



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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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 **Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life** arr. A. Jordan

*CALL TO WORSHIP **From Psalm 22:23-31** Elder Glenn Beckham

One: "You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob glorify Him; stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!

All: For He did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; He did not hide His face from me, but heard when I cried to Him.

One: From You comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

All: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

One: 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.

All: 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."

HYMN 35 **Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

*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

Heavenly Father, we gather today and recognize our need for You. We admit that it is easy to lose sight of Your goodness and purpose when faced with emotional, physical, and spiritual storms. Forgive us for the times we lack trust in Your promises. Help us hear Your voice and see You move in our ordinary day-to-day lives, we ask in the name of Jesus ...

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVEN

*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

Rev. Ray Smithee

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Elder Pat Gullledge

ANTHEM

My Song in the Night

arr. Paul Christiansen

O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night, come to us with Thy tender love, my souls' delight. Unto Thee, O Lord in affliction I call, my comfort by day and my song in the night. O why should I wander, an alien from Thee, or cry in the desert Thy face to see, my comfort and joy, my souls' delight, O Jesus Savior, my song in the night. O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night, come to us with thy tender love, my souls' delight, my comfort and joy, my souls' delight, O Jesus Savior, my song in the night.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD READ **Galatians 5:22-25; II Timothy 1:7**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Elder Dallas Baker

"Be Nourished with the Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control"

*HYMN 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

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

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Lacrimosa

Mozart/arr. Parks

*Doxology

OLD 100TH

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer

Elder Jim Bowen

*HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, AND CHORAL AMEN

*POSTLUDE

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Walker Baylor

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

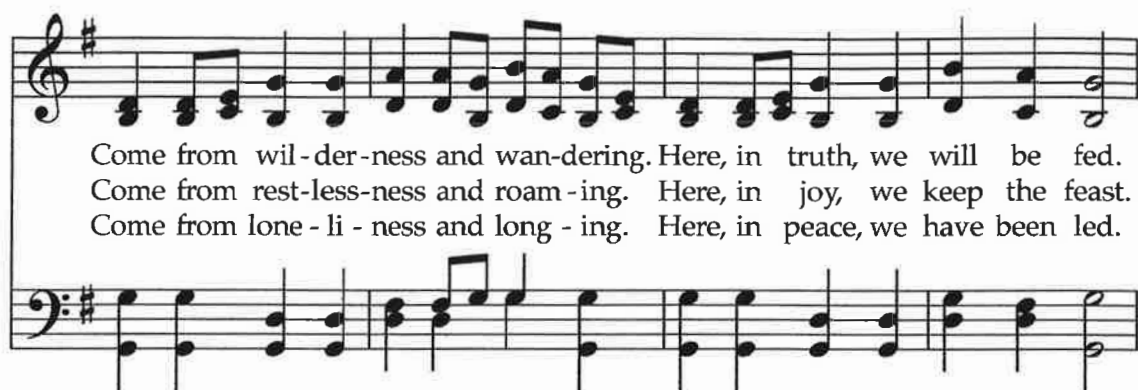
tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

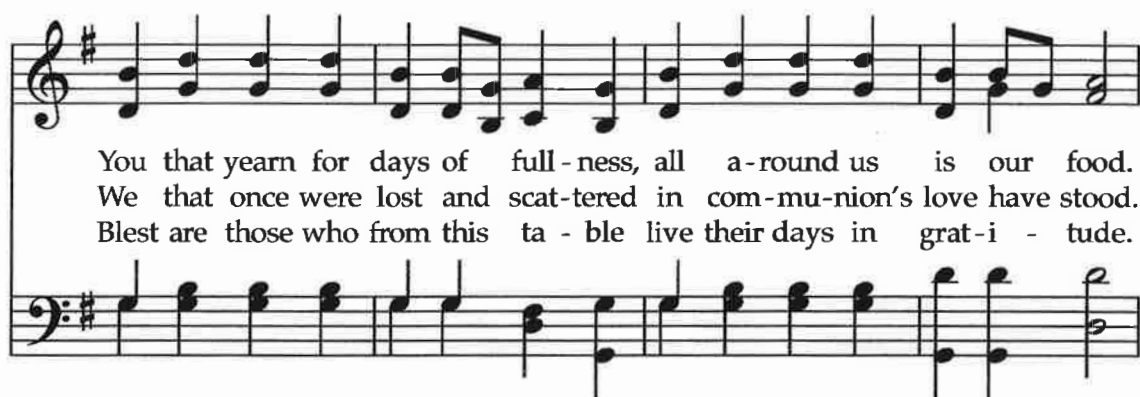
509 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel - come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

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 John Stewart III is the visitation elder for **March**.

Ushers for Today: Justin Braswell, David Camp, Todd Fincher, Grace Jefcoat, Johnny Jennings, and Samantha Pigott

Security Detail: Palmer Brock and Morgan Gulledege

Children's Church for 4- & 5-year-olds with Courtney and Chris Walker

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 10, 2024

10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Communion Assignments
11:00 am Worship/Communion

Monday, March 11, 2024

5:30 pm Building & Grounds Comm.

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

6:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 14, 2024

6:45 am Men's Bible Study/Breakfast
5:30 pm Administrative Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guatemala Mission Trip – A mission group left yesterday morning from Jackson, MS, flying to Guatemala, where they will spend two days installing six stoves, and distributing rice and beans. The remaining three days of the trip will be spent providing meals to villagers and leading a VBS program for approximately 150 women and children. Those on the mission trip are: Graycen Austin, Meagan Austin, Alston Avritt, Whitney Avritt, David Camp, Penn Camp, Caroline Chaney, Sully Dubard, Ainsley Melton, Shannon Melton, Charlie Robbins, Ava Scott, and Michael Warren

Dr. Andrew Chaney is away today taking some Continuing Education time.

Our thanks to Elder Dallas Baker for bringing our message this morning, and to Elder Glenn Beckham for serving as our liturgist.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be served as part of worship today. "The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who have been baptized, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to receive Christ in this sacrament, the believer is to confess sin and brokenness, to seek reconciliation with God and neighbor, and trust in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may come to the Table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus. Baptized children who are being nurtured and instructed in the significance of the invitation to the Table and the meaning of their response are invited to receive the Lord's Supper, recognizing that their understanding of participation will vary according to their maturity."

Our thanks to Ashley Farmer and Nancy Walker for preparing our communion elements for this morning.

Women's Bible Study will not meet this week due to Spring Break.
Wednesday Bible Study will not meet this week due to Spring Break.
Youth Bible Study will not meet this week due to Spring Break.

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast, Thursday, March 14, at 6:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be teaching on Daniel 6:4. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

Administrative Committee meets Thursday, March 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the Session Room.

Session Meeting next Sunday, March 17, at 9:00 a.m. Officers are reminded to bring copies of the agenda and financial statements which will be emailed to them this week.

Easter Yard Crosses – You are reminded to have your Easter Cross displayed in front of your home, with the white side facing the street. Turning it around on Easter Sunday, March 31, to proclaim Jesus Risen! If you need a cross, please contact the Church Office.

Congregational Meeting - The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, March 24, immediately following worship, for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the report of the Nominating Committee regarding the election of elders and deacons for the Class of 2027.

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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

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Cathy Jennings

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Chuck Conditt
Jimmy Lott
Moss Melton
Richard Oakes

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Reese Pillow
John Stewart III
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