



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 18, 2024

First 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

Come, Labor On

arr. Lani Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 51

Dr. Andrew Chaney

One: "Merciful God, You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

All: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have crushed rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

One: Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and put a new and right spirit within me.

All: Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You."

Let us worship God together!

**HYMN 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty Father, we enter Your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from You and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us. We have failed to love others as You love us. We have not exalted You above all else. We cling to the sins that entangle, rather than accepting the freedom You offer us by Your grace. Forgive us and have mercy on us. In the name of Jesus we pray...

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

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Rhodes Strawbridge

ANTHEM

All We Like Sheep
(Judith Brown, flute)

Joseph M. Martin

All we like sheep have gone astray,
and we have turned each to his own way.
For the Lord has laid on Him the sin of us all.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

II Thessalonians 3:6-12

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Dr. Andrew Chaney

“Defeating Sloth – Be Active”

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 719

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

RHOSYMEDRE

arr. Dale Wood

*Doxology

OLD 100TH

**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 Deacon Christie Beattie

*HYMN 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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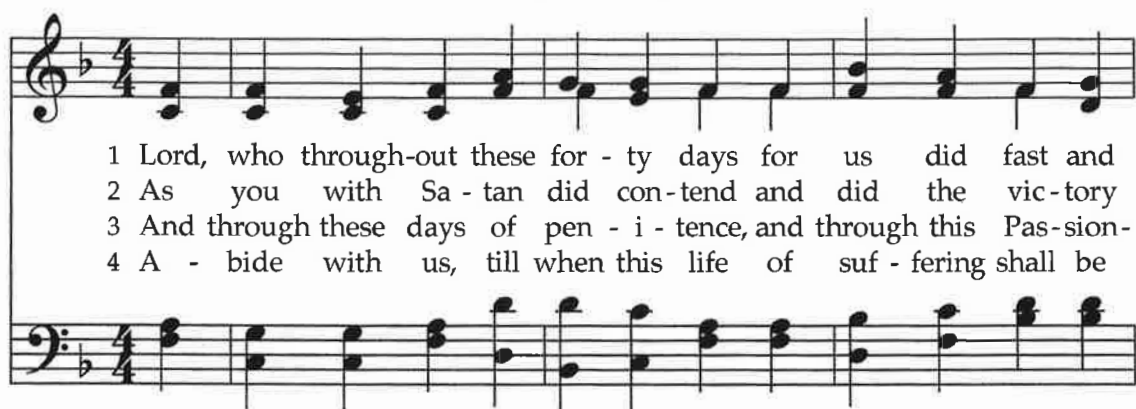
*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, AND CHORAL AMEN

*POSTLUDE

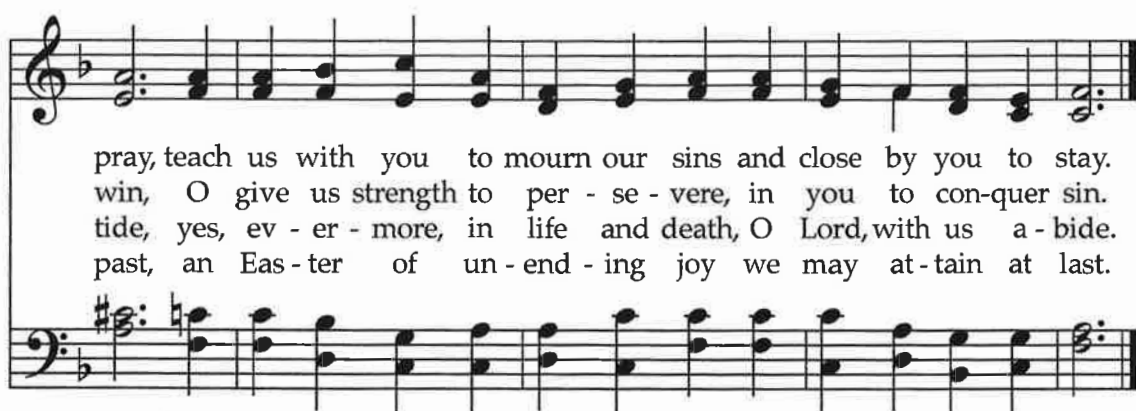
Bourrée

L. Mozart/arr. Parks

166 Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
 4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
 past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at-tain at last.

Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

719, Come, Labor On

Capo 1: (G) (C) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (C) (D) (G)
 A^b D^b A^b Fm D^b A^b D^b E^b A^b



1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain
 2 Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;
 3 Come, la-bor on. Cast off all gloom - y doubt and faith - less fear!
 4 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,

(Em) (B7) (Em) (B) (Em) (C) (D)
 Fm C7 Fm C Fm D^b E^b



while all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each
 to young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the
 No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here. Though fee - ble
 till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, and a glad

(G) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 A^b Fm D^b A^b B^bm E^b7 A^b



ser - vant does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 time; its hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 a - gents, may we all ful - fill God's righ - teous will.
 sound comes with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Using Jesus' harvest imagery in John 4:35-38 and Matthew 9:37-38/Luke 10:2, this urgent text sounds a compelling call to Christian service. The words gain energy from the strong unison tune in the English cathedral style, whose name echoes the Benedictine motto "Prayer is work."

213 In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing



o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no
 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred



sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.



Like Isaac Watts's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14, but this text is more abstract and devotes no attention to the person hanging on the cross. The tune is named for a soloist in the composer's Connecticut choir.

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 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: Jacob Clark and Heston Powers

Children's Church for 4- & 5-year-olds with Alan and Audra Ellis

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 18, 2024

9:00 am Session Meeting
10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship Time
11:00 am Worship

Monday February 19, 2024

5:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

8:30 am Women's Bible Study
9:45 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

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

Thursday, February 22, 2024

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the First Sunday in the season of Lent. Lent is the forty days (not counting Sundays) preceding Easter. This period traditionally has been observed in the church as a time of penitence, self-examination, and preparation for the events of Crucifixion and Resurrection. Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, derives its name from the ancient practice of marking the foreheads of worshipers with ashes from the unused palm branches of the previous year. Ashes are Old Testament symbols of sadness and humility and they are also reminders of our mortality. Our bodies and material possessions will eventually turn to dust and ashes. But Lent does not leave us on the ash heap. Lent ends with Easter and the glorious good news that our God is powerful enough to resurrect His Son and us from dust and ashes, and bring life out of death. Many will be in church Easter Sunday. But Easter will mean the most for those who have daily walked with the Lord during these forty days of Lent.

The Session Meeting for February was held this morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor.

A nominating form is available at the back of the sanctuary. The form was also sent by email last week 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 today, at 12:00 Noon.**

Souper Bowl of Caring – \$693.25 was collected last Sunday for the Souper Bowl of Caring offering to benefit the Community Food Pantry.

Deacons Meeting, Monday, February 19, at 5:00 p.m. in the Session Room.

Women's Bible Study meets Tuesday, February 20 at 8:30 a.m. in the Jim and Ina Barrett Memorial Library.

Wednesday Bible Study meets Wednesday, February 21, at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will lead the study and discussion.

Youth Bible Study, Wednesday, February 21, in the Parish Youth Building. Dinner for all youth at 5:30 p.m. followed by Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast, Thursday, February 22, at 6:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be teaching on John 13:1-20. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

Presbyterian Women will go to Indywood next Sunday, February 25th at 4:00 p.m. for a wine and cheese fellowship with residents.

Kirkin' O' the Tartans: Our 25th 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.

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SESSION

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