



First
Presbyterian
Church

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

The Seven Deadly Sins

January 14 **Anger**

January 21 **Gluttony**

January 28 **Greed**

February 4 **Envy**

February 11 **Lust**

February 18 **Sloth**

February 25 **Pride**

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

Pastorale in E-flat

arr. O. Young

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 139

Dr. Andrew Chaney

One: O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

All: **Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

One: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

All: **Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

One: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

All: **How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.**

**HYMN 686

God of Our Life

SANDON

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, how glad we are for your unending mercies and grace! Because we are now in Christ, we have miraculously become a chosen and holy people. Yet, we confess that we often forget just how deeply loved we are in Jesus. Please forgive us for taking that love lightly. May we grow in the spiritual maturity and faithfully forgive each other as the Lord has forgiven us. Dress us daily in the wardrobe of tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. May we love consistently in the manner that you love. Help us to do so, all for your glory, we pray in the name of Jesus ...

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

**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 Miller Arant

ANTHEM

ed. R. Schultz-Widmar

When In Our Music God Is Glorified

When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia! How often making music we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia! So has the Church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong, borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia! And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light? Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia! Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:26-32

SERMON

Dr. Andrew Chaney

“Defeating Anger? Be Joyful!”

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN 729

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Adagio in C

Louis Vierne

*Doxology

OLD 100TH

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord’s Prayer

Elder Alan Barger

*HYMN 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Postlude in G

Alan Mann

1 God of our life, through all the cir-cling years, we trust in thee.
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a - bide.
 3 God of the com - ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone. Our ref-uge be.

With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,
 With thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,
 Be thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,

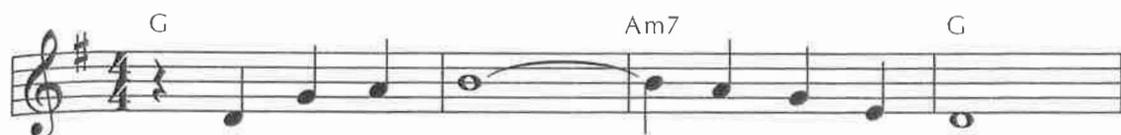
we own thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
 and faith's fair vi - sion chang - es in - to sight.
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."

Though I May Speak

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The Gift of Love



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

As paraphrases of 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3 the first two stanzas here are in the first person singular, yet they lead into a plural prayer for the gift of such love, for it thrives in community. These words are especially poignant with this adaptation of an English folk melody.

729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

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 Miller King** is the visitation elder for **January**.

Ushers for Today: Alston Avritt, Taylor Calhoun, Christine Chaney, Robert Cole, Christopher Pickens, and John Stewart III

Security Detail: Todd Fincher and Lee Hodges

Children's Church for 4- & 5-year-olds with Emmie and Barrett Daugherty

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 14, 2024

10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship Time
11:00 am Worship

Monday, January 15, 2024

5:00 pm Deacons Meeting
5:30 pm Session Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

8:30 am Women's Bible Study
9:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

11:00 am Wednesday 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 Rehearsal

Thursday, January 18, 2024

6:45 am Men's Bible Study/Breakfast
Newsletter Information Deadline

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth and chaperones are returning today around noon from the Polar Thang Winter Retreat at Twin Lakes Conference Center in Florence, MS, where they have been since Friday evening.

No PYF this evening.

The Church Office is closed Monday, January 15, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Deacons Meeting, Monday, January 15, at 5:00 p.m.

Session Meeting, Monday, January 15, at 5:30 p.m. Officers are reminded to bring copies of the agenda and financial statements that were emailed last week.

Staff Meeting, Tuesday, January 16, at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, January 17, **with a new meeting time of 11:00 a.m.** in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will lead the study. All men and women of the church are invited to attend.

S. A. L. T. (Serving and Learning Together), our bi-annual Wednesday evening program with dinner, continues this Wednesday, January 17, and through February 7. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. with Classes for adults, youth, and children, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, January 17, at 6:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast, Thursday, January 11, at 6:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be teaching on Philippians 3:18-19. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 21, 2024, immediately after worship for the purposes of (a) electing corporate officers, and (b) hearing reports from the Stewardship and Finance Committee regarding the 2023 Budget and from the Stewardship Chairman on the results of the 2024 Stewardship Campaign.

The Third Annual Soup for the Soul will be on Sunday, February 4, at 5:00 p.m. in Shuler Hall. Hosted by Presbyterian Women Council, this event is open to the entire congregation. This year a dessert category has been added to the event. PW Council will provide salad, bread, and drinks. The congregation will taste-test all the entries and vote by secret ballot. An email with a link for signing up was sent last week to the congregation.

Kirkin' O' the Tartans: Our 25th annual Kirkin' O' the Tartans celebration of our Scottish Presbyterian Heritage will take place on Sunday, March 3. Dr. Duncan Ligon III, Chancellor of Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, will be our guest preacher. **Alan Ellis and Thomas Gregory will begin selling lunch tickets next Sunday, January 21.** This year's kilt election is between Barrett Daugherty and Miller Arant.

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Custodian	Lonnie Love
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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	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
Lynn Riales	Karla Bowen	Emmie Daugherty
Randy Tackett	Zach Luke	Sam Pigott



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