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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.

► *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)



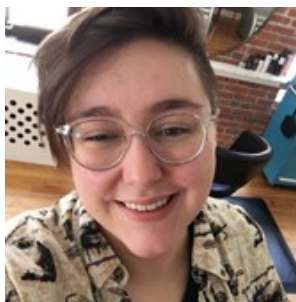
Rev. Al Whitehouse
Jonah (July 17)
Peter and Paul (August 21)



Susan Meador
The Woman at the Well
(July 31)



Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome
Barrabas (August 7)



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



Order of Worship

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Sing Praise to God

arr. Lloyd Larson

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 30)

Lou Owoc-Edwards

Leader: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,

People: And did not let my foes rejoice over me.

Leader: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

People: And you have healed me.

Leader: O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,

People: Restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, O you faithful ones,

People: And give thanks to God's holy name.

Leader: For God's anger is but for a moment;

People: God's favor is for a lifetime.

Leader: Weeping may linger for the night,

People: But joy comes with the morning.

Leader: Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!

People: O LORD, be my helper!"

Leader: You have turned my mourning into dancing;

People: You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

Leader: So that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

People: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Invocation

Lou Owoc-Edwards

Gathering Hymn (pg. 6)

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

Offertory Prayer

Leta Huntsinger

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. Kadeisha Bonsu

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 (pg. 6)

O For a World

Scripture Reading

Numbers 27:1-11

Evan 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.

Sermon

Daughters of Zelophehad

Rev. Dr. Stacks

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 (pg. 7)

Come and Feast, For All Are Welcomed

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Stacks

Postlude

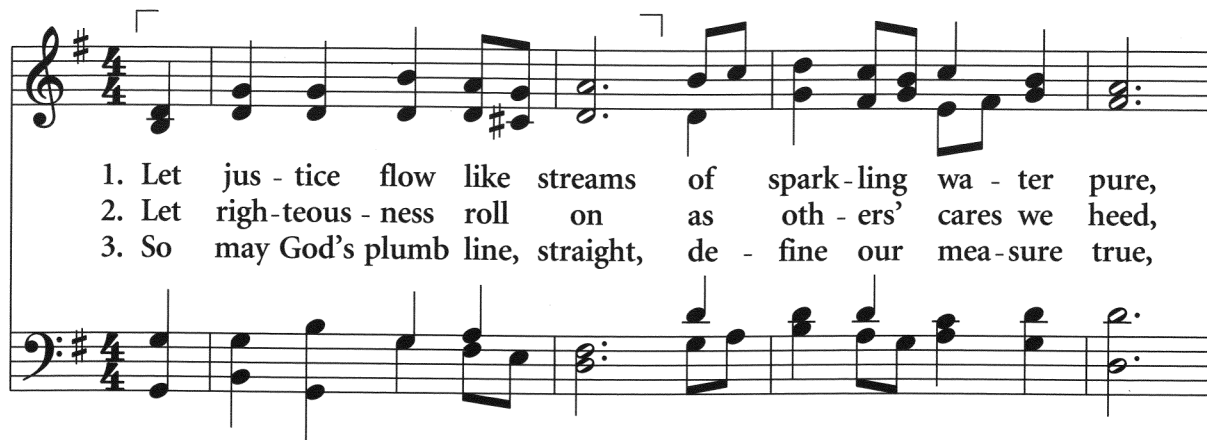
Song for the Nations

arr. Mark Hayes

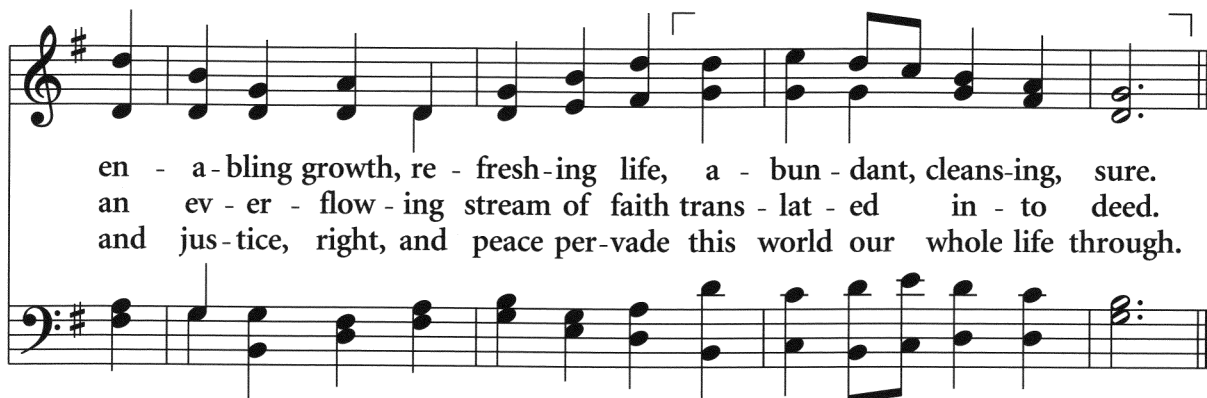
Hymns come from Celebrating Grace and Glory to God.

