



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 17, 2024

Fifth 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

**Am I A Soldier of the Cross**

arr. Fred Bock

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

Dr. Andrew Chaney

One: "O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those He redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**All: Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.**

One: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress; He sent out His word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

**All: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy."**

\*\*HYMN 620

**Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

LAUDA ANIMA

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving and Almighty God, we deceive ourselves when we say that we love You fully. We confess our love is diluted and divided. Our attention falls away. Our devotion dies. Our commitment withers, and we flee from Your presence and purpose. Forgive us, O God. In Your deep mercy, spare us. Rekindle our love for You as we experience Your love for us through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.**

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
Not my deserving.

## PROCLAIM THE WORD

EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Deacon Beverly Quinn

ANTHEM

**All Things Work Together For Good**

John Carter

All things work together for good to those who love the Lord.  
To those who are called according to his purpose,  
all things work for good to those who love the Lord.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

**Galatians 5:22-25; Daniel 6:4**

SERMON

Dr. Andrew Chaney

**“Be Nourished with the Fruit of the Spirit”  
Faithfulness**

PASTORAL PRAYER

## RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

\*HYMN 216

**Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

ST. CHRISTOPHER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

**My Song Is Love Unknown**

Carl Osterland

\*Doxology

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

\*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord’s Prayer

Elder Sherry Clark

\*HYMN 215

**What Wondrous Love Is This**

WONDROUS LOVE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Theodore Dubois

**Christ, We Do All Adore Thee**

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever. For on the  
holy cross has thou the world from sin redeemed. Christ, we do all  
adore thee, and we do praise thee forever. Christ, we do all adore thee.

