



First Presbyterian Church

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

How Happy Is Each Child of God

WINCHESTER OLD

1. How hap - py is each child of God Who walks with - in God's ways!
2. With fruit - ful spouse you'll par - ent now Your chil - dren strong, a - dored;
3. How hap - py is the fam - i - ly Who hon - ors God a - bove!
4. May God's great peace, good health, and joy For - ev - er fill your home;

You'll reap good fruit from hon - est work, And joy in life al - ways.
Like ol - ive shoots they shall sur - round Your lad - en ta - ble board!
The Lord shall send all help and grace To bless your home with love.
May you and your de - scen-dants know For - ev - er God's sha - lom!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 12, 2024

7th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

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

Adagio in E-flat

E. Elgar/arr. Bish

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 93

Dr. Andrew Chaney

One: "The LORD is King, He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed,
He is girded with strength. He has established the world;
it shall never be moved;

**All: Your throne is established from of old;
You are from everlasting.**

One: The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up
their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. More majestic than
the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves
of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!

**All: Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits Your house,
O LORD, forevermore."**

**HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

*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

Father, our salvation required a purity of heart that we do not possess. Yet, You persuaded us and enabled us to trust Jesus. You revealed to us our brokenness, our sin, and our need for Jesus that we might surrender to Him. But impurity remains. We give our hearts' attention, focus, and desire away to other things, some small and some grand. Lord, we are sorry. Restore to us the joy of our salvation by forgiving our sins and refining our hearts. We pray in the name of Jesus ...

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

Deacon Miller Arant

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD READ

Luke 1:37-45

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Dr. Andrew Chaney

“God’s Gift of Motherhood”

*HYMN (see cover) **How Happy Is Each Child of God** WINCHESTER OLD

THE WORD ENACTED

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Communion Anthem

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

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

Adagio Cantabile

J. S. Bach/arr. Bish

*Doxology, No. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord’s Prayer Elder Andrew Stainback

*HYMN 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

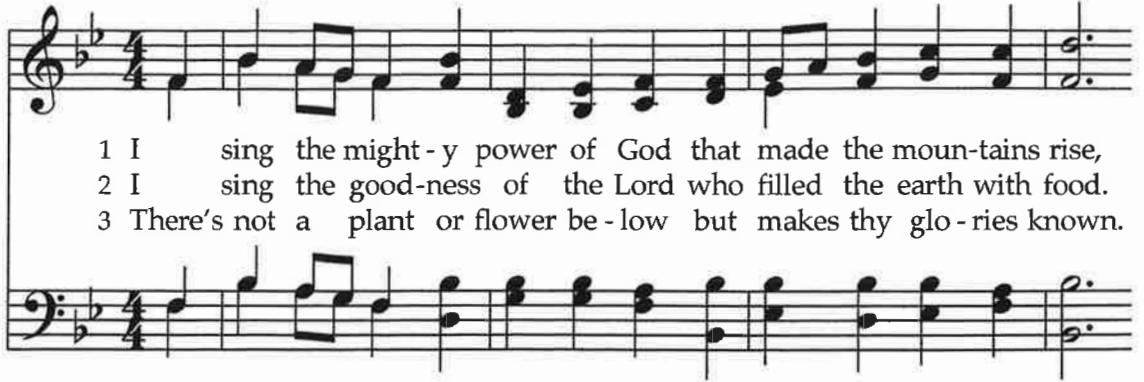
*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

