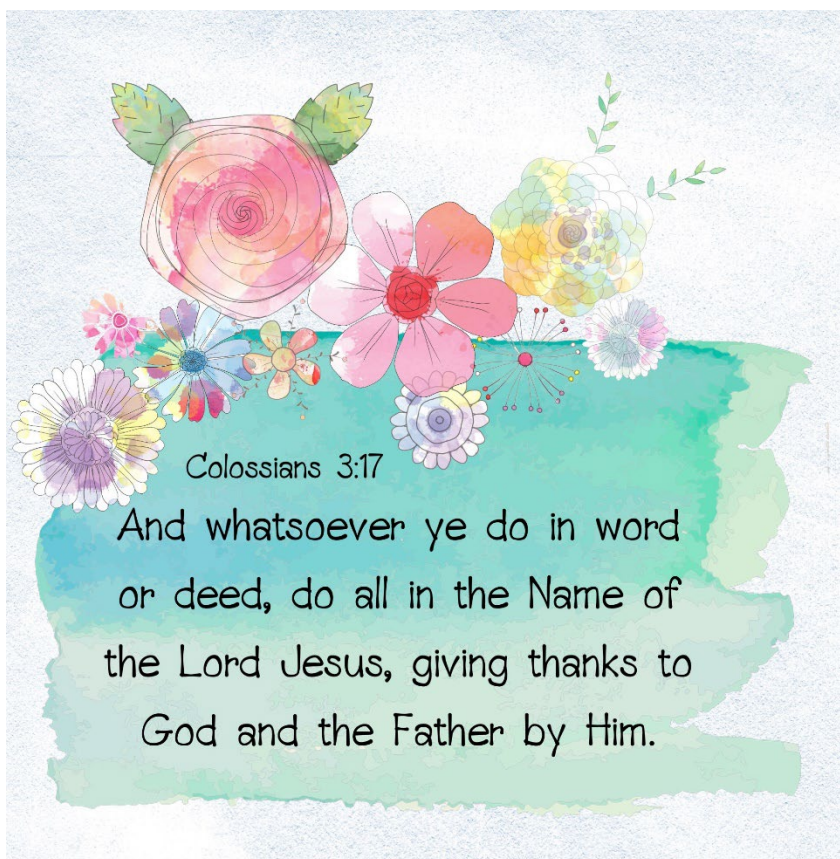




# First Presbyterian Church

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI



**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 8, 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 in C-minor**

Theodore Dubois

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Psalm 95:1, 2**

Elder Wanda Clark

One: "O come, let us sing to the Lord  
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!"

**All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,  
Singing joyful songs of praise!**

\*\*HYMN 267

**Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

MADRID

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior we pray...**

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

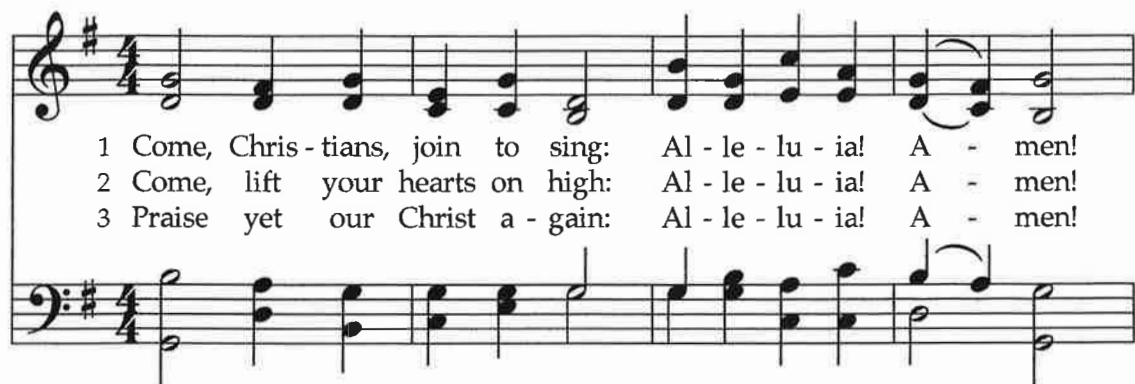
EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

