



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 28, 2024

Fourth 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

Trumpet Tune in G

Jon Roberts

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111

Dr. Andrew Chaney

One: "Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

All: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

One: He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

All: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

One: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

All: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever."

Let us worship God together!

**HYMN 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

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 spiritual maturity and faithfully forgive each other as we have been forgiven. 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

*GLORY BE TO GOD (No. 394, stz. 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 Dallas Baker

ANTHEM

Christ's Flock
(Paul Brown, solo)

Martin Shaw

In Christ's own flock let love be surely placed, from Christ's own flock let concord hate expel: Of Christ's own flock, let love be so embraced, as we in Christ, and Christ in us may dwell. Christ is the author of all unity, from whence proceedeth all felicity. O sing unto this glitt'ring glorious King. O praises bring from ev'ry living thing: Let heart and voice like bells of silver ring. Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:13-34

SERMON

Dr. Andrew Chaney

"Defeating Greed? Be Generous!"

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Blessed Assurance

arr. Gearld Near

*Doxology

OLD 100TH

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer

Elder Reese Pillow

*HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL AMEN

John Rutter

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on DUKE STREET

arr. David Lasky

10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

(Psalm 29)

Unison

1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -
 2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing
 3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -
 4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

Harmony *Unison*

broad. En - throned a - bove the
 light. The wil - der - ness can -
 y. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! A se - cret wrapped in
 cease: Let all the faith - ful

crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.
 not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:
 smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:
 peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

Harmony

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

Unison

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

This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.

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

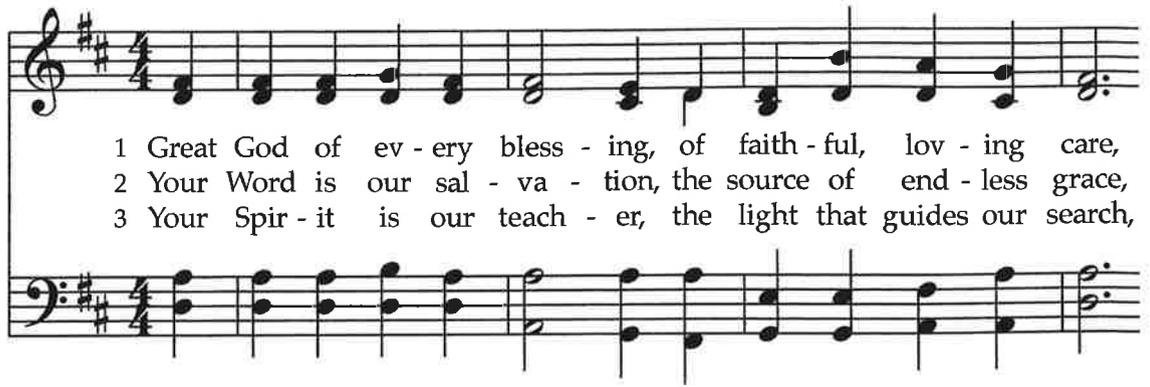
cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

to you, of - fer - ing 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,

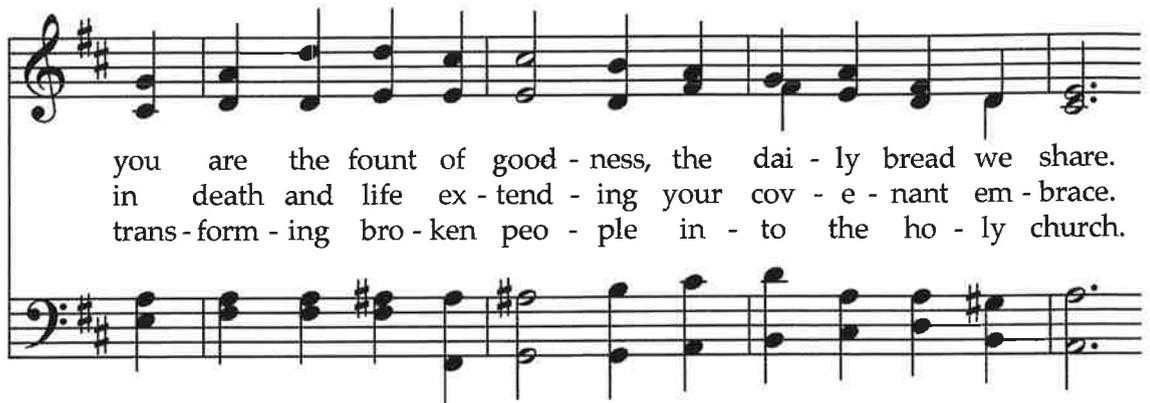
rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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.