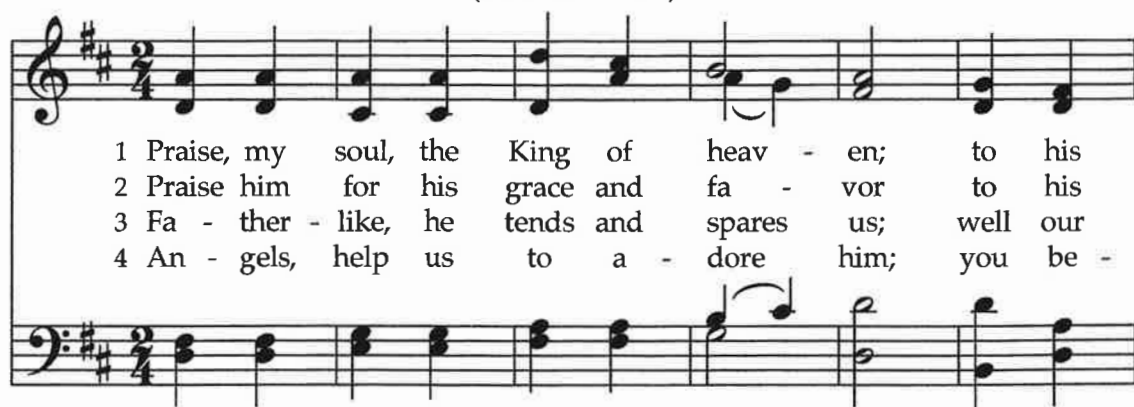
\*POSTLUDE

**Postlude on RICHMOND**

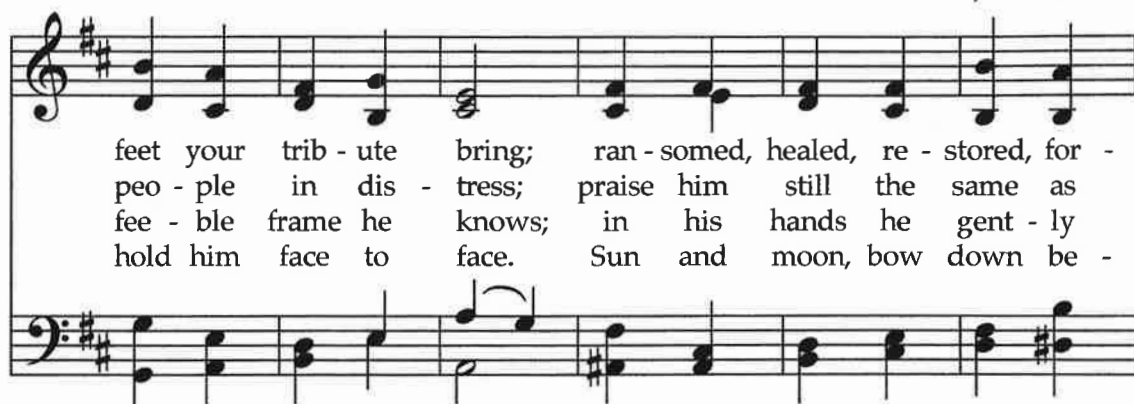
arr. Chas. Callahan

# 620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

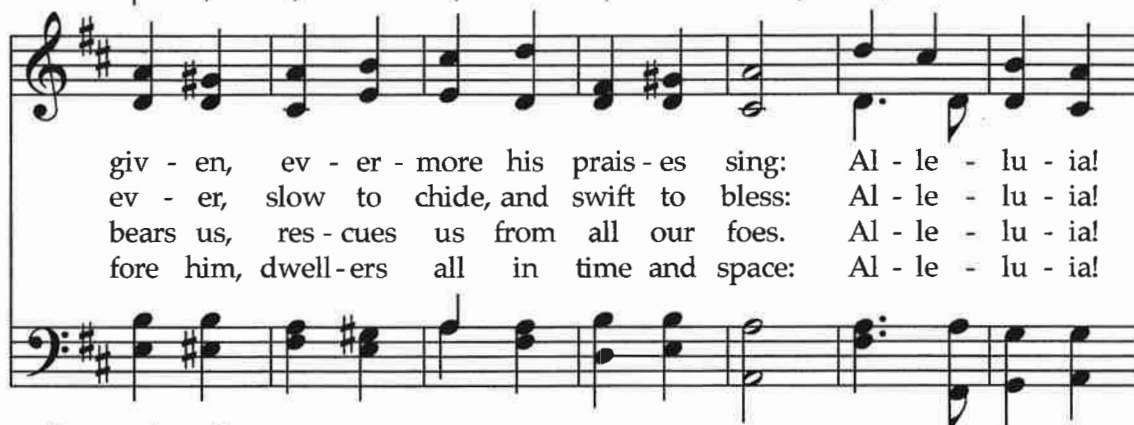
(Psalm 103)



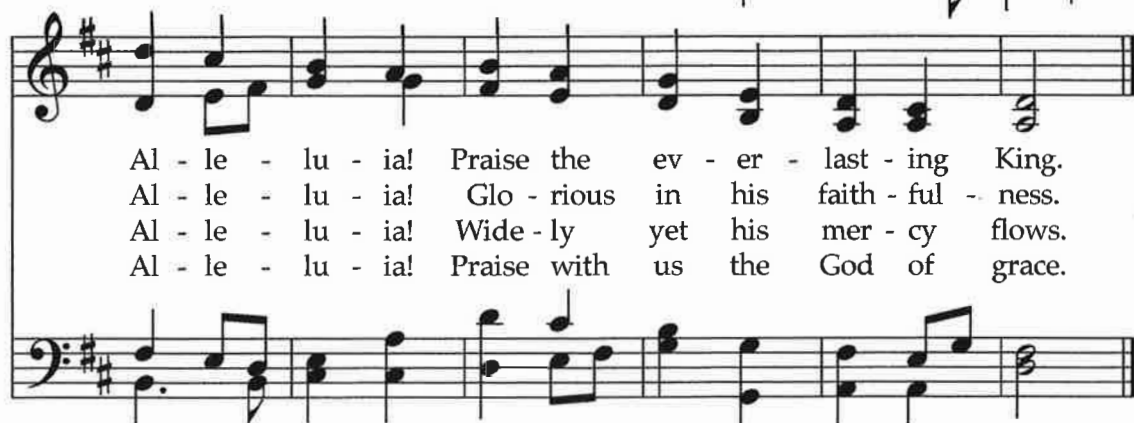
1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his  
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his  
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our  
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -



feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -  
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as  
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly  
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -



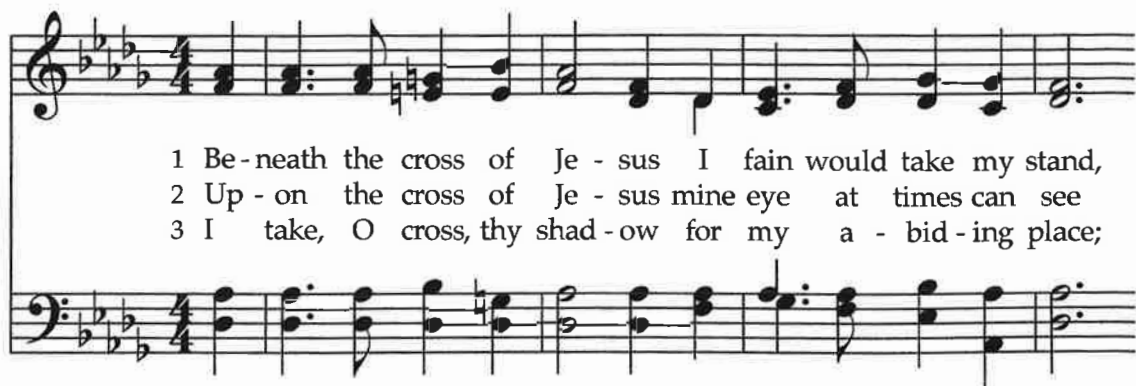
giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!



