



First
Presbyterian
Church

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

Jesus Is Asking ...

November 5

Who Do You Say I Am?

Luke 9:18-27

November 12

What Do You Live For?

Mark 8:34-38

November 19

Why Are You Afraid?

Matthew 8:23-27

November 26

Why Are You Anxious?

Luke 12:25-31

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 5, 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

J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:4-9

Dr. Andrew Chaney

One: "I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

All: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

One: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

All: O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want."

Let us worship God together!

**HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

*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

Gracious God, you call us to a life of intimate relationship with you and with one another. You call us to a life of community, where we actively seek the needs of others before our own. We acknowledge that we have fallen. We repent of neglecting you. We repent of our selfishness. We repent of our apathy toward the needs of others. Forgive us, O Lord...

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

**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

♦Minutes for Stewardship

Elder Clifton Thach,
Stewardship Campaign Chair

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Elder Jan Sturdivant

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD READ

Luke 9:18-27

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Jesus is Asking...”

Dr. Andrew Chaney

1. Who Do You Say I Am?

COMMUNION ANTHEM

arr. K. Robison

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen; here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all weariness upon thee lean. Here would I feed upon the bread of God, here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven; here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven. I have no help but thine, nor do I need another arm save thine to lean upon; it is enough, my Lord, enough in deed; my strength is in thy might, thy might alone. This is the hour of banquet and song; let feasting still prolong this hour of fellowship with thee. Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness; mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood. Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace; thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord, my God.

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.”

Time for Meditation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Siciliana from Sonata in E-flat

J. S. Bach

*Doxology, No. 606

OLD 100TH

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer

Elder Susan Beckham

*HYMN 720

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Fugue in C

J. S. Bach

720

Jesus Calls Us

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

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. 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 Dallas Baker** is the visitation elder for **November**.

Ushers for Today: Richard Beattie, Wanda Clark, Wade Litton, Drew Pinkston, Claire Smith, Ryan Strawbridge

Security Detail: Miller Arant and Mark Vemer.

Children's Church for 4- & 5-year-olds with Anna and Walter Moses

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 5, 2023

9:40 am Choristers Choir
10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Communion Assignments
10:35 am Welcome to the Table and
Called Session Meeting
11:00 am Worship/Communion

Monday, November 6, 2023

10:30 am PW Coordinating Team
5:00 pm Youth Committee
5:30 pm Worship and Music Comm.
7:00 pm Classics at First Concert

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

5:30 pm FPK Board Meeting

Wednesday November 8, 2023

12:00 pm Noon Bible Study
2:30 pm Liturgy
5:30 pm Youth Dinner
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study
6:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 9, 2023

6:45 am Men's Breakfast and
Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be served as part of worship today. "The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who have been baptized, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to receive Christ in this sacrament, the believer is to confess sin and brokenness, to seek reconciliation with God and neighbor, and trust in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may come to the Table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus. Baptized children who are being nurtured and instructed in the significance of the invitation to the Table and the meaning of their response are invited to receive the Lord's Supper, recognizing that their understanding of participation will vary according to their maturity." **Our thanks to** Susan Beckham and Beverly Quinn for preparing our communion elements for this morning.

Welcome to the Table was held this morning at 10:35 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Children in the 1st grade, or older children who had not participated before, gathered around to learn about the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with Dr. Chaney. They met with the Session afterwards.

Our thanks to Paul Brown for enhancing our worship today with the flute.

PW Coordinating Team meets Monday, November 6, at 10:30 a.m.

Youth Committee meets Monday, November 6, at 5:00 p.m.

Classics at First, the classical music concert series of FPC, presents tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m., Somerset Peede, viola, and Stefan Christie, piano. Both of these young artists are recent graduates of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, England. Please support your church's commitment to bringing classical music to Greenwood, and the greater Delta, by attending and bringing a friend with you. The concert is free to the public.

FPC Kindergarten Board meets Tuesday, November 7, at 5:30 p.m.

Noon Bible Study meets Wednesday, November 8, at 12:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be leading the study on Mark 8:34-38. 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.

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study meets Thursday, November 9, at 6:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be leading the study on Mark 8:34-38. All men of the church are invited to attend.

Stewardship News: You have received a letter in the mail from Dr. Andrew Chaney regarding our 2024 Stewardship Campaign. Pledge cards and Time and Talent Surveys were included in the mailing. Prayerfully consider how you will respond to the 2024 Stewardship Campaign. **Stewardship Dedication Sunday is next Sunday, November 12.** Pledge cards and Time and Talent Surveys will be brought forward during the worship service and placed on the table.

Covered Entrance/Parking Lot pledge cards are available in the Church Office for anyone who did not receive one.

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SESSION

CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026
Jim Bowen	Susan Beckham	Dallas Baker
Sherry Clark	Taylor Calhoun	Alan Barger
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Cathy Jennings	Richard Oakes	Ryan Strawbridge

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CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026
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