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an inclusive community of faith

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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 Efrd'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)



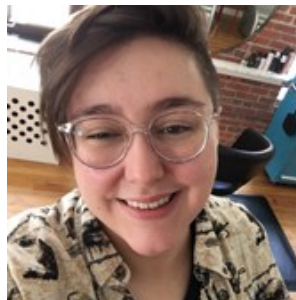
Rev. Al Whitehouse
Jonah (July 17)
Peter and Paul (August 21)



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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Brethren, We Have Met to Worship arr. Cindy Berry

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 82) Rev. Dr. Stacks

Leader: God has joined the divine council,

People: Holding judgment in the midst of the gods:

Leader: "How long will you judge unjustly

People: And show partiality to the wicked?

Leader: Give justice to the weak and the orphan!

People: Maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute!

Leader: Rescue the weak and the needy!

People: Deliver them from the hand of the wicked!"

Leader: Rise up, O God, judge the earth;

People: For all the nations belong to you!

Invocation Rev. Dr. Stacks

Gathering Hymn (pg. 6) How Firm a Foundation

Offertory Prayer Katie Lockhart

Presentation of the Offering OLD HUNDREDTH

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. Wesley Spears-Newsome

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. 7)

On Eagle's Wings

Scripture Reading

Daniel 3:8-30

Doug Black

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

The Storm is Passing Over

arr. Baker

Have courage, my soul, and let us journey on
Tho' the night is dark and I am far from home.
Thanks be to God, the morning light appears,

The storm is passing over,
The storm is passing over,
The storm is passing over,
Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
The storm is passing over,
Hallelujah!

Sermon	Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego	Rev. Bucky Sydnor.
Hymn (pg. 8)		I'd Rather Have Jesus
Benediction		Rev. Sydnor
Postlude	Jesus Shall Reign	arr. Victor Labenske

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How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
 3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fiery trials thy path-way shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose

is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He has said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee, I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

On Eagle's Wings

Unison

And He will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the

breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun and

Fine

hold you in the palm of His hand.

1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
 2. The snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
 3. You need not fear the ter - ror of the night nor the

bide in His shad - ow for life, say to the Lord, "My
 fa - mine will bring you no fear, un - der His wings your
 ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -

D.C.

ref - uge, my Rock in whom I trust."
 ref - uge, His faith - ful - ness you shield.
 bout you, near you it shall not come.

I'd Rather Have Jesus

1. I'd rath - er have Je - sus than sil - ver or gold, I'd
 2. I'd rath - er have Je - sus than your ap - plause, I'd
 3. He's fair - er than lil - ies of rar - est bloom, He's

rath - er be His than have rich - es un - told; I'd
 rath - er be faith - ful to His dear cause; I'd
 sweet - er than hon - ey from out the comb; He's

rath - er have Je - sus than hous - es or lands, I'd
 rath - er have Je - sus than world - wide fame, I'd
 all that my hun - ger - ing spir - it needs, I'd

rath - er be led by His nail - pierced hand.
 rath - er be true to His ho - ly name.
 rath - er have Je - sus and let Him lead.

Than to be the king of a vast do - main Or be held in
 sin's dread sway; I'd rath - er have Je - sus than
 an - y - thing This world af - fords to - day.

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► 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:

- **Canvass with GFBC and ONE Wake**

You can go talk to voters and distribute election information on July 16 (10am, Jack Smith Park) or 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.



Scan to give!

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.

► Prayer List*

Richard Adair (Janice Medford's brother)
 Nell Allen
 Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)
 Gilles Bikindou
 Scott Davenport (friend of the Biser family)
 The Family of Frank Decker at his death
 Vanna Fox
 James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)
 Angela Nevils-Harris (Martha Soyars' cousin)
 Jennie Pegram
 Denise Ritter and family (at the death of her mother)
 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.*

► 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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Leadership

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Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church