



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?
II Timothy 4:6-18
Mark 8:36-37

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

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Stewardship Dedication Sunday

November 12, 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 **Festival Prelude on OLD 100TH** arr. Fred Bock

*CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 78:1-7** Dr. Andrew Chaney

One: "Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

All: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

One: He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children.

All: That the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments."

Let us worship God together!

HYMN 711 **Lord of All Good TOULON

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty Father, we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us. We have failed to love others as you love us. We have not exalted you above all else. We cling to the sins that entangle, rather than accepting the freedom you offer us by your grace. Forgive us and have mercy on us. For it is in the name of Jesus 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

ANTHEM

God, We Honor You
Choristers Choir

James Clemens

God, we honor you, God, we trust in you, God, we worship and adore you. Take what we bring, offered to you, teach us to show your abundant blessings. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Elder Pat Gullede

ANTHEM

Look at the World

John Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us. Look at the world, and marvel every day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. *Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see: all the gifts we share and every blessing, all things come of thee.* Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows, everything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold. Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love; we are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth, and his the heavens above.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

II Timothy 4:6-18; Mark 8:36-37

SERMON

"Jesus is Asking..."

Dr. Andrew Chaney

2. What Do You Live For?

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*PRESENTATION OF PLEDGE CARDS AND TIME & TALENT SURVEYS

*HYMN 414 **As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought** FOREST GREEN

*LITANY OF DEDICATION

One: Gracious God, today we acknowledge all that we are, and all that we have received, is a gift from You.

All: **You have blessed us beyond our deserving and you desire us to be good stewards of all You have entrusted to us.**

One: To that end we offer ourselves, our gifts, our talents, our commitment, and our money to you and to the work of your Kingdom.

All: **Receive and bless these gifts which we dedicate to your glory. We thank and praise you for the gift of your Son to the world and may He bless and multiply these gifts as He did the five loaves and two fish, through Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Adagio in A

Felix Mendelssohn

*Doxology, No. 606

OLD 100TH

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer

Elder Taylor Calhoun

*HYMN 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Postlude in G

arr. David Lasky

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Lord of All Good

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
 2 We give our minds to un - der - stand your ways;
 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;

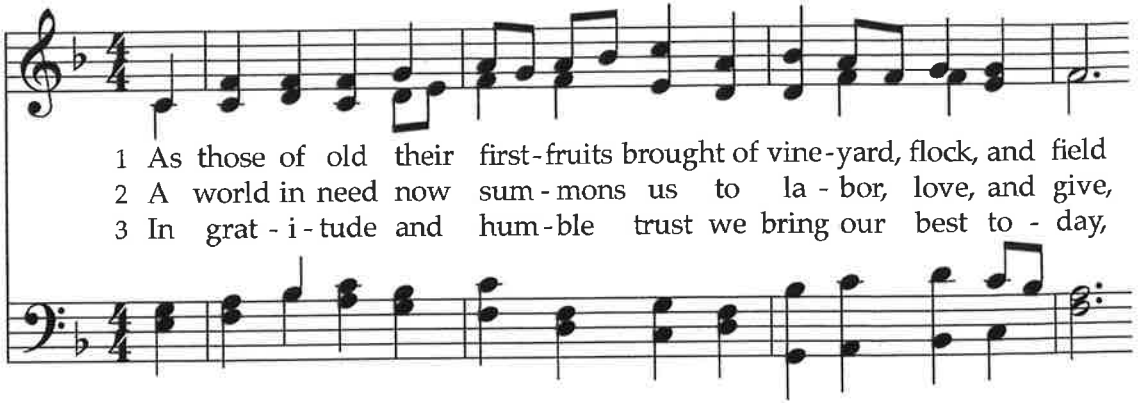
use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill,
 hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great de - sign;
 Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;

to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,
 heart with the flame of your own love a - blaze,
 Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:

