ruegg is working with the Neighborhood Summer Program again this year to provide an activity for the mothers of participating children. We could use donations of any chunky yarns to use with hoop kits to support this activity. You can bring donations by the church office on Sunday mornings throughout the summer, but we especially need some over the next few weeks to get started.

#### **PRAYPRAYPRAY**

# Prayer List\*

Richard Adair (Janice Medford's brother)

Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)

Gilles Bikindou

Scott Davenport (friend of the Biser family)

**Elaine Dodson** 

David Floyd

The Floyd Family at the death of Ed Floyd

Vanna Fox

James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)

Sylvia Morgan

Angela Nevils-Harris (Martha Soyars' cousin)

Harold 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 readded upon request.

#### **GIVEGIVEGIVE**

# 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 <u>gfbccary.org/give</u>.

# May 2022 Finance Update

Updated when the previous months' books close.

	May 2022	YTD
Congregational Giving	\$51,654	\$423,236
Congregational Giving Target	\$63,750	\$509,930
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$12,096)	(\$86,694)
Other Receipts	\$12,793	\$93,909
Total Giving and Receipts	\$64,447	\$517,145
Total Disbursements	\$57,202	\$549,953
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	\$7,245	(\$32,808)
Together We Build Giving	\$5,800	\$161,397

