



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 11, 2024

Sixth 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

**Variations on ARISE**

arr. Jack Jones

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Psalm 50:1-6**

Dr. Andrew Chaney

One: “The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

**All: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.**

One: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: ‘Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!’

**All: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.”**

\*\*HYMN 13

**The Mighty God with Power Speaks**

KINGSFOLD

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess our tendency toward a life driven by our preferences rather than Your instruction. It is easier to follow our own path of ease, comfort, and stability instead of the difficult task of following you. We are quick to forget what You have taught us as we sink back into our personal desires. Help us, Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to love the things You love. May Your direction—not our preferences—guide us as we strive to live like 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

♦Minutes for Kirkin' Golf Tournament

Alan Ellis

## A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Alston Avritt

## ANTHEM

**The Greatest of These Is Love**

Anna Laura Page

Though I speak with tongues of men and of angels and have not love, I become as clanging brass. Though I have the faith to move mighty mountains and have not love, I am nothing. Love is patient, love is kind, never jealous, never rude, never selfish, never proud, but rejoices in the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes in all things, love endures all things. Love never fails, the perfect will never fail; but prophecies will fail, tongues will cease, all knowledge will vanish away. Three things remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest is love, perfect love, God's perfect love.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE

**II Samuel 11:2-27**

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Dr. Andrew Chaney

**"Defeating Lust – Be Faithful"**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

# RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN 63

**The Lord Is God**

AZMON

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

**Be Thou My Vision**

arr. Don M. Dicie

\*Doxology

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer

Elder Ryan Strawbridge

\*HYMN 546

SCILIAN MARINERS

**Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**

## \*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, AND CHORAL AMEN

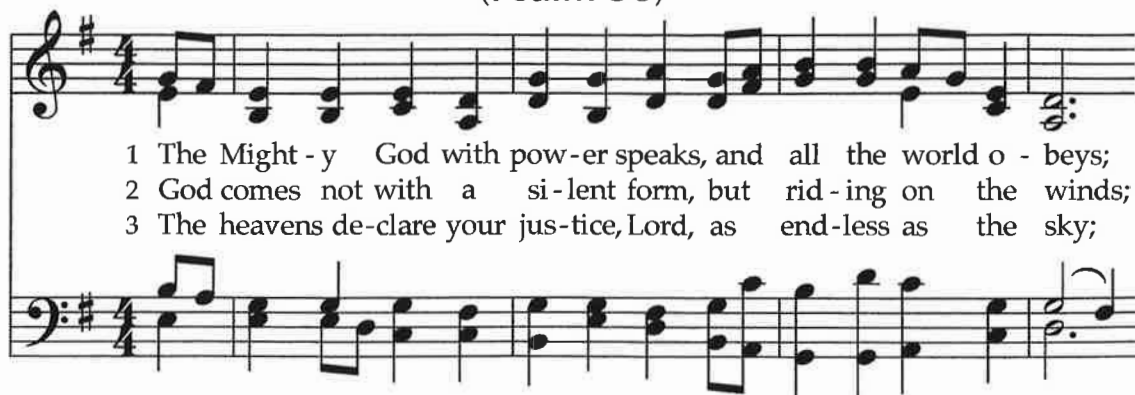
\*POSTLUDE

**Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor**

arr. R. J. Powell

# 13 The Mighty God with Power Speaks

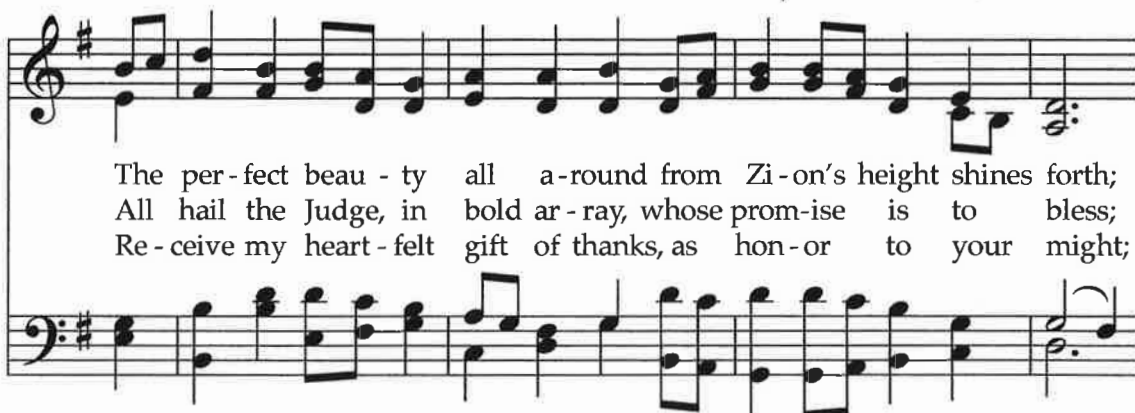
(Psalm 50)