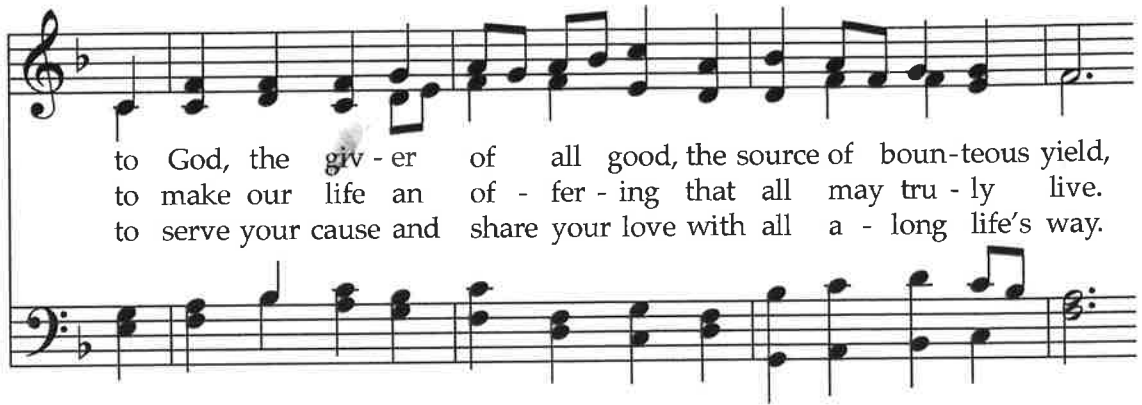
that our whole life is of - fered to your will.
 till for your glo - ry all our powers com - bine.
 to you with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

A pastor wrote this text for a Christmas fair, which perhaps added echoes to the words "gifts" and "give" in the first two stanzas. But no hints are needed to grasp the full meaning of this hymn's final line. The text is set to a shortened form of a widely used Genevan tune.

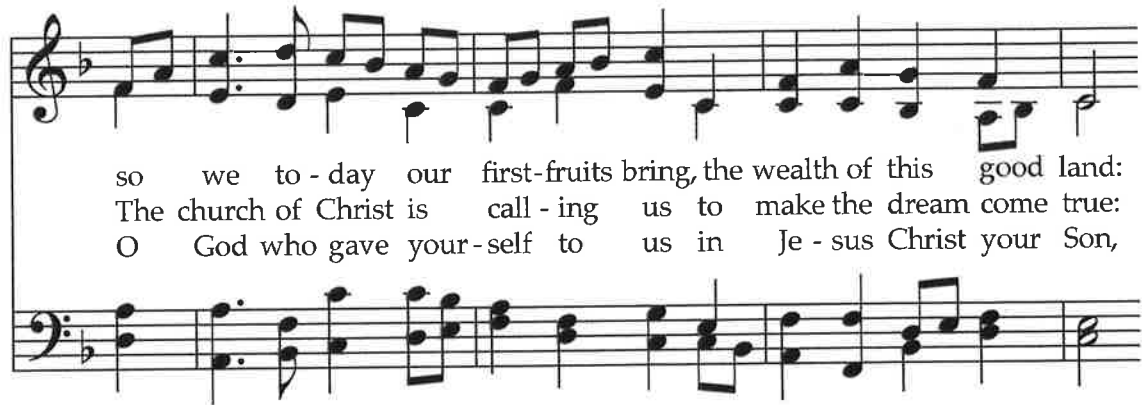
712 As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought



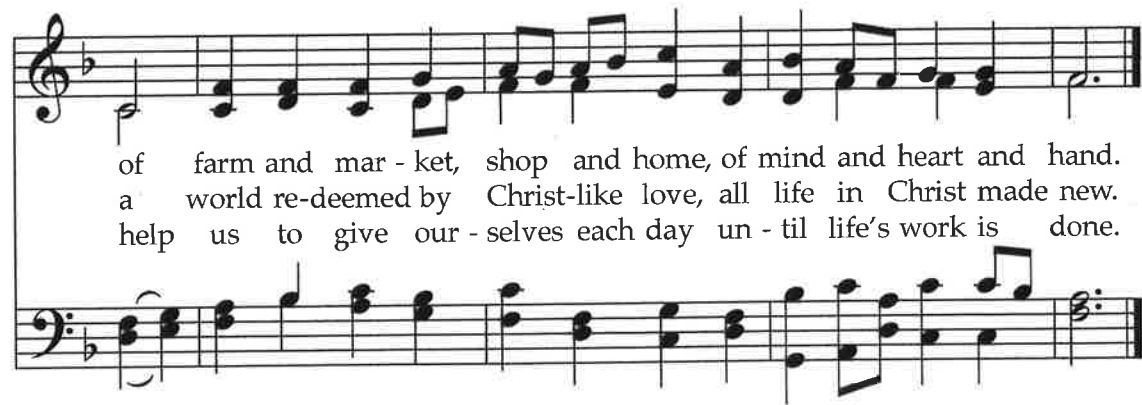
1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,
 3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to-day,



to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
 to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.