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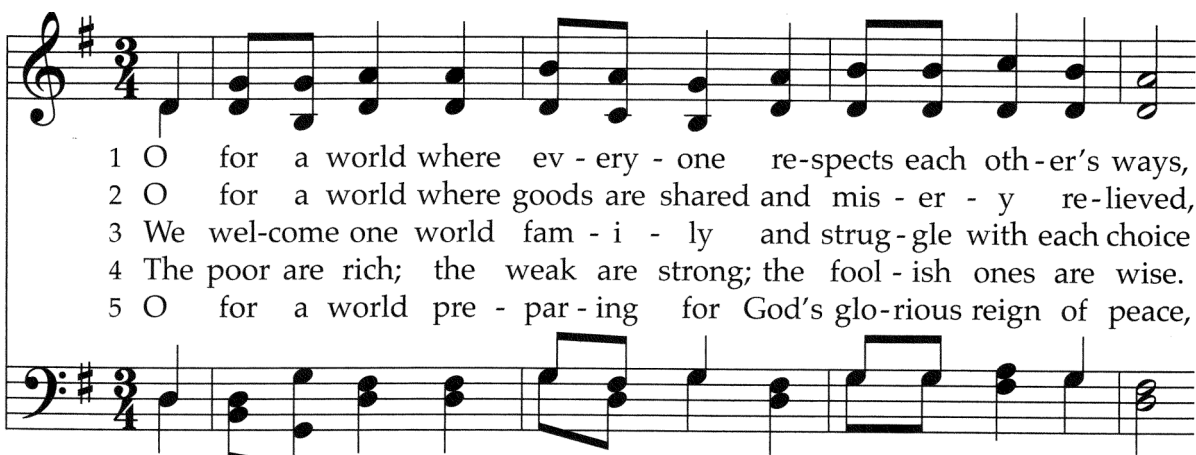
Let Justice Flow



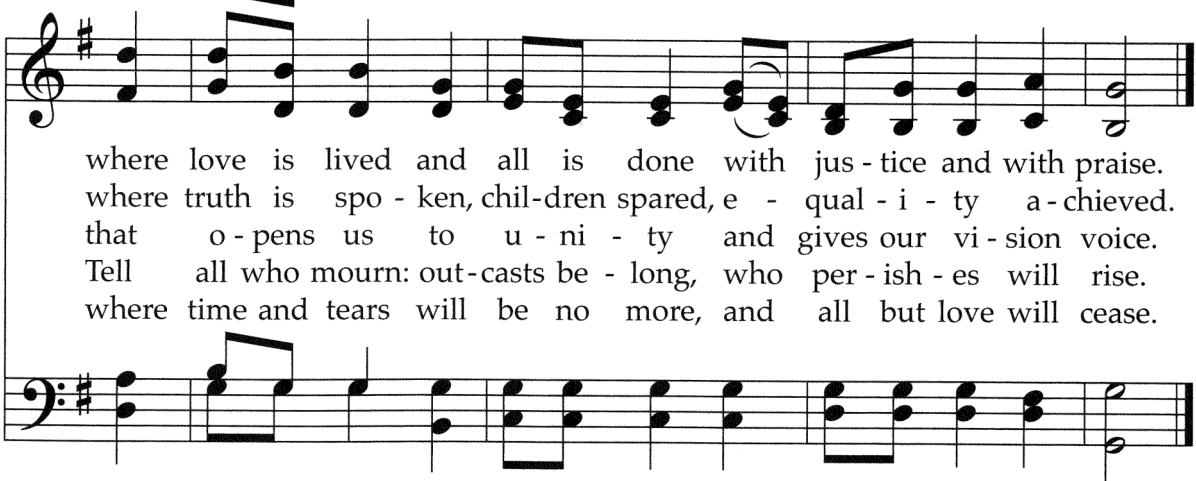
1. Let jus - tice flow like streams of spark - ling wa - ter pure,
2. Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3. So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.