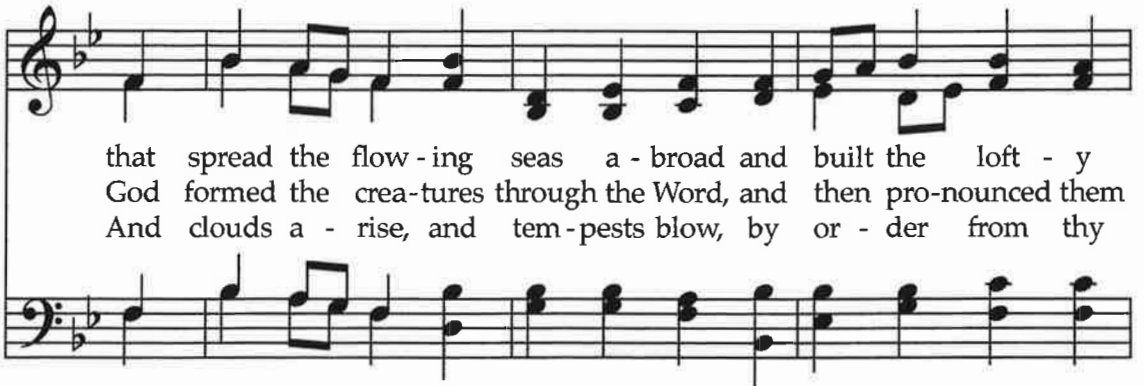
Trumpet Allemande

A. Holborne/arr. Bish

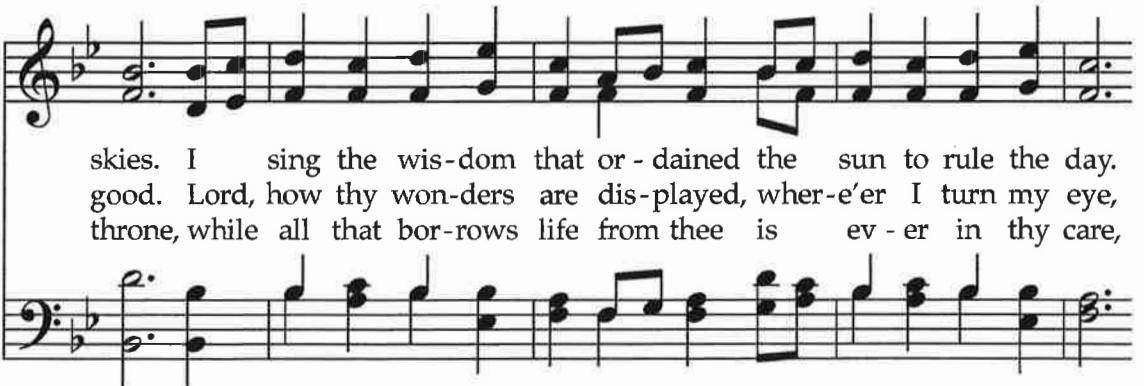
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



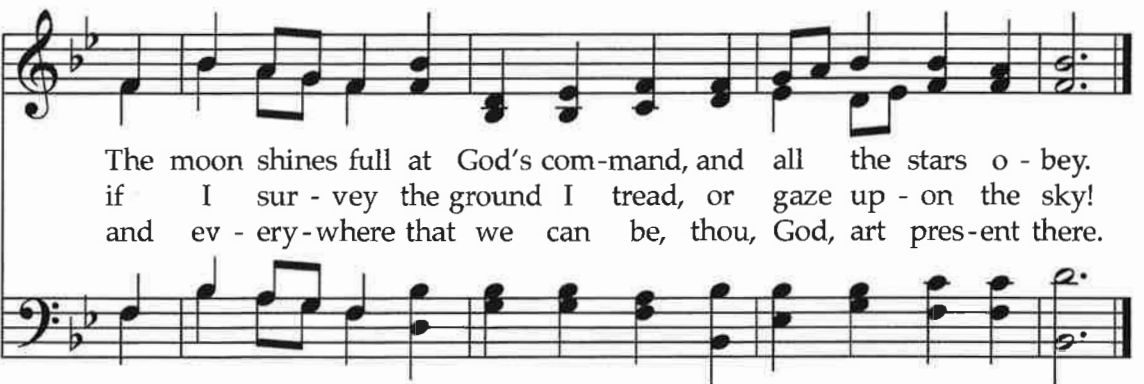
1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy




skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,



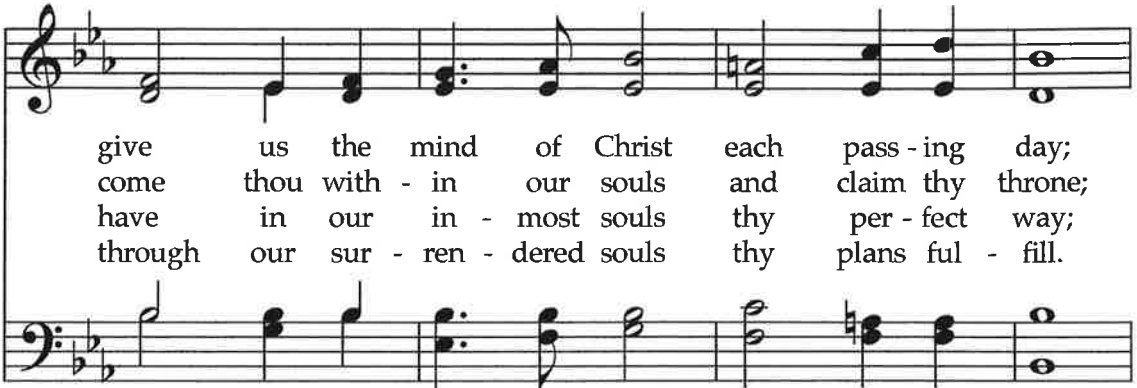
The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