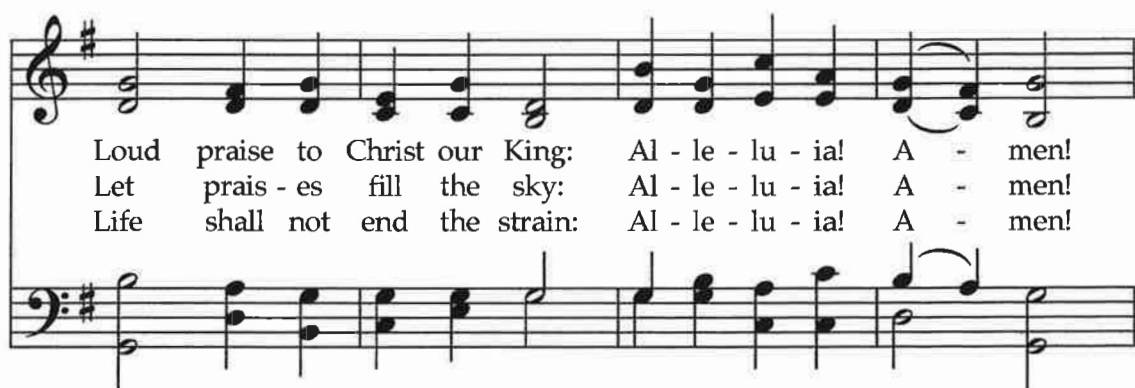
Ashley Scott



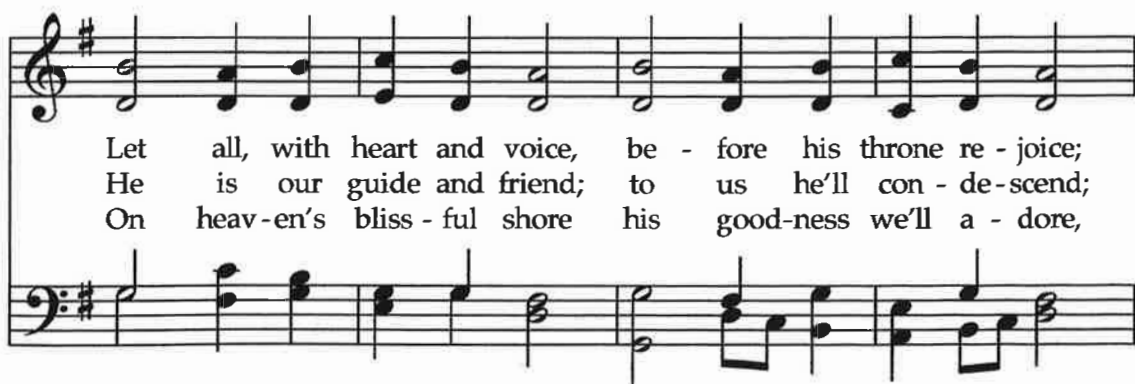
# 267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing



1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;  
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

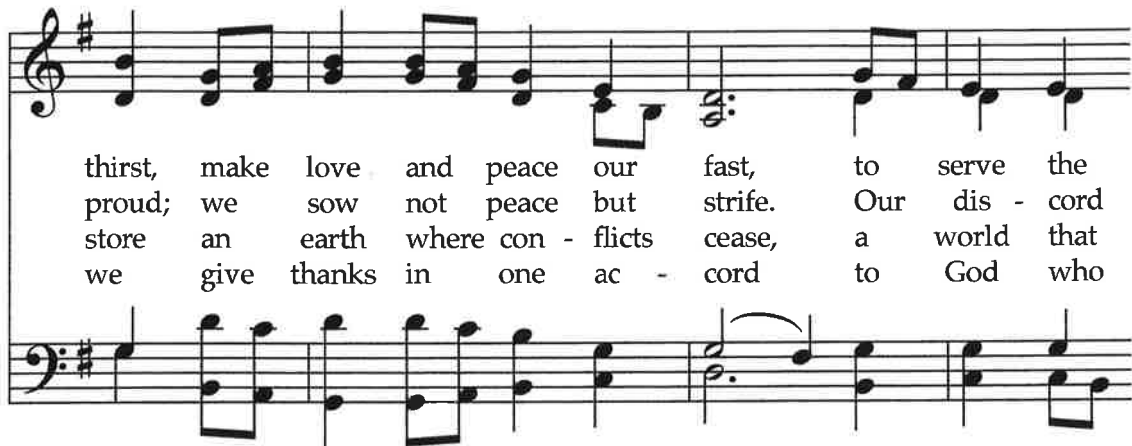
# 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