1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

O For a World

Come and Feast, For All Are Welcome

1. Come and feast, for all are wel - comed at God's ta - ble
2. Here we nur - ture and en - cour - age as we share this
3. See the chal - ice lift - ed up - ward; smell the fra - grant,
4. With the Spir - it - blessed com - mis - sion, "Go and serve this

spread with love. Come pro - claim God's grace and good - ness
com - mon meal, while we fos - ter deep com - mun - ion
bro - ken bread; taste the gifts from field and vine - yard;
meal to all," take its love and peace - ful vi - sion

in, a - round us, and a - bove. Come and feast, for
and our in - ner - selves re - veal. Here we nur - ture
hear the words that Je - sus said: "Eat and drink, and
in - to ev - ery ban - quet hall. Go and serve as

all are wel - comed at God's ta - ble spread with love.
and en - cour - age as we share this com - mon meal.
in re - mem - brance touch your souls with wine and bread."
nour - ished peo - ple, glad - ly feed - ing one and all!

CONNECTCONNECT

► 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!

► Close the Gap Sunday (July 24)

This summer we have been working to close the gap between our giving and what we've needed to spend on our ministries. On Sunday July 24, we'll have a special time of commitment and celebration in worship to conclude this effort. In worship will we have a special congregational ingathering of gifts. If you have not yet made a gift to help us close the gap, we hope you'll consider doing so on or before July 24.



► Business Meeting (July 24)

There will be a regularly-scheduled business meeting on July 24 at 2pm via Zoom. The primary agenda item will be the draft budget for the 2022-2023 church fiscal year. If you have any issues connecting to these or other meetings via Zoom, please contact the church office and we'll work to make sure you can connect.

► GFBC Golf Tournament Returns!

You can register for our annual charity golf tournament (September 12) at gfbccary.org/golf. Sign up your team and come join us! Proceeds benefit the GFBC Organ Fund this year.

► GFBC Gets Out the Vote!

Two of the Cary Town Council seats up for election this year have advanced to a runoff—meaning the top 2 voter getters from the earlier election will be up for a vote again. We were able to score a major victory in securing \$9 million in funding for housing in Cary this year, but to keep those gains we need a council that supports housing and will listen to citizens concerned about it.

You have multiple opportunities to get out the vote:

- **Attend ONE Wake Press Conference at GFBC on July 7 @ 5:30 pm**

On the first day of early voting, ONE Wake will be holding a press conference at GFBC before we begin canvassing voters to remind them about the election. You are welcome to come support ONE Wake's efforts and be on camera with us to show your dedication to housing in Cary.

- **Canvass with GFBC and ONE Wake**

You can go talk to voters and distribute election information on July 7 (after the press conference at GFBC), July 16 (10am, Jack Smith Park), and July 25 (10am at GFBC). Sign up at onewake.org/events to let us know you're coming!

- **Pledge to Vote**

You can also pledge to vote yourself by adding to the narthex display your name and the names of anyone in your household/friends who you pledge to get to the polls.

► Family Promise

Family Promise has returned to an offsite model of providing for participating families. Instead of hosting families in the building, we will be delivering meals Monday through Friday, July 11-15, and a one-time delivery of groceries. If you can help with a meal or with grocery shopping, please contact Meg Spears-Newsome at megspearsnewsome@gmail.com.

