



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

Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 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 **Fanfare on ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR** arr. C. Callahan

*CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Andrew Chaney

One: "When we think of God's presence in the world, we are grateful:

All: Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.

One: And when we think of God's presence in our lives,
we are humbled.

**All: Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to
begin again.**

One: When we think of God's presence in this community,
we rejoice and are glad:

**All: We are glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping
the one true Holy God.**

Let us worship God together!

**HYMN 367 ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we let the darkness of our sin overwhelm us and
paralyze us from changing course. We think forgiveness must be
earned and that your grace is not sufficient. We remain slaves to
sin, rather than benefactors of your great mercy. Forgive our sins
and release us from the grip of our failures. Turn our eyes to the
future that you desire for us, for you alone are the Hope of the
World... we humbly pray in the name of Jesus ...**

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

Elder Jane Crump

ANTHEM

At the Name of Jesus

R. Vaughan Williams

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word. Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed. Bore it up triumphant with it human light, through all ranks of creatures, to the central height, to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast; filled it with the glory of that perfect rest. Name him brothers, name him, with love as strong as death, but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath; he is God the Savior, he is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored. Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory, with his angel train; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:25-31

SERMON

**"Jesus is Asking..."
4. Why Are You Anxious?**

Dr. Andrew Chaney

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

We Gather Together

arr. Neil Harmon

*Doxology, No. 606

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer

Elder Jimmy Lott

*HYMN 336

We Gather Together

KREMSER

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Albert Travis

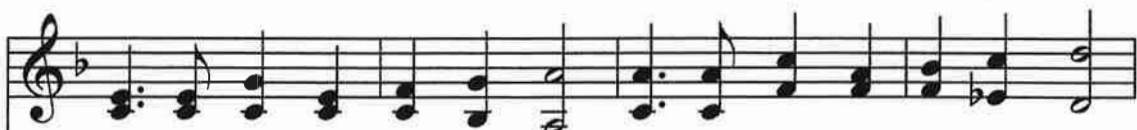
367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!



Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

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Seek Ye First

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,
 seek, and you shall find;
 but by ev - ery word

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4, emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Karen Lafferty, 1971, alt.; stanzas 2-3, anon.; Spanish trans. anon.;

Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee

MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1971

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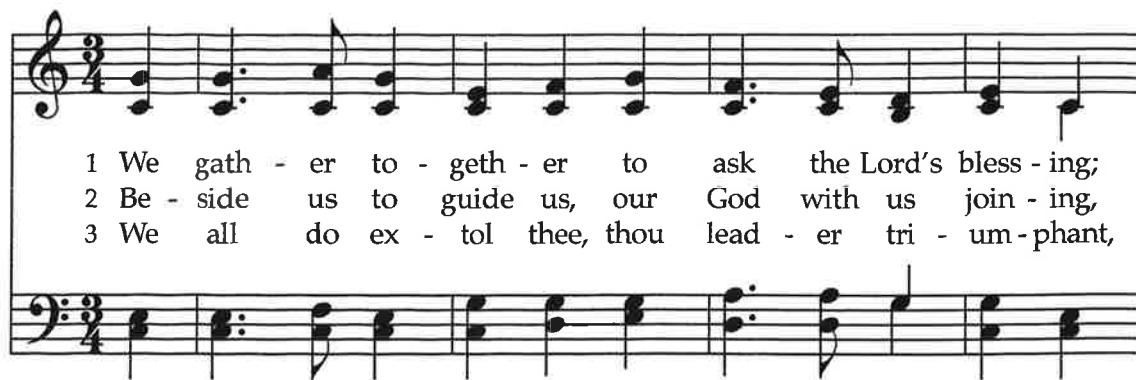
LAFFERTY
 Irregular

al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Alleluia" in D major. It consists of three staves: a vocal line (top), a piano accompaniment (middle), and a bass line (bottom). The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The vocal line begins with a whole note on G4, followed by another whole note on G4, then a half note on A4 and a half note on B4 beamed together, and finally a whole note on G4. The piano accompaniment starts with a chord of D4 and F#4, followed by a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The bass line features a half note on G3 and a half note on F#3 beamed together, then chords of D4-F#4 and D4-F#4, and finally a whole note on D3. The piano part concludes with a final chord of D4-F#4 and a whole note on D3.

