



First
Presbyterian
Church

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

*Be Nourished
with the
Fruit of the Spirit*

March 10 Self-Control

March 17 Faithfulness

March 24 Peace

March 31 Joy

April 7 Gentleness

April 14 Patience

April 21 Love

**April 28 Kindness
Goodness**

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

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 **HYMN TO JOY/ST. ANTHONY'S CHORALE** arr. K. Scott

*CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 22:25-31** Dr. Andrew Chaney

One: “From You comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear Him. The poor shall
eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!

All: **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the
LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before
Him. For dominion belongs to the LORD, and He rules
over the nations.**

One: To Him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall
live for Him.

All: **Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told
about the LORD, and proclaim his deliverance to a people
yet unborn, saying that he has done it.”
Let us worship God together!**

HYMN 14 **For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, our hearts are wandering and
distracted. You invite us to serve and love You now, but we refuse
because we have places to be and things to do. Our excuses blind
us to Your call. The urgent and temporary crowd out what You
consider truly important and eternal. Forgive our lack of
conviction, discernment, and purpose. Restore to us the joy of
serving and loving You. May our lives give You glory and honor.
We pray through Christ our Lord...

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE (No. 248, stz. 2) **HYMN TO JOY**

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

PROCLAIM THE WORD

EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Elder Jane Crump

ANTHEM

I Have Felt the Hand of God

C. Courtney

I have felt the hand of God in your hand. Holding me, you gave me strength to stand. When I was all alone, you came and met my need. And when I lost my way, your hand was there to lead. Through your touch, God's hand reached out to me. I have felt the hand of God in your hand. I have heard the voice of God in your voice, singing praise, you taught me to rejoice. Your voice of comfort caused my grief to end. And when my faith was gone you called me home again, when you spoke, God's voice called out to me. I have heard the voice of God in your voice. I have seen the face of God in your face. Giving all you shared with me God's grace. And you were faithful to guide me as I grew. I saw your love for God and I saw God in you. When you smiled, God's love surrounded me. I have see the face of God, I have heard the voice of God, I have felt the hand of God through you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:9-21

SERMON

Dr. Andrew Chaney

**"Be Nourished with the Fruit of the Spirit"
Goodness and Kindness**

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN 313

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

Lord, Make Us More Holy

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. Pachelbel

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer

Deacon Lynn Riales

*HYMN 372

O for a World

AZMON

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Festival Recessional

Walker Baylor

For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:



Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.



In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

313 Lord, Make Us More Holy



1 Lord, make us more ho - ly; Lord, make us more ho - ly;
 2 Lord, make us more lov - ing; Lord, make us more lov - ing;
 3 Lord, make us more pa - tient; Lord, make us more pa - tient;
 4 Lord, make us more faith - ful; Lord, make us more faith - ful;



Lord, make us more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain:



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.
 lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.
 pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.
 faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.

Like many African American spirituals, this one creates a framework for almost endless expansion beyond the four stanzas given here. This sung prayer is notable as an affirmation of God's active care for the once-gathered community while dispersed and of hope to be reunited.



- 1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
 3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

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 Ryan Strawbridge** is the visitation elder for **April**.

Ushers for Today: Taylor Calhoun, Shawn Hodges, Moss Melton, Andrew Stainback, Jr., John Stewart III, and Tommie Williams.

Security Detail:

Children's Church for 4- & 5-year-olds with Carling and Brett Canterbury

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 28, 2024

9:45 am Youth Breakfast
10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship Time
11:00 am Worship
12:15 pm Officer Luncheon and Examination

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

8:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

11:00 am Wednesday Bible Study
2:30 pm Liturgy Meeting
5:30 pm Youth Dinner
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study
6:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 2, 2024

6:45 am Men's Bible Study/Breakfast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newly Elected Officers will gather after worship this morning in the Church Parlor first for lunch prepared by Whitney Avritt. Afterwards there will be a time of examination. The newly elected elders and deacons in the Class of 2027 will present their Statements of Faith, then they will be asked five questions, one each in the areas of Theology, Church Polity, Call and Discipleship, Bible, and Church History. **Ordination/Installation** of newly elected officers will take place on **Sunday, May 19**. Elders in the Class of 2027 are Alston Avritt, Will Jefcoat, Richard Macy, Lisa Melton, Claire Smith, and Beth Tackett. Deacons in the Class of 2027 are Thomas Gregory III, Allison Pillow, and Drew Pinkston.

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

Wednesday Bible Study meets Wednesday, May 1, at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor.

The youth will have Youth Sunday Practice this Wednesday, May 1st. They will meet in the Parish Youth Building at 5:30 pm for dinner, then move to the Sanctuary for rehearsal. It is important for all youth participating in Youth Sunday to attend. The youth will also meet next Sunday, May 5th in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am to prepare for worship.

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast, Thursday, May 2, at 6:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be leading the study on Paradise. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

Next Sunday, May 5 is Youth Sunday. Youth Sunday is an important tradition in our church in which our students get the opportunity to lead us in worship. It is also a special time to recognize our Seniors and give them a moment to share their faith and experiences with the congregation.

The Youth Committee will be hosting a special luncheon next week for our Seniors and their parents after the Youth Sunday worship service in the Parlor.

All youth are invited to a Crawfish Party next Sunday, May 5th at 5:00 pm at the home of Miller and Rebekah Arant (1208 Hemingway). Students are encouraged to bring a swimming suit and towel.

Presbyterian Women Spring Luncheon – Monday, May 13, at 12:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Cost is \$15 payable by check to PW, or through Venmo to @Ashley-Farmer-34. Please make your reservation through the Church Office by Wednesday, May 8.

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Director of Christian Education	Kelli Stainback
Kindergarten Director	Caroline Strawbridge
Financial Secretary	Annette McDonald
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Custodian	Lonnie Love
Clerk of Session	Richard Oakes
Board of Deacons	Rebekah Arant
Church Treasurer	Mark Vemer
Presbyterian Women	Mary Clyde King
Endowment Committee	Mike Sturdivant III

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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