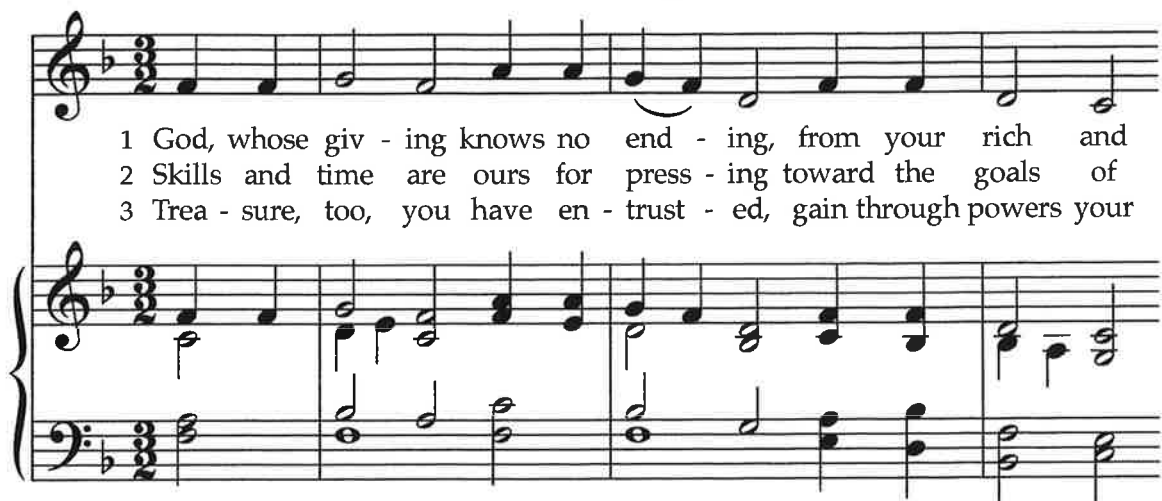
so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
 The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:
 O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,



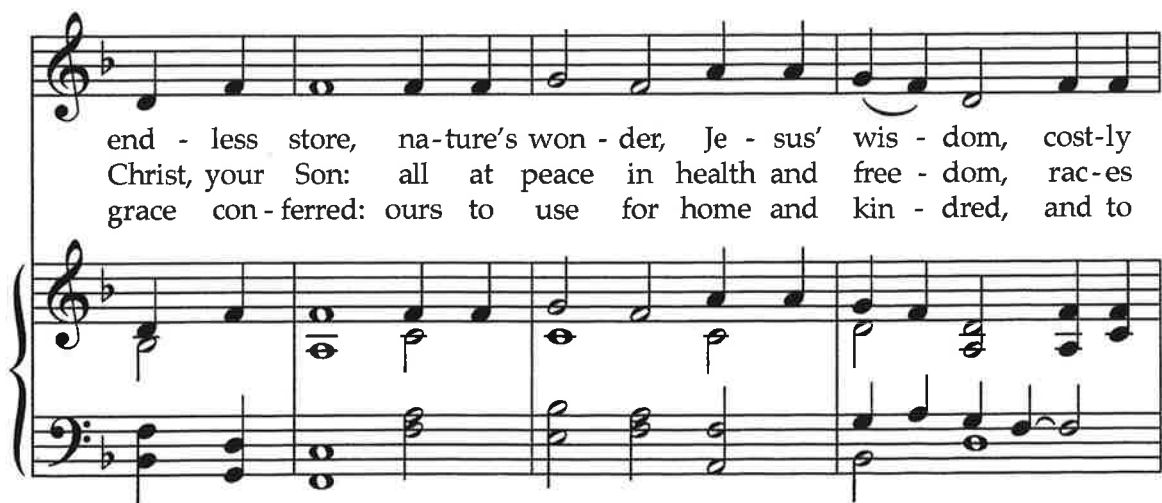
of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.
 help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

This text by a Presbyterian pastor in California expresses the conviction that being a good steward is an essential part of the Christian life, for self-giving is God's own nature. The tune is named for the village in Surrey where the arranger collected this tune in 1903.