► 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 **July 7 and August 18**, email Rev. Spears-Newsome to sign up. **We need folks who can work in the kitchen and who can play with elementary-school-aged kids.**

PRAYPRAYPRAYPRAY

► Prayer List*

Richard Adair (Janice Medford's brother)
 Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)
 Gilles Bikindou
 Jessi Cook (at the death of her grandmother)
 Scott Davenport (friend of the Biser family)
 Vanna Fox
 James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)
 Micah Jones (grandson of Gail and Virgil Jones)
 Angela Nevils-Harris (Martha Soyars' cousin)
 Jennie Pegram
 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 re-added upon request.*

GIVEGIVEGIVEGIVE

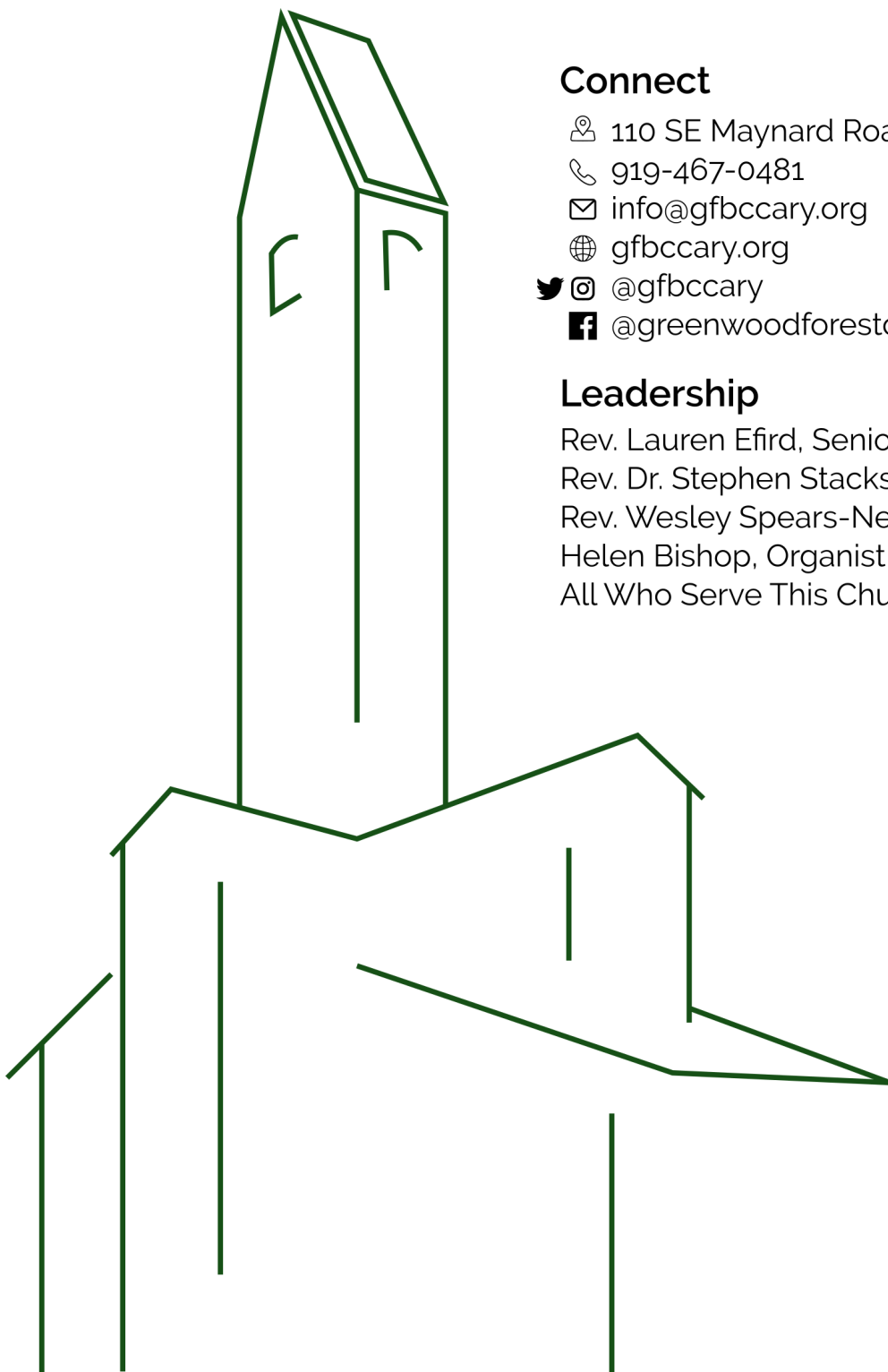
► Ways to Tithe

- 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.

► 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



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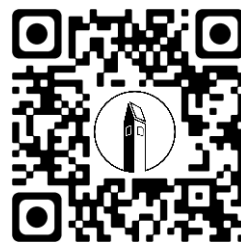
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Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church



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