



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 14, 2024

3rd 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

Toccata per le leavatione

G. Frescobaldi

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 4

Dr. Andrew Chaney

One: "Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?"

All: But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for Himself; the LORD hears when I call Him. When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

One: There are many who say, 'O that we might see some good! Let the light of Your face shine on us, O LORD!' You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

**All: I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for You alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety."
Let us worship God together!**

**HYMN 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, You are our Shepherd, but we find it difficult not to want more. Instead of resting in green pastures, we are rest-less. Instead of following Your lead, we stir the waters. And as we walk through the valleys, our hearts are often taken with fear. Forgive us, Lord. Though You offer a feast of grace, more than enough to satisfy our souls, we hunger for what the world offers instead. We confess that we have neglected your goodness and mercy. We have lived for ourselves instead of for You. Hear our confession, O Lord...

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

**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

Ashley Soctt

ANTHEM

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

arr. S. Curry

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me the secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide us in the homeward way. Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong; In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only thou canst give with thee O Master, let me live. O Master let me walk with thee.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

I Peter 2:20-25

SERMON

Dr. Andrew Chaney

“Be Nourished with the Fruit of the Spirit – Patience”

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling arr. M. Burkhardt

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer

Elder Cathy Jennings

*HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on GELOBT SEI GOTT

arr. C. Callahan

245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 베풀 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

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: Mark Kimmel and Jimmy Lott

Children's Church for 4- & 5-year-olds with Walter and Anna Moses

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 14, 2024

9:00 am Session Meeting
10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship Time
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Officer Training II

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

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

Monday, April 15, 2024

5:00 pm Deacons Meeting
7:00 pm Classics at First Concert

Thursday, April 18, 2024

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

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

8:30 am Women's Bible Study
10:00 am Staff Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Session met this morning at 9:00 a.m. for their regular monthly meeting.

The Youth will attend the Senior Play at Pillow Academy this afternoon.

Deacon's Meeting, Monday, April 15, at 5:00 p.m.

Officer Training II this afternoon at 12:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. 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. Ordination/Installation of new officers will take place on May 19.

Classics at First, the classical concert series of First Presbyterian Church, presents a program of piano trios on Monday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. with Mississippi Symphony members Temperance Babcock-Steiskal, violin, and Nancy Bateman, cello, and Greenwood's own Paul Brown, piano. Please come and support these artists and our concert series. The program is free. Bring a friend!

Women's Bible Study meets Tuesday, April 16, at 8:30 a.m. in the Jim and Ina Barrett Memorial Library.

Staff Meeting, Tuesday, April 16, at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study meets Wednesday, April 17, at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor.

College Student Visits – Whitney Avritt will meet FPC students at Mississippi State University for lunch on Wednesday, April 17. Whitney met with FPC students at Ole Miss last Wednesday.

Youth Bible Study meets Wednesday, April 17, in the Parish Youth Building. Youth Dinner for all at 5:00 p.m. Bible Study at 5:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast, Thursday, April 18, at 6:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be leading the study of I John 4:7-8. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

Newsletter Information Deadline is Thursday, April 18.

Blood Drive! The Deacons have arranged for a Blood Drive for Thursday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at FPC. See Zach Luke for more information on signing up.

The Spring Choral Concert of the choirs of Mississippi Valley State University, under the direction of Dr. Brandon Cash, will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m. Selections include pieces based on various psalms, the great English anthem "I Was Glad", hymns settings, and gospel works such as "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho." Ray Smithee is the accompanist for the performance. Plan to attend and invite friends to join you.

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SESSION

CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026
Jim Bowen	Susan Beckham	Dallas Baker
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Cathy Jennings	Richard Oakes	Ryan Strawbridge

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026
Lina Elfert	Rebekah Arant	Christie Beattie
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