



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

February 4, 2024

Fifth 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

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

arr. C. Callahan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 84:1-3, 10-12

Dr. Andrew Chaney

One: "How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

All: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

One: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

All: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you!

**HYMN 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have sinned and strayed from Your ways. We have too often followed the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have failed to obey Your holy laws. We have done those things we ought not to have done. We have left undone those things we ought to have done. Apart from Your grace, there is no health in us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and spare all who confess their sin. Restore all who are penitent, according to Your Good News, declared through Christ Jesus our Lord. May we now live to the glory of Your holy Name by the power of Your Spirit...

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

♦Minutes for Kirkin' O' the Tartans

Elder Randy Clark
Kirkin' Committee Chair

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Elder Taylor Calhoun

ANTHEM

Come and Taste

arr. Alice Parker

Come and taste along with me consolation flowing free, from the Father's wealthy throne, sweeter than the honeycomb. *I'll praise God and you praise God, and we'll all praise God together; we'll praise the Lord for the work that he has done, and we'll bless his name forever.* All that come with free good will make the banquet sweeter still; now I go to Mercy's door, asking for a little more. Goodness, running like a stream through the new Jerusalem, by a constant breaking forth sweetens earth and heaven both. O, return, ye sons of grace, turn and see God's smiling face. Hark, he calls backsliders home, then from him no longer roam.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD READ

Matthew 20:1-16

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Dr. Andrew Chaney

"Defeating Envy? Be Grateful!"

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

As you serve the bread, say, "This is the body of Christ broken for you."

As you serve the cup, say, "This is the blood of Christ shed for you."

Time for Meditation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Pachabel/ed. K. Lee Scott

Chorale and Variation on "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

*Doxology

OLD 100TH

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer

Elder Reese Pillow

*HYMN 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

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*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, AND CHORAL AMEN

*POSTLUDE

Andante con moto

Walker Baylor

41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

36 For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

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 Reese Pillow is the visitation elder for **February**.

Ushers for Today: Chuck Conditt, Emmie Daugherty, Alan Ellis, Randy Tackett, Sam Pigott, and Wilson Moses

Security Detail: Bill Burrus and Clifton Thach

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 4, 2024

10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Communion Assignments
11:00 am Worship/Communion
5:00 pm Soup for the Soul in
Shuler Hall

Monday February 5, 2024

10:00 am PW Coord. Team
5:00 pm Endowment Committee
5:30 pm FPK Board Meeting
6:00 pm Worship and Music Comm.

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

8:30 am Women's Bible Study
12:00 pm Kirkin' O' the Tartans

Wednesday, February 7, 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 8, 2024

6:45 am Men's Bible Study/Breakfast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our thanks to Jo Flautt, Meagan Litton, and Nancy Walker for preparing our communion elements.

A nominating form has been inserted into your bulletin today. An email with the same form will be sent this week as well to the membership. Please prayerfully consider whom you might nominate for the office of elder and the office of deacon, fill out the form, and place it in the offering plate during the service, or you may bring it to the Church Office during the week, or mail it to the address shown on the form. **The deadline to turn in a form for the Nominating Committee to consider is Sunday, February 18 at 12:00 Noon.**

The Third Annual Soup for the Soul is this evening 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.

Women's Bible Study meets Tuesday, February 6, at 8:30 a.m. in the Jim and Ina Barrett Memorial Library.

Wednesday Bible Study, Wednesday, February 7, **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, concludes this 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 8, at 6:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be teaching on II Samuel 11:2-27. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

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.

Kirkin' O' the Tartans Committee members include: Randy Clark, Ch., Andrew Chaney, Ray Smithee, Ashley Farmer, Travis Clark, Richard Beattie, Laura Fincher, Mary Clyde King, Patty Brock, Lori Guenther, Elizabeth Melton, Zach Luke, Johnny Jennings, Andrew Stainback, Lisa Cookston, and Alan Ellis.

Ash Wednesday Service, Wednesday, February 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The imposition of ashes will be available to those wishing to receive them.

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:

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