



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 21, 2024

Third 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

Prelude in C

Johann Krebs

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 62:5-12

Dr. Andrew Chaney

One: "For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress, I shall not be shaken.

All: On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

One: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

All: Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

One: Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

All: Once God has spoken; twice I have heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O LORD. For you repay to all according to their work.

**HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of All. We confess that we do not daily acknowledge him as Lord of our lives, our families, our vocations, or our decisions. We have gone along with the ways of the world. We have failed to wait for your guidance. We have failed to follow your way. We have failed to give you all the glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may live as those who are faithful to you, through Christ our Lord we pray...

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

♦Welcome to Membership

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Whitney Avritt

ANTHEM

J. S. Bach/arr. Hopson

The Lord Is Our Refuge

The Lord is our refuge, our song; the Lord is our refuge; the Lord is our song; our refuge and song. The Lord is our refuge, the Lord is our song; so therefore we fear not, so therefore we fear not though trouble be near. The Lord is our refuge; the Lord is our song. So therefore we fear not, we fear not though trouble be near. Though mountains may tremble, though mountains may tremble and fall to the sea, there flows a calm river by God's own decree. There flows a calm river by God's own decree. To God be the glory; to God be the glory; to God be the glory, the honor and praise.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:18-19

SERMON

Dr. Andrew Chaney

"Defeating Gluttony? Be Moderate!"

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

BRADBURY

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Chaconne

Johann Pachelbel

*Doxology

OLD 100TH

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer

Elder Miller King

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Voluntary

Samuel Wesley

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How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.

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

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

Security Detail: Dink Strain and Will Jefcoat

Children's Church for 4- & 5-year-olds with Anne Marie and Thomas Gregory III

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 21, 2024

10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship Time
10:35 am Called Session Meeting
11:00 am Worship/Annual Meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

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

Wednesday, January 24, 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 25, 2024

6:45 am Men's Bible Study/Breakfast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

No PYF this evening.

Staff Meeting, Tuesday, January 23, at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, January 24, **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 24, 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 24, at 6:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast, Thursday, January 25, at 6:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be teaching on Deuteronomy 14:22-26. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

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 28, after worship in the Narthex.** This year's kilt election is between Barrett Daugherty and Miller Arant.

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Foreign Missionaries/Missions We Support:

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Liverpool, England Persian Church & Outreach Ministries
Bill Holland, Ahava Ministries
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Presbyterian Church of Aleppo, Turkey
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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
Todd Fincher	Chuck Conditt	Miller King
Mary Haley Flautt	Jimmy Lott	Reese Pillow
Pat Gulledege	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