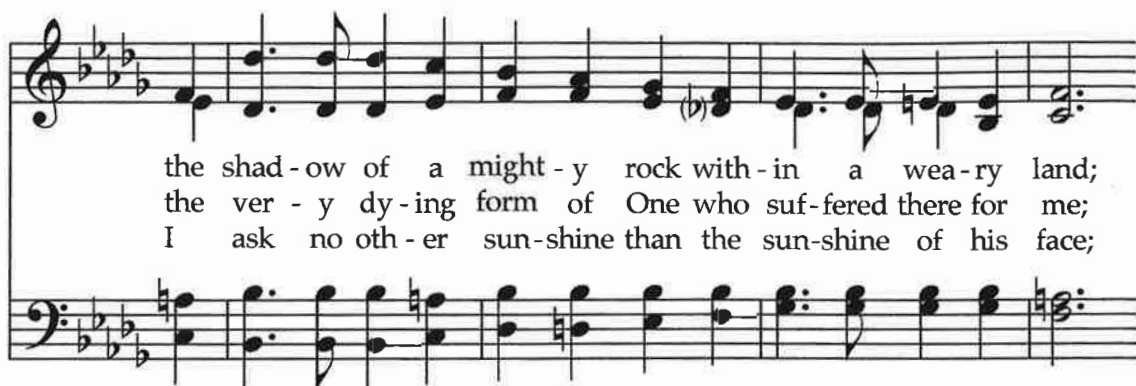
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.

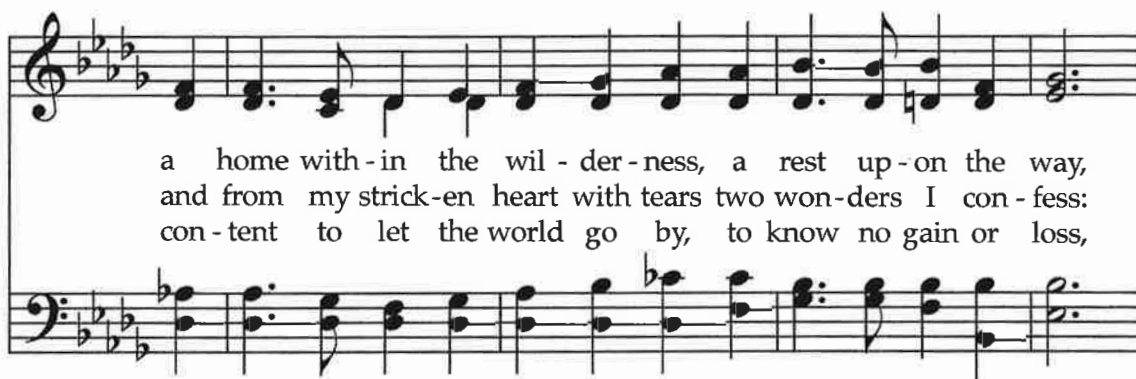
# 216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus



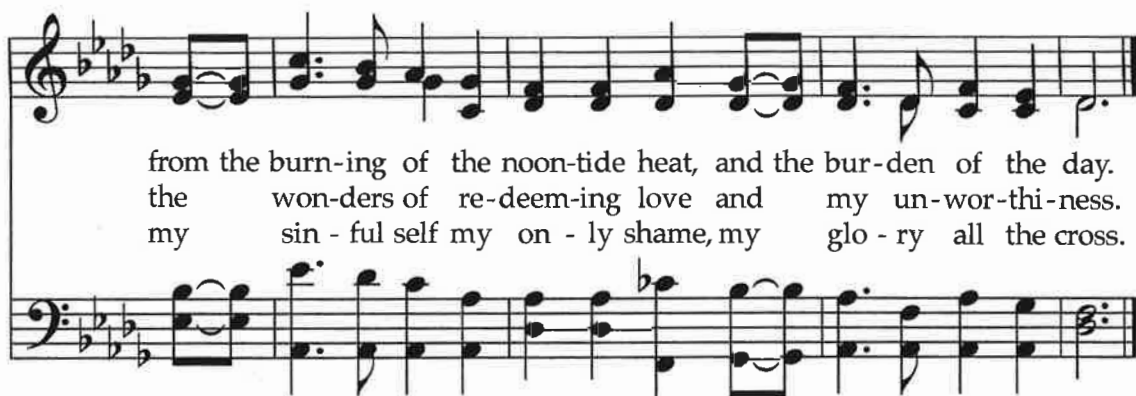
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;  
the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.  
the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