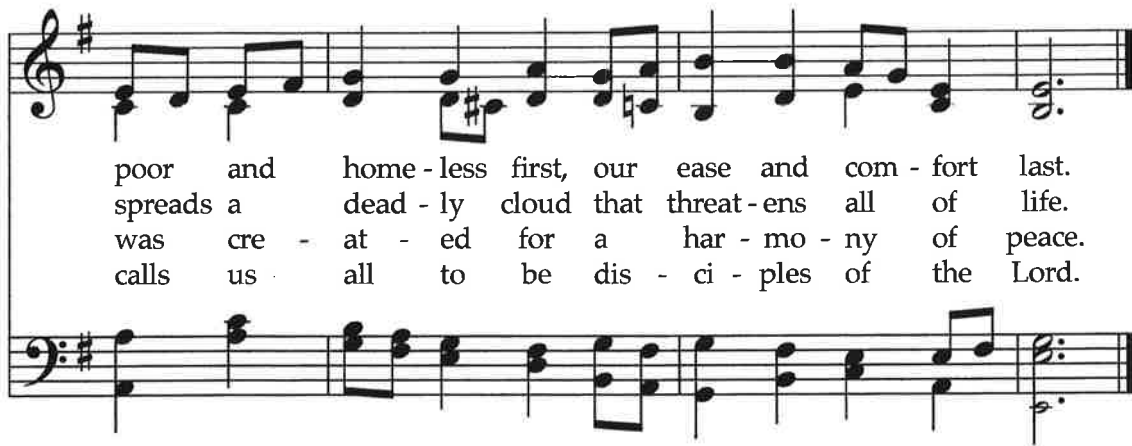
Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

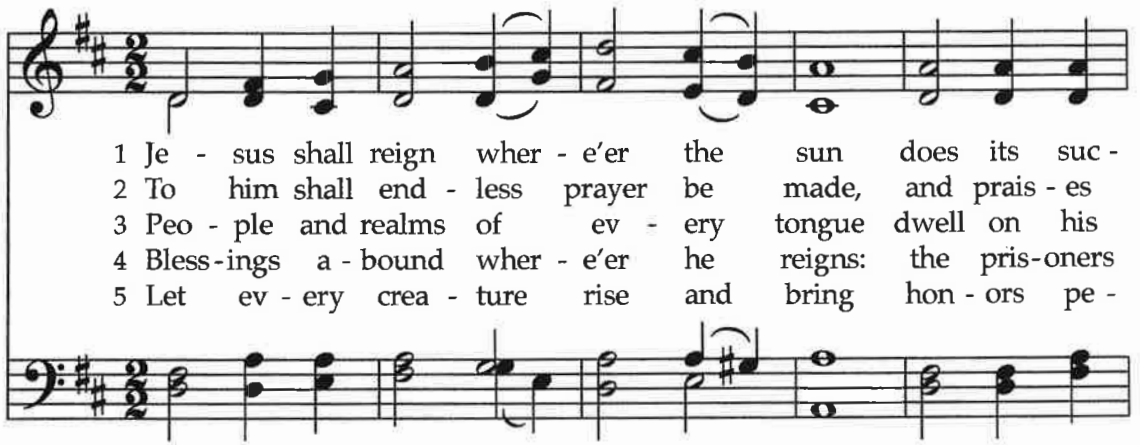


thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the  
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord  
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that  
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