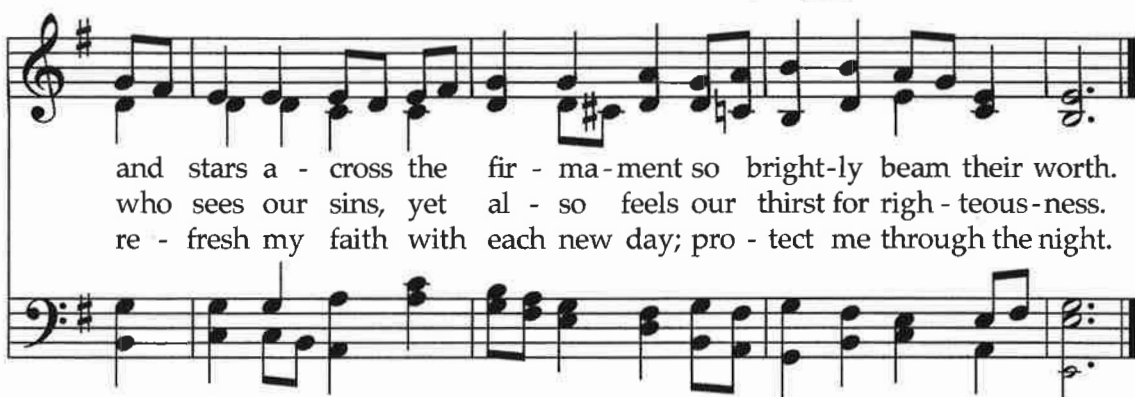
1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;  
 2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;  
 3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;



from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.  
 be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.  
 a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.



The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;  
 All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;  
 Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;



and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.  
 who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.  
 re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

This paraphrase, set to a familiar English folk melody, focuses on the opening narrative section of Psalm 50 without attempting to summarize God's speeches in the latter portion of the psalm. Both parts bear witness to God's sovereignty, God's justice, and God's providence.

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The Lord Is God



1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise  
 2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,  
 3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,  
 4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise



to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.  
 O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.  
 O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.  
 to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.



This hymn paraphrases the *Shema* (Deuteronomy 6:4–9), an ancient and central affirmation of Jewish monotheistic faith that observant Jews still recite twice a day. Jesus knew it well and called it the first and great commandment (Matthew 22:38/Mark 12:28–29/Luke 10:26–28).

## 546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
 pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.

## 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](http://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:** Don Brock and Floyd Melton III

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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 11, 2024

10:00 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Fellowship Time  
11:00 am Worship

### Monday February 12, 2024

12:00 pm PW Noon Circle  
4:30 pm Christian Ed. Committee  
5:30 pm Building & Grounds Comm.

### Tuesday, February 13, 2024

8:30 am Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday, February 14, 2024

11:00 am Wednesday Bible Study  
2:30 pm Liturgy  
6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service  
6:50 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, February 15, 2024

6:45 am Men's Bible Study/Breakfast

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Souper Bowl of Caring** – The youth will receive this morning after worship a special offering for the Greenwood Community Food Pantry. This is part of the annual Souper Bowl of Caring movement that inspires people across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities. Help in our community by giving cash or a check payable to FPC and designated “Souper Bowl of Caring”.

**A nominating form** is available at the back of the sanctuary. An email with the same form was sent by email last week as well to the membership. Please prayerfully consider who 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 next Sunday, February 18, at 12:00 Noon.**

**PW Noon Circle** meets Monday, February 12, at 12:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

**Christian Education Committee** meets Monday, February 12, at 4:30 p.m. in the Van Arnold Education Building.

**Building and Grounds Committee** meets Monday, February 12, at 5:30 p.m. in the Session Room.

**Women’s Bible Study** meets Tuesday, February 13, at 8:30 a.m. in the Jim and Ina Barrett Memorial Library.

**Wednesday Bible Study** will not meet this week.

**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.

**Men’s Bible Study and Breakfast**, Thursday, February 15, at 6:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be teaching on Matthew 25:14-30. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

**Kirkin’ O’ the Tartans:** Our 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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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Custodian	Lonnie Love
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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 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



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