For sheer intensity of feeling few hymns can match this meditation on the cross; impressive images and strong contrasts combine to give the text its ardor. The passionate language is augmented by the highly chromatic tune later composed for these words.

# 215 What Wondrous Love Is This

Dm C Dm C Dm Am

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing  
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing

Dm C Dm C

soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What  
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to  
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and

Dm Am B $\flat$  Gm Am Em

won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of  
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous  
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."

G Dm C Am C Dm Am

bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing

Em Am C Dm Am C Dm

soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!  
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

# 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](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 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:** Robert Cole and Ryan Strawbridge

**Children's Church** for 4- & 5-year-olds with Sam and Samantha Pigott

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 17, 2024

9:00 am Session Meeting  
9:40 am Choristers Rehearsal  
10:00 am Combined Sunday School  
10:30 am Fellowship Time  
11:00 am Worship

### Monday, March 18, 2024

12:00 pm PW Noon Circle  
5:00 pm Deacons Meeting

### Tuesday, March 19, 2024

8:30 am Women's Bible Study  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
12:00 pm Kirkin' Committee Mtg.

### Wednesday, March 20, 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, March 21, 2024

6:45 am Men's Bible Study/Breakfast  
Newsletter Information Deadline



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Presbyterian Women Noon Circle** meets Monday, March 18, at 12:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

**Deacons Meeting**, Monday, March 18, at 5:00 p.m. in the Session Room.

**Women's Bible Study** meets Tuesday, March 19, at 8:30 a.m. in the Jim and Ina Barrett Memorial Library.

**Staff Meeting**, Tuesday, March 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the Session Room.

**Kirkin' Committee** meets Tuesday, March 19, at 12:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

**Wednesday Bible Study** meets Wednesday, March 20, at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor.

**Youth Bible Study** meets Wednesday, March 20, in the Parish Youth Building. Youth Dinner for all at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.

**Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, Wednesday, March 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

**Men's Bible Study and Breakfast**, Thursday, March 21, at 6:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be leading the study of Philippians 4:6-7. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

**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 next 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.

### LOOKING AHEAD:

**The Greenwood Chorale**, under the direction of Paul Brown, will present John Stainer's "The Crucifixion" on Tuesday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. This famous work of Victorian England tells of the Passion of Jesus and will be accompanied by Ray Smithee, organ, and strings from the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra. The performance is free to the public.

**Palm/Passion Sunday**, March 24 – Palm Processional with Choristers singing in worship.

**Maundy Thursday Service**, Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Communion will be served. Childcare provided.

**Good Friday Service**, Friday, March 29 at 12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. No childcare for this service.

**Easter Sunday** – He is Risen Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 a.m. in Shuler Hall and on the Playground. Worship at 11:00 a.m.

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Director of Youth Ministries	Whitney Avritt
Director of Christian Education	Kelli Stainback
Kindergarten Director	Caroline Strawbridge
Financial Secretary	Annette McDonald
Administrative Assistant	Denise Gardner
Custodian	Charles Covington
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

Jim Bowen  
Sherry Clark  
Todd Fincher  
Mary Haley Flautt  
Pat Gullede  
Cathy Jennings

### CLASS OF 2025

Susan Beckham  
Taylor Calhoun  
Chuck Conditt  
Jimmy Lott  
Moss Melton  
Richard Oakes

### CLASS OF 2026

Dallas Baker  
Alan Barger  
Miller King  
Reese Pillow  
John Stewart III  
Ryan Strawbridge

## DEACONS

### CLASS OF 2024

Lina Elfert  
Lynn Riales  
Randy Tackett

### CLASS OF 2025

Rebekah Arant  
Karla Bowen  
Zach Luke

### CLASS OF 2026

Christie Beattie  
Emmie Daugherty  
Sam Pigott



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