



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 21, 2024

4th 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

Prelude on THAXTED G. Holst/arr. Callahan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 2:5-11

Dr. Andrew Chaney

One: "Having this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

All: And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

One: Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and under the earth,

All: And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Let us worship God together!

**HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We humbly pray and ask for Your mercy. Forgive us and set us free from a past that we cannot change. Open to us a future in which we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow more and more into Your likeness. We pray in Your holy name...

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

Caroline Strawbridge

ANTHEM

Where Charity and Love Prevail

K. T. Kosche

Where charity and love prevail there God is ever found. Brought here together by Christ's love, but love are we thus bound. With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn; let us with heart and mind and soul now love Him in return. Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess and let us love each other well in Christian holiness. Let strife among us be unknown; let all contention cease; be God's the glory that we seek; be ours His holy peace. Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, His only Son; as members of His Body joined we are in Him made one. For love excludes no race or clan that names the Savior's Name; His family embrace all whose Father is the same.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

I John 4:7-16

SERMON

Dr. Andrew Chaney

"Be Nourished with the Fruit of the Spirit – Love"

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN 300

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We Are One in the Spirit

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. G. Martin

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer

Deacon Lina Elfert

*HYMN 693

The Gift of Love

GIFT OF LOVE

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

AGINCOURT HYMN (DEO GRACIAS)

arr. C. Callahan

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

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Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 To him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

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We Are One in the Spirit

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain

(C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

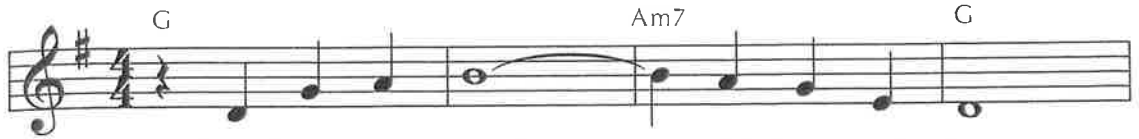
love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

Though I May Speak

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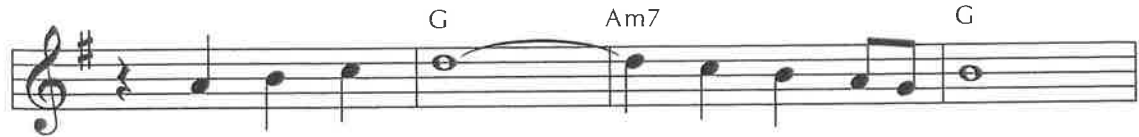
The Gift of Love



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

As paraphrases of 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3 the first two stanzas here are in the first person singular, yet they lead into a plural prayer for the gift of such love, for it thrives in community. These words are especially poignant with this adaptation of an English folk melody.

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 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: Lee Pruett and Mark Singleton

Children's Church for 4- & 5-year-olds with Drew and Kitty Pinkston

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 21, 2024

10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship Time
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Officer Training III
1:30 pm Youth Community Service Project

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

8:30 am Women's Bible Study
4:00 pm MVSU Choirs Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 24, 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, April 25, 2024

6:45 am Men's Bible Study/Breakfast
7:00 pm MVSU Choirs' Spring Concert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Lee and Mary Lindsey (Johnson) Pruett who were married on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

The Youth are participating in the Keep Greenwood Beautiful clean up week in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce. We will meet at Walmart near the grocery pickup area at 1:30 pm today and will clean up trash along John Pittman Drive from Walmart to the baseball fields. Anyone is welcome to join us. Please contact Whitney Avritt for more information.

Officer Training III 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.

Women's Bible Study meets Tuesday, April 23, at 8:30 a.m. in the Jim and Ina Barrett Memorial Library.

Wednesday Bible Study meets Wednesday, April 24, at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor.

Youth Bible Study meets Wednesday, April 24, in the Parish Youth Building. Youth Dinner for all at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast, Thursday, April 25, at 6:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be leading the study of Romans 12:9 and Hebrews 6:10. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

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 2024 Spring Choral Concert of the Music Department Choirs of Mississippi Valley State University, under the direction of Dr. Brandon Cash, will be held at First Presbyterian Church this Thursday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m. The program is varied, featuring several works based on the Psalms, as well as spirituals and settings of hymn texts. Choirs include the University Choir, Valley Singers, Women's Chorale, and Men's Glee Club. The Concert Choir from Clarksdale High School will also perform three pieces. Ray Smithee will accompany the choirs.

Youth Sunday/Senior Recognition will be held on Sunday, May 5. Our youth will be leading in all aspects of the service, and our graduating seniors will offer personal remarks.

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SESSION

CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026
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Cathy Jennings	Richard Oakes	Ryan Strawbridge

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Lina Elfert	Rebekah Arant	Christie Beattie
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