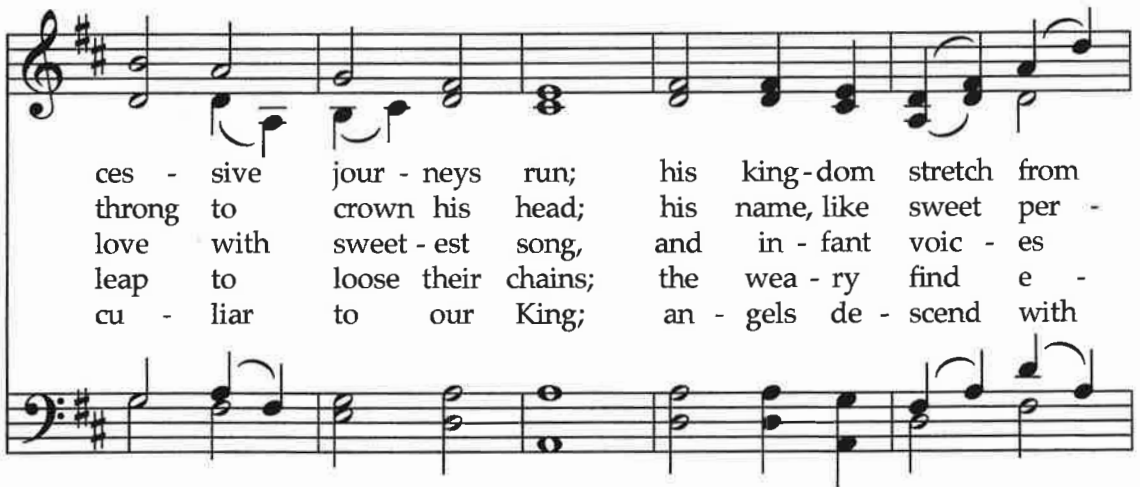


poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

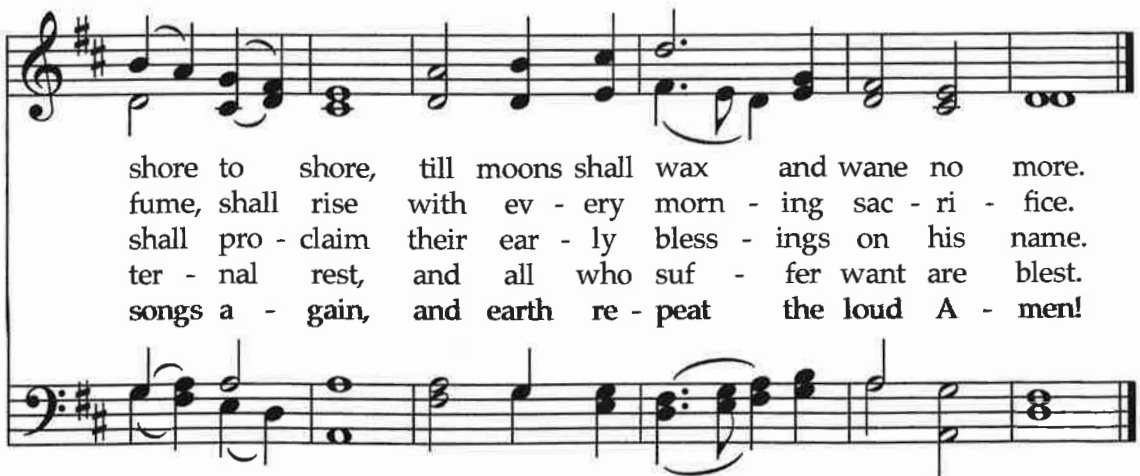
## 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es  
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -  
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5-19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.



## 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 worshipping 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](http://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 Cathy Jennings** is the visitation elder for **October**.

