



First Presbyterian Church

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

World Communion Hymn

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Sing praise to God for all your days;
To God come raise your endless praise. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing to our God who brings shalom
to every nation, every home.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come bring your gifts of wine and bread;
Give thanks to Christ, our living head. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Come, celebrate and hear God's Word;
Good news for all can here be heard.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, now the Table is prepared;
Bread to be broken, wine to share. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Come, join the journey making peace,
Work faithfully and never cease.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Here at the table hope is found;
For all God's children love abounds. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let's celebrate our unity;
one worldwide human family.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

18th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

11:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

The time to begin preparing for worship is no later than the sounding of the chimes.

*The congregation is invited to stand.

**Seating of those arriving after worship has begun.

CHIMING

PRELUDE

Prelude from "TE DEUM"

M. Charpentier

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lamentations 3, Psalm 137

Dr. Andrew Chaney

One: "Sing to the LORD, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!"

All: But how can we sing the LORD'S song when so many are without?

One: Sing to the LORD, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

All: But how can we sing the LORD'S song when so many are gone.

One: Sing to the LORD, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

**All: Let us remember the joy of the LORD,
and sing a new song together!**

**HYMN (see cover)

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you who are merciful and full of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord...

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE, No. 394, Stanza 4

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run!

PROCLAIM THE WORD

EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

ANTHEM **Guide My Feet** arr. Brad Nix
(Choristers Choir)

Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!
Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race ...
Stand by me, Lord, while I run this race ...
I'm your child, Lord, while I run this race ...

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS Elder Allyn Camp

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE **I Corinthians 2:1-5** Dr. Andrew Chaney

SERMON **Evangelism in Liverpool** Mr. Shapoor Ahmadi

*HYMN 772 **Live Into Hope** TRURO

THE WORD ENACTED Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

As you serve the bread, say, "This is the body of Christ broken for you."

As you serve the cup, say, "This is the blood of Christ shed for you."

Anthem **Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness** arr. Wolff

Soul, adorn thyself with gladness, leave behind all gloom and sadness; come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy thy praises render unto him whose grace unbounded, hath this wondrous supper founded. High o'er all the heav'ns he reigneth, yet to dwell with thee he deigneth. Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me gladly here obey thee. By thy love I am invited, be thy love with love requited; from this supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure. Through the gifts thou here dost give me as thy guest in heav'n receive me.

Time for Meditation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory **Allegretto** G. F. Handel

*Doxology, No. 606 OLD 100TH

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer Dr. Andrew Chaney

*HYMN 318 **In Christ There Is No East or West** ST. PETER

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE **Postlude in E-flat** Theodore Dubois

318 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

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Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

WELCOME TO THIS HOUR OF WORSHIP

We hope that you will be made to feel welcome here and that you will find this service helpful to you in your Christian life. If you are a visitor, please know that we are glad for your presence here. Please help us to know you better by filling out the Friendship Register and then pass it to the person seated next to you. Take note with whom you are worshiping with and greet them warmly! Welcome one another to the Lord's House! Should you be interested in joining this congregation, please check the appropriate box on the Friendship Register and we will be in touch with you, or you may call the church office at (662) 453-4680. The Session meets periodically at 10:35 a.m. on Sunday to receive new members into our congregation.

A Nursery Is Available for children 3 years and younger in Room 103 in the Van Arnold Education Building located directly across the street from the Sanctuary.

Accessibility: Large print Bibles, hymnals, and hearing devices are available in the back of the Sanctuary. At the end of the service, please return these to the back tables.

Cell Phones and Photography: In order to maintain reverence during the service, please silence all cell phones and other communication devices and refrain from unauthorized photography or recordings.

Internet Broadcast: To watch the service live on a computer, tablet, or smart phone, go to www.firstgreenwood.net/video. Worship bulletins are available under the "Worship" tab on the website, as are archived services. You may also access the worship service live by going to the church's Facebook page.

Community Food Pantry: Please bring canned food and place it in the Food Pantry Collection Box near the handicap entrance.

Hospital Visitation: Please call the church office to let us know whether you are in the hospital or know of any church member in the hospital, since the hospital here no longer lists names of hospitalized persons on a public register.

Elder Pat Gullede is the visitation elder for **September**.

