



First  
Presbyterian  
Church

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

*Be Nourished  
with the  
Fruit of the Spirit*

March 10 Self-Control

March 17 Faith 32fulness

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 7, 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> 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                      **Trumpet Tune on TRURO**                      arr. J. Wayne Kerr

\*CALL TO WORSHIP                      **I John 1:1-5**                      Dr. Andrew Chaney

One: “We declare to You what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—

**All: We declare to You what we have seen and heard so that You also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.**

One: We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

**All: This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to You, that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.”**

**Let us worship God together!**

\*\*HYMN 234                      **Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain**                      ST. KEVIN

\*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

**Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your grace. Once dead in our sins, You extended Your merciful love to us and we are now made alive together in Christ. Yet we confess that we are still prone at times to follow the desires of our own flesh, and for this we are sorry. Please forgive our forgetfulness of Your gracious love. Help us, in faith, to fully identify with the perfect righteousness of Christ, simply trusting in You...**

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

Shannon Melton

ANTHEM

**The Lamb**

Mark Hayes

The Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice? Faith sees, believes, God will provide the Lamb of price! (Refrain) *Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own! The Lamb is reigning on his throne!* The Lamb, One perfect final offering. The Lamb, Let earth join heav'n his praise to sing. (Refrain) The Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill. So still, his will on our behalf the Law to fill. (Refrain) He sighs, he dies, he takes away my sin and wretchedness. He lives, forgives, He gives me his own righteousness. (Refrain) He rose, he rose, my heart with thanks now overflows. His song prolong "Till every heart to him belong. Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own! The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD READ

**Philippians 4:4-9**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Dr. Andrew Chaney

**"Be Nourished with the Fruit of the Spirit – Gentleness"**

\*HYMN 250

**In the Bulb There Is a Flower**

PROMISE

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

**I Danced in the Morning**

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer

Elder Pat Gulledge

\*HYMN 246

**Christ is Alive!**

TRURO

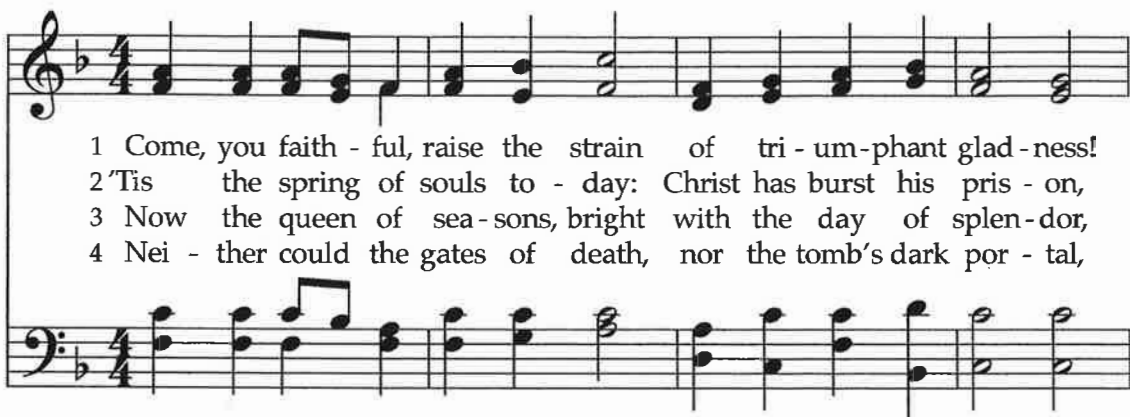
\*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