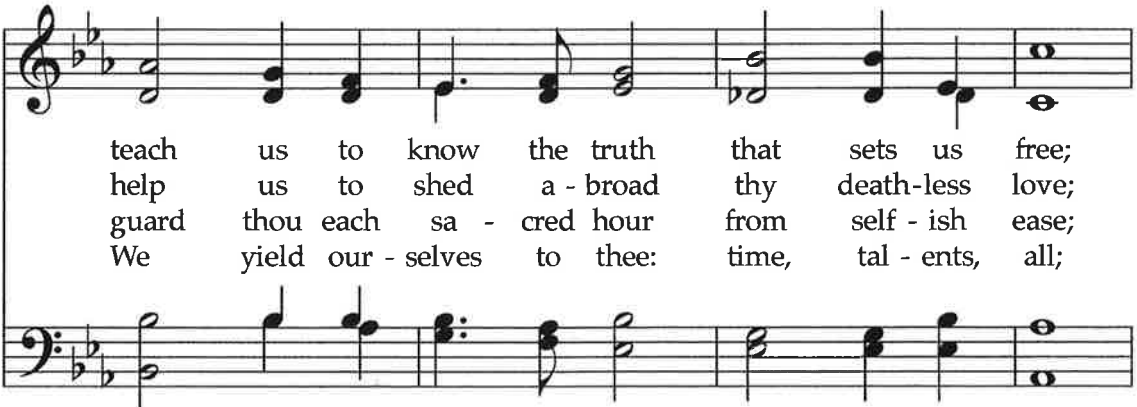
707 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord



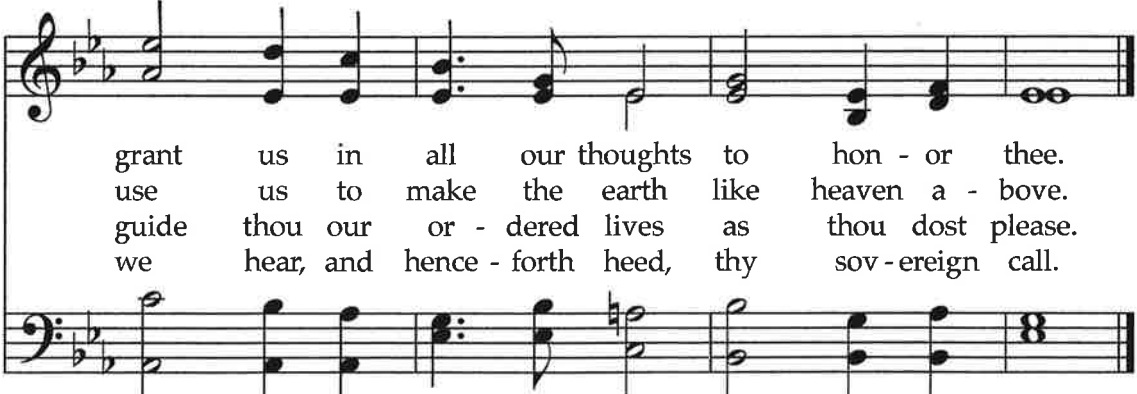
1 Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum - bly pray;
 2 Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
 3 Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
 4 Take thou our - selves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;



give us the mind of Christ each pass - ing day;
 come thou with - in our souls and claim thy throne;
 have in our in - most souls thy per - fect way;
 through our sur - ren - dered souls thy plans ful - fill.



teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
 help us to shed a - broad thy death-less love;
 guard thou each sa - cred hour from self - ish ease;
 We yield our - selves to thee: time, tal - ents, all;



grant us in all our thoughts to hon - or thee.
 use us to make the earth like heaven a - bove.
 guide thou our or - dered lives as thou dost please.
 we hear, and hence - forth heed, thy sov - ereign call.

This hymn began with the tune, which the composer hummed to the author with a request for a text that would challenge the hearts and minds of young people. The text of the first three stanzas was written that day, and the fourth stanza later emerged at a youth conference.

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 Susan Beckham** is the visitation elder for **May**.

Ushers for Today: Barrett Daugherty, Henry Flautt, Jr., Lawson Gary, Kitty Pinkston, John Pittman, and Beverly Quinn

Security Detail: Taylor Calhoun and Barrett Daugherty

Children's Church for 4- & 5-year-olds with Alston and Whitney Avritt

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 12, 2024

10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship Time
10:35 am Communion Assignments
11:00 am Worship/Communion

Monday, May 13, 2024

12:00 pm PW Spring Luncheon
4:30 pm Christian Education Comm.

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

8:30 am Women's Bible Study
5:00 pm PW Gathering

Wednesday, May 15, 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, May 16, 2024

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of all mothers in our congregation on this Mother's Day by Bill and Ann Litton.

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 Eleanor Braswell and Allyn Camp for preparing our communion elements for this morning.

Presbyterian Women Spring Luncheon – Monday, May 13, at 12:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

Christian Education Committee meets Monday, May 13, at 4:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study meets Tuesday, May 14, at 8:30 a.m. in the Jim and Ina Barrett Memorial Library.

PW Gathering, Tuesday, May 14, at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Susan Gregory, 709 Robert E. Lee Dr. All women are invited to attend.

Wednesday Bible Study meets Wednesday, May 15, at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor.

Youth Bible Study, Wednesday, May 15 in the Parrish Youth Building. Dinner for all youth is served at 5:30 p.m. with the Bible study following at 6:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast, Thursday, May 16, at 6:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be leading the study on James 1:19-27. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

Administrative Committee meets Thursday, May 16, at 5:30 p.m.

Next Sunday, May 19, is Pentecost! Remember to wear the liturgical colors of Pentecost which are red and white. **Ordination/Installation** of newly elected officers will take place that day. 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.

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