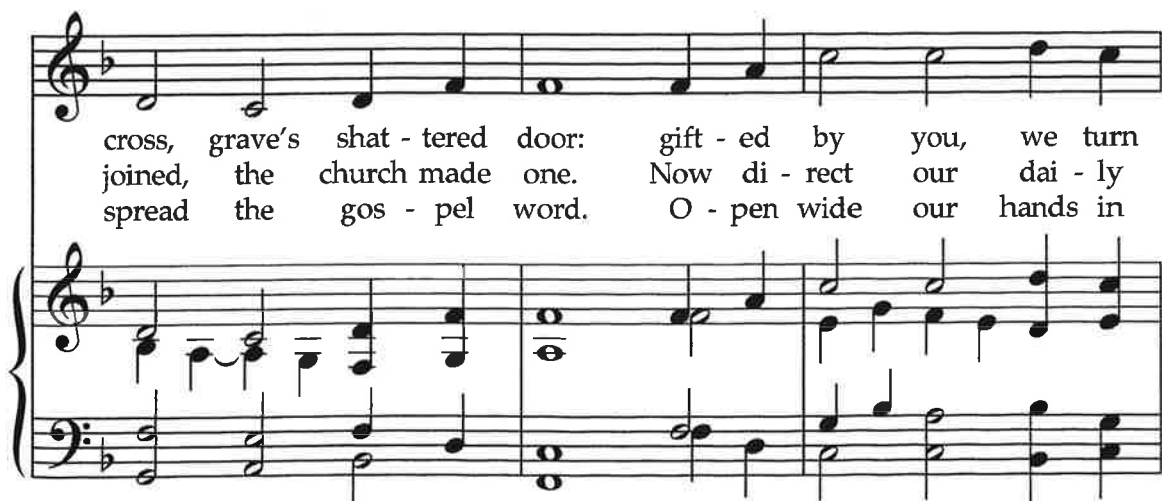
716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



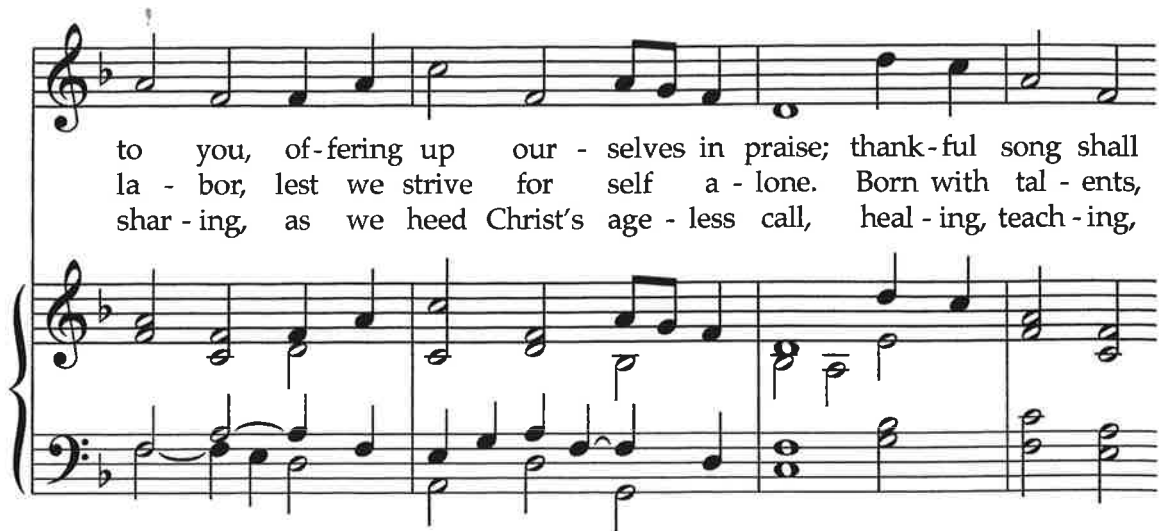
end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