Ushers for Today: Brett Canterbury, Emmie Daugherty, Alan Ellis, Lawson Gary, Johnny Jennings, and Sam Pigott

Security Detail: Alan Barger and Andy Austin

Children's Church for 4- & 5-year-olds with Chris and Courtney Walker

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1, 2023

9:30 am Choristers Choir
9:45 am Breakfast in Shuler Hall
10:00 am Shapoor Ahmadi speaking
10:30 am Communion Assignments
11:00 am Worship/Communion
12:00 pm Witness Committee Meeting
5:00 pm Youth Scavenger Hunt

Monday, October 2, 2023

10:30 am PW Coordinating Team
5:00 pm Youth Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

12:00 pm Kirkin' Committee Meeting
5:30 pm FPK Board Meeting

Wednesday October 4, 2023

12:00 pm Noon Bible Study
2:30 pm Liturgy
5:30 pm S.A.L.T. Dinner
6:00 pm S.A.L.T. Classes
6:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 5, 2023

6:45 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God from memorial gifts given to the Flower Guild.

We welcome today Shapoor Ahmadi and his wife, Yasamin, to our service. Shapoor Ahmadi is the Founder of Operation Promises, and part of the leadership of the Liverpool Iranian Church. He is an Associate Evangelist with Mission24. Shapoor, a Civil Engineer and former asylum seeker from Iran, is all too familiar with the fears and struggles that refugees experience after leaving their war-torn homelands or oppressive governments. Now based in Liverpool, he pastors the Liverpool Iranian Church and leads the Middle East Outreach Department of Mission 24. Based in Liverpool, England — the first stop for refugees entering England — Shapoor calls this strategic location home for him and his outreach.

Today is World Communion Sunday, which is always observed on the first Sunday in October. World Communion Sunday is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933. The breads in the trays today are representative of the United States, France, Germany, Italy, and Israel. **Our thanks to** Susan Beckham and Allyn Camp for preparing our communion elements today.

Witness Committee meets immediately after worship in the Church Parlor.

Youth Scavenger Hunt this evening. Gather at the Parish Youth Building at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided afterwards.

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering this evening from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the home of Audra Ellis. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

PW Coordinating Team meets Monday, October 2, at 10:30 a.m.

Youth Committee meets Monday, October 2, at 5:00 p.m.

Kirkin' O' the Tartans Committee meets Tuesday, October 3, at 12:00 p.m.

FPK Board meets Tuesday, October 3, at 5:30 p.m.

Noon Bible Study meets Wednesday, October 4, at 12:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be leading the study on Daniel 3:1-7. Bring your own lunch. Coffee and water are provided by the church. Enjoy fellowship with one another from 12:00 – 12:15 p.m. at which time the Bible study will begin.

S. A. L. T. (Serving and Learning Together) – Our popular S.A.L.T. program continues this Wednesday, October 4, and will continue through next Wednesday, October 11. Dinner is served in Shuler Hall at 5:30 p.m. S.A.L.T. Classes/Chancel Choir Rehearsal both begin at 6:00 p.m. Elder Miller King will be leading the Adult Class in a study titled “Combating Cultural Christianity”. The Children will use the study “Kid’s Travel Guide to the Fruit of the Spirit”. The Youth will continue their study titled “What Does It Mean to Be Chosen” utilizing the series “The Chosen”.

Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study meets Thursday, October 5, at 6:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be presenting a study on Daniel 3:1-7.

Our Director of Youth Ministries Whitney Avritt will be speaking in worship next Sunday, October 8, regarding her experiences this past year with The Youth Cartel program she has attended with fellow women youth ministers.

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Foreign Missionaries/Missions We Support:

Shapoor Ahmadi, Operation Promise
Liverpool, England Persian Church & Outreach Ministries
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Amos Yam, San Pablo Theological Seminary, Merida, Yucatan
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Jordan Walker (MSU), Rebecca Gasson (Ole Miss)
Presbyterian Church of Aleppo, Turkey
Ivan Rusyn, Ukraine Evangelical Seminary

SESSION

CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026
Jim Bowen	Susan Beckham	Dallas Baker
Sherry Clark	Taylor Calhoun	Alan Barger
Todd Fincher	Chuck Conditt	Miller King
Mary Haley Flautt	Jimmy Lott	Reese Pillow
Pat Gullede	Moss Melton	John Stewart III
Cathy Jennings	Richard Oakes	Ryan Strawbridge

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026
Lina Elfert	Rebekah Arant	Christie Beattie
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Randy Tackett	Zach Luke	Sam Pigott



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