336, We Gather Together



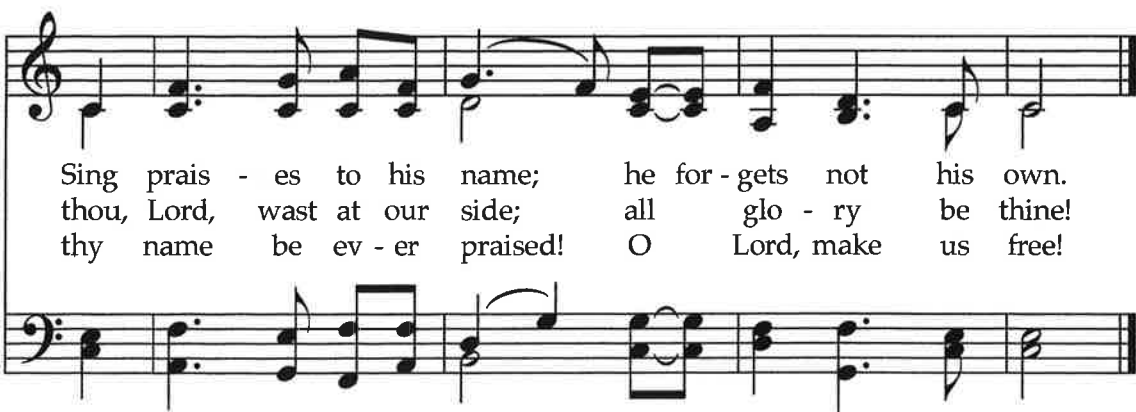
1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,



he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.



the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;



Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

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: Steven Cookston and Shane Smith

Children's Church for 4- & 5-year-olds with Audra and Alan Ellis

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 26, 2023

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

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

8:30 am Women's Bible Study
Jim and Ina Barrett Library

Wednesday November 29, 2023

2:30 pm Liturgy
6:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 30, 2023

6:45 am Men's Breakfast and
Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Update: To date, 72 pledges were received totaling \$534,350 for the church's work in 2024. Thank you! Pledge cards and Time and Talent Surveys are available on the cabinets at the back of the sanctuary if you have not filled them out already. They may be placed in the offering plates.

Poinsettias for Christmas: The Worship & Music Committee and the Flower Guild invite the congregation to contribute to the purchase of poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Advent/Christmas. Contributions may be given *in memory of or in honor of loved ones*. Make checks payable to FPC, designate "Poinsettias for Christmas". **Deadline: Wednesday, December 13.**

A New Women's Bible Study, led by Whitney Avritt and Kelli Stainback, will begin Tuesday, November 28, at 8:30 a.m. in the Jim and Ina Barrett Memorial Library. The study will use Jen Wilkins' The Women of the Word. This Bible study will continue for eleven weeks, meeting December 5 and December 12, then resuming in January.

Youth Community Worship, Wednesday, November 29, at 7:00 p.m. at Locus Benedictus.

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study meets Thursday, November 30, at 6:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be speaking about the current situation in Israel. All men of the church are invited to attend.

Advent Event will be held next 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.

Rehearsal for the Singing Christmas Tree will be held next Sunday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m. in Shuler Hall. Nursery provided for those singing on the tree or in the living nativity.

The 42nd Annual Singing Christmas Tree presentation will be held on Monday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m.

Thank You to the Congregation for being quick to say yes to singing on the Singing Christmas Tree. We have 95 who agreed to sing! Thank you for your continuing support of this long-running ministry of our church.

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.

Looking Ahead in December:

- December 10 Chancel Choir Christmas Program
- December 14 Classics at First Concert presenting the Faculty Brass Quintet from Mississippi State University in a Concert of Christmas music.
- December 17 Children's Nativity Pageant

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| Director of Christian Education | Kelli Stainback |
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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

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Todd Fincher
Mary Haley Flautt
Pat Gulledege
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Taylor Calhoun
Chuck Conditt
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Moss Melton
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Lina Elfert
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Zach Luke

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Sam Pigott