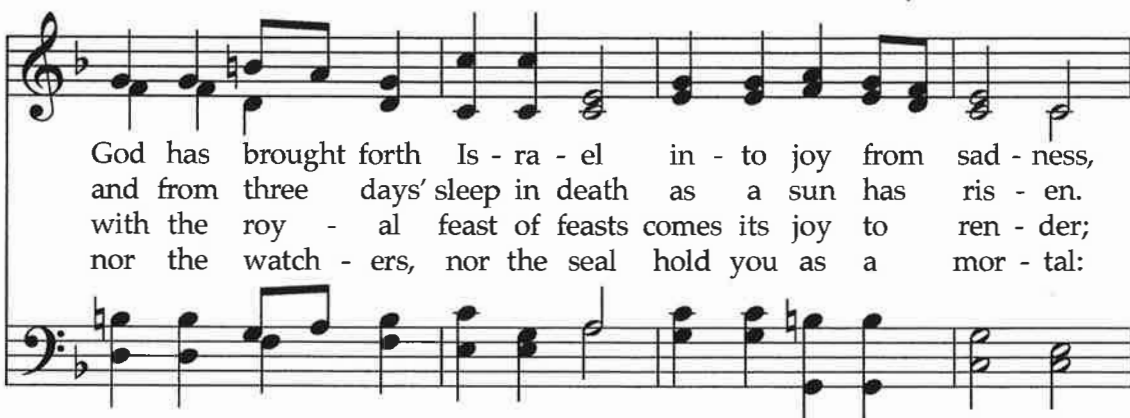
**The Strife is O'er**

Palestrina/arr. Johnson

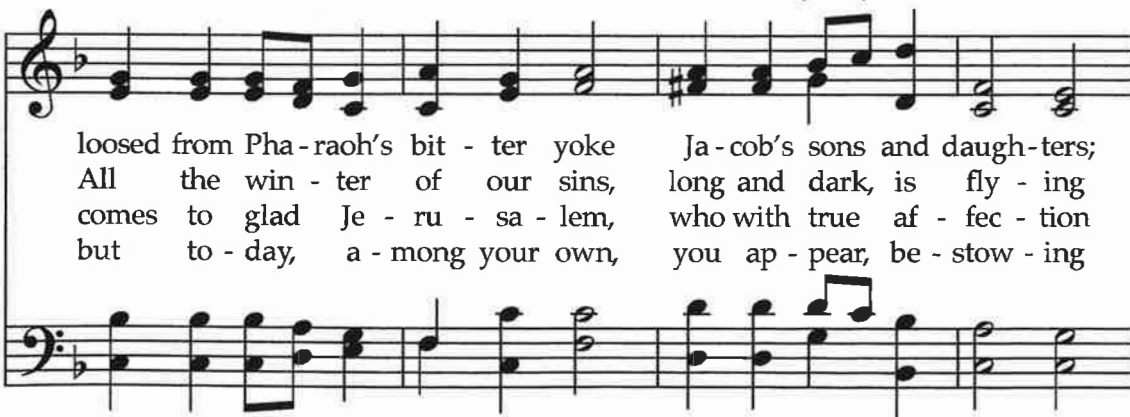
## 234 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



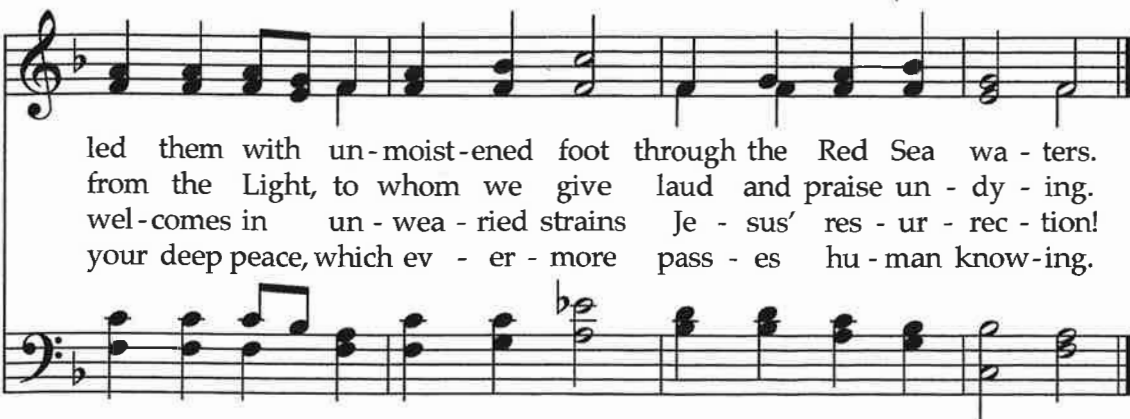
1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
 4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,  
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.  
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;  
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold you as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;  
 All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
 but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
 your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.

One of the many ancient hymns translated into English in the 19th century, this 8th-century Eastertide hymn was originally part of a longer Greek liturgical text. This tune was created for this text by a church organist who later rose to fame as a composer of operettas.

# 250 In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Capo 3: (D) Hymn of Promise (Em)

F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) C7 (D) F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)  
 F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)  
 Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning." Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

## 246

## Christ Is Alive!

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

# 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 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:** Taylor Calhoun and Barrett Daugherty

**Children's Church** for 4- & 5-year-olds with Thomas and Anne Marie Gregory

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 7, 2024

10:00 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Fellowship Time  
10:30 am Communion Assignments  
11:00 am Worship/Communion  
2:00 pm Officer Training I

### Monday, April 8, 2024

12:00 pm Noon Circle  
4:30 pm Christian Ed. Committee  
5:00 pm Youth Committee  
5:30 pm Building & Grounds Comm.

### Tuesday, April 9, 2024

8:30 am Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday, April 10, 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

### Thursday, April 11, 2024

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 Kathryn Pittman and Mary Neff Stewart for preparing our communion elements for this morning.

**Officer Training I** this afternoon at 2:00 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.

**PW Noon Circle** meets Monday, April 8, at 12:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

**Christian Education Committee** meets Monday, April 8, at 4:30 p.m.

**Youth Committee** meets Monday, April 8, at 5:00 p.m.

**Building and Grounds Committee** meets Monday, April 8, at 5:30 p.m.

**Women's Bible Study** meets Tuesday, April 9, at 8:30 a.m. in the Jim and Ina Barrett Memorial Library.

**Wednesday Bible Study** meets Wednesday, April 10, at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor.

**Youth Bible Study** meets Wednesday, April 10, 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 11, at 6:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be leading the study of II Peter 3:9. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

**Administrative Committee** meets Thursday, April 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the Session Room.

**The Session Meets** next Sunday, April 14, at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Officers are reminded to bring with them copies of the agenda and financial statements that will be emailed this week.

**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.



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## 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 Gulledege  
Cathy Jennings

### CLASS OF 2025

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

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Zach Luke

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Emmie Daugherty  
Sam Pigott