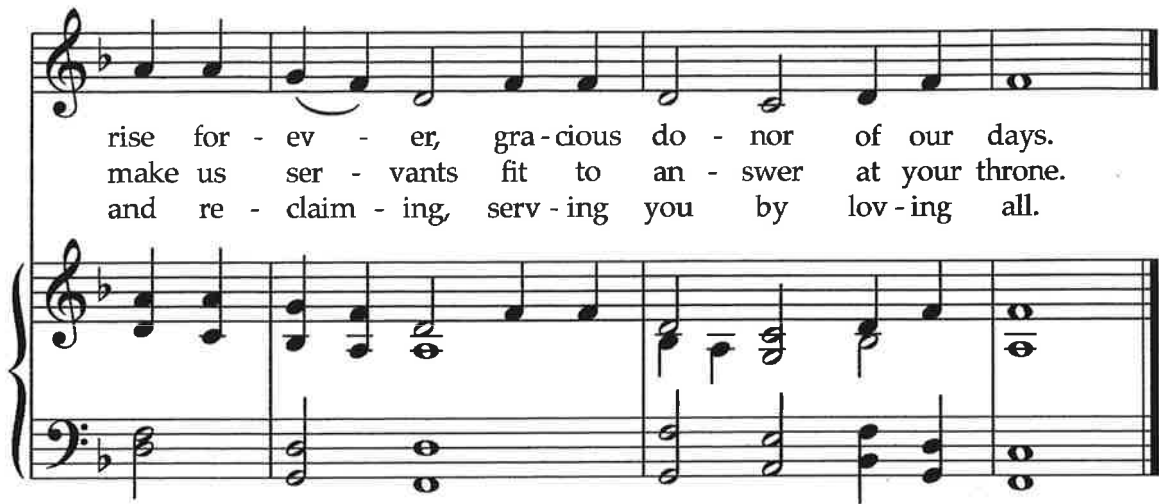
cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

Guitar chords in Pew Edition do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.



to you, of-fering up our - selves in praise; thank-ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra-cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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 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: Morgan Gullede and Palmer Brock

Children's Church for 4- & 5-year-olds with Kitty and Drew Pinkston

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 12, 2023

9:30 am Choristers Choir
10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship Time
11:00 am Worship/Stewardship
Dedication

Monday, November 13, 2023

12:00 pm PW Noon Circle
5:30 pm Building & Grounds Comm.
6:00 pm Greenwood Chorale
Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

4:30 pm Christian Ed. Comm.
7:00 pm Greenwood Chorale
Concert at FPC

Wednesday November 15, 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 16, 2023

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Stewardship Dedication Sunday: In this service, as an act of worship, we will present our pledge cards and Time & Talent Surveys, dedicating them and ourselves to God and to God's work. Extra pledge cards are in the pew racks. Extra Time and Talent Surveys are located at the ends of the pews.

The organ console is out of the organ pit today in preparation for the Greenwood Chorale concert later this week.

PW Noon Circle meets Monday, November 13, at 12:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Andrew Chaney will be presenting the study.

Building and Grounds Committee meets Monday, November 13, at 5:30 p.m. in the Session Room.

Christian Education Committee meets Tuesday, November 14, at 4:30 p.m. in the Van Arnold Education Building.

The Greenwood Chorale presents their fall concert of choral music by French composers Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Dr. Robert Knupp, Professor of Organ at Mississippi College will be accompanying them, and will play two solo works for the organ by French composers. The concert is free to the public. Donations will be accepted.

Noon Bible Study meets Wednesday, November 15, 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 16, 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.

Administrative Committee meets Thursday, November 16, at 5:30 p.m. in the Session Room.

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

Advent Event will be held on Sunday, December 3, at 9:45 a.m. in Shuler Hall. Breakfast foods will be provided. Christmas crafts for children will be provided. Join us for a fun time of fellowship as we begin the Advent season.

The 42nd Annual Singing Christmas Tree presentation will be held on Monday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal will be held on Sunday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m. You will be contacted soon by our director of music and organist about your participation. Please be ready to respond with a "Yes"! Remember it takes 100 people to completely fill the tree stand

The Annual Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, December 10, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are available today in the Narthex.

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Presbyterian Church of Aleppo, Turkey
Ivan Rusyn, Ukraine Evangelical Seminary

SESSION

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