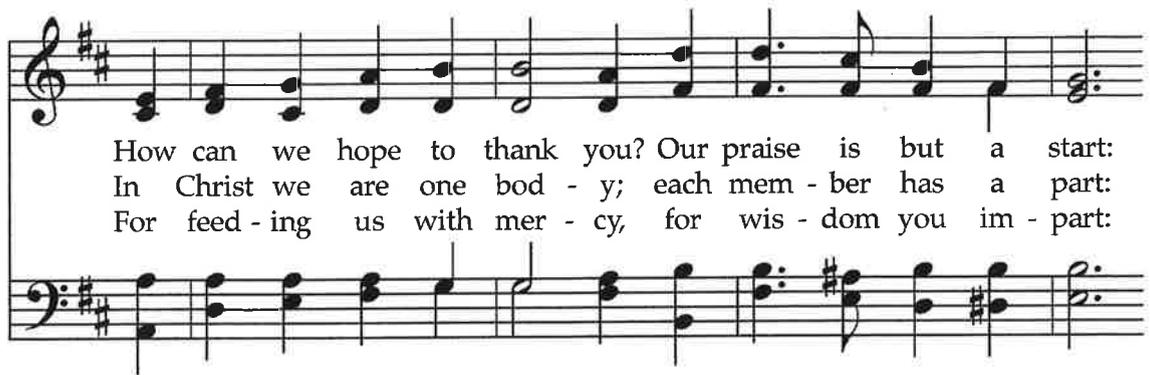
694' Great God of Every Blessing



1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

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, Robert Cole, Christopher Pickens, and John Stewart III

Security Detail: Alan Barger and Andy Austin

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 28, 2024

10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship Time
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Nominating Committee
12:15 pm Youth/Parents Lunch
and Meeting – Parish Bldg.

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

8:30 am Women's Bible Study
5:00 pm Stewardship & Finance
Committee

Wednesday, January 31, 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, February 1, 2024

6:45 am Men's Bible Study/Breakfast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Nominating Committee will meet briefly in the Session Room immediately after this morning's worship service.

Youth and Parents will gather for lunch and a meeting at 12:15 p.m. today in the Parish Youth Building. At 1:15 p.m. there will be a second meeting for those who are going on the Mission Trip to Guatemala, March 9-15.

Women's Bible Study meets Tuesday, January 30, at 8:30 a.m. in the Jim and Ina Barrett Memorial Library.

Stewardship and Finance Committee meets Tuesday, January 30, at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study, Wednesday, January 31, **with a new meeting time of 11:00 a.m.** in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will lead the study.

S. A. L. T. (Serving and Learning Together), our bi-annual Wednesday evening program with dinner in Shuler Hall, continues this Wednesday, January 31, and next Wednesday, February 7. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. with Classes for adults, youth, and children, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast, Thursday, February 1, at 6:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be teaching on Matthew 20:1-6. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered next Sunday, February 4, as part of worship. You are encouraged to prepare yourself through prayer, confession, repentance, and meditation.

The Third Annual Soup for the Soul will be held next 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' Golf Tournament will take place on Saturday, March 2, at 8:30 a.m. at the Greenwood Country Club. A letter and sign-up card will be sent this week to all golfers who have played in the tournament in past years. The entry fee is \$20. Sign-up cards are available in the Church Office for anyone who hasn't played in the tournament before. See Zach Luke for more information.

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. J. Ligon Duncan III, Chancellor of Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, will be our guest preacher. **Alan Ellis and Thomas Gregory will be selling lunch tickets today after worship in the Narthex.** Adult lunch tickets are \$10, and children's tickets are \$5. This year's kilt election is between Barrett Daugherty and Miller Arant.

Change in Newsletter Delivery: Due to repeated postal delivery delays, the Session voted unanimously in November of 2023 to discontinue mailing the monthly newsletter. Newsletters and calendars will be emailed in a printable format beginning with the January 25th issue, and will continue to be available on the Church's website, as well as in the Church Office, and in the Narthex on Sunday mornings beginning today. Homebound and out-of-town members will continue receiving the newsletter via the U.S. Post Office. Those members who wish to continue receiving the newsletter by mail should call the Church Office and let Denise or Annette know your wishes.

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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
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