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

**Security Detail:** Bill Burrus and Clifton Thach

**Children's Church** for 4- & 5-year-olds with Alan and Margie Barger

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 8, 2023

9:40 am Choristers Choir  
10:00 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Fellowship Time  
11:00 am Worship

### Monday, October 9, 2023

6:00 pm Worship & Music Comm.

### Wednesday October 11, 2023

12:00 pm Noon Bible Study  
2:30 pm Liturgy  
4:30 pm Stewardship & Finance  
5:30 pm S.A.L.T. Dinner  
6:00 pm S.A.L.T. Classes  
6:00 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, October 12, 2023

6:45 am Men's Breakfast and  
Bible Study  
5:30 pm Administrative Comm.

### Friday, October 13, 2023

ECO Presbytery of the South  
Meeting in Marietta, GA  
Youth Fifth Quarter after Pillow  
Academy football at Locus  
Benedictus

### Saturday, October 14, 2023

ECO Presbytery of the South  
Meeting in Marietta, GA



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Dr. Andrew Chaney** is away today making a college visit with his daughter this weekend.

**We welcome to the pulpit** today Whitney Avritt, our Director of Youth Ministries. She will be speaking about her experiences this past year with The Youth Cartel program she has attended with fellow women youth ministers.

**Our thanks** to Elder Wanda Clark for serving as our liturgist today.

**PYF will not meet** this evening due to Fall Break.

**Worship and Music Committee** meets Monday, October 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the Session Room.

**Noon Bible Study** meets Wednesday, October 11, at 12:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be leading the study on John 14:16-26. 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.

**Stewardship and Finance Committee** meets Wednesday, October 11, at 4:30 p.m. in the Session Room to work on the 2024 Proposed Budget.

**S. A. L. T. (Serving and Learning Together)** – Our popular S.A.L.T. program concludes this 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 is leading the Adult Class in a study titled “Combating Cultural Christianity”. The Children are using the study “Kid’s Travel Guide to the Fruit of the Spirit”. The Youth are continuing their study titled “What Does It Mean to Be Chosen” utilizing the series “The Chosen”.

**Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study** meets Thursday, October 12, at 6:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be presenting a study on John 14:16-26.

**Administrative Committee** meets Thursday, October 12, at 5:30 p.m. in the Session Room.

**Youth Fifth Quarter** for Junior and Senior High youth at Locus Benedictus, Friday, October 13, after the Pillow Academy football game.

**ECO Presbytery of the South** will have a meeting of the Presbytery on Friday, October 13, and on Saturday, October 14 at the Marietta Community Church in Marietta, Georgia. Dr. Andrew Chaney will be attending.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Kindergarten Director	Caroline Strawbridge
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## Foreign Missionaries/Missions We Support:

Shapoor Ahmadi, Operation Promise  
Liverpool, England Persian Church & Outreach Ministries  
Bill Holland, Ahava Ministries  
Bill and Bette Bryant Crisis Nursery, Lusaka, Zambia  
Cistern Project of the Yucatan  
Amos Yam, San Pablo Theological Seminary, Merida, Yucatan  
Potter and Clay Ministries of Haiti,  
Jordan Walker (MSU), Rebecca Gasson (Ole Miss)  
Presbyterian Church of Aleppo, Turkey  
Ivan Rusyn, Ukraine Evangelical Seminary

## SESSION

### CLASS OF 2024

Jim Bowen  
Sherry Clark  
Todd Fincher  
Mary Haley Flautt  
Pat Gulledege  
Cathy Jennings

### CLASS OF 2025

Susan Beckham  
Taylor Calhoun  
Chuck Conditt  
Jimmy Lott  
Moss Melton  
Richard Oakes

### CLASS OF 2026

Dallas Baker  
Alan Barger  
Miller King  
Reese Pillow  
John Stewart III  
Ryan Strawbridge

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### CLASS OF 2024

Lina Elfert  
Lynn Riales  
Randy Tackett

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Karla Bowen  
Zach Luke

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