

DIVINE WORSHIP

8:30 A.M. AND 11:15 A.M.

*I will bless those who bless you,
and him who dishonors you I will curse,
and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*

(Genesis 12:3, ESV)

VOLUNTARY: *Chorale Prelude on DUNDEE* C. Hubert H. Parry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT: *We Walk by Faith* ST. BOTOLPH

We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
From him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
But in his promise we rejoice; and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound,
To call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:

That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Words by Henry Alford

The Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Bult (8:30) Mr. Lauten (11:15)

+ **HYMN 168:** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* TOULON
Trinity Hymnal

+ INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven;
Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+ 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.

+ **GLORIA PATRI** Henry Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Benjamin Irving Padgett, son of Emily and Koby Padgett 8:30 a.m.

Mary Rhett Brennecke, daughter of Sarah and Taylor Brennecke 11:15 a.m.

Carlson Blake Lee, daughter of Ansley and Alex Lee 11:15 a.m.

Nathan Ryan Patane, son of Sarah and Ryan Patane 11:15 a.m.

BAPTISMAL HYMN: *Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer* ARMENIA
Trinity Hymnal, no. 413, stanzas 1 and 3

Our children, Lord, in faith and pray'r, we now devote to thee;
Let them thy cov'nant mercies share, and thy salvation see.

In early days their hearts secure from worldly snares, we pray;
O let them to the end endure in every righteous way. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN Dr. Thomas

Minister: Let us join together in confessing our sins.

Congregation: Merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the schemes and desires
of our own hearts, and have broken your holy laws.
We have left undone what we ought to have done,
and we have done what we ought not to have done.
Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;
restore those who repent,
according to the promises declared to us
through your Son, Jesus Christ.
Grant, merciful Father, for his sake,
that from now on,
we may live godly and obedient lives,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

(A Modern English Unison Confession from the *Book of Common Prayer*)

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

(Matthew 11:28, ESV)

MORNING PRAYER

+ **HYMN 512:** *I Lay My Sins on Jesus* COMMEMORATION
Trinity Hymnal

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *I Am Not My Own* Music by Craig Courtney

I am not my own,
Not in body, not in soul,
In life, nor even death.
I am not my own,
I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

I am not my own,
Not in body, not in soul,
In life, nor even death.
I am not my own.
His own blood has ransomed me,
From evil set me free.

I am not my own.
For my salvation all things work together,
In eternal life he gives me hope.
By the power of his Holy Spirit,
I will live for him.
I am not my own.
I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

I belong to him,
In life, in death, my only comfort,
I belong to him,
I will live for him,
Forever and ever, forever more.

Text by Susan Bentall Boersma

+ **DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH
Trinity Hymnal, no. 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(During the 11:15 a.m. service, K4 and K5 children may leave for Children's Church.
Parents should come for them in the Thomwell Education Building, Room 107.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 28:16-20
(Pew Bible page 835)

SERMON:
"Famous Last Words" Dr. Sinclair B. Ferguson

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ **HYMN 300:** *Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power* O QUANTA QUALIA
Trinity Hymnal

+ BENEDICTION

+ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
Benediction WYCLIFF

May the grace of Christ our Savior and the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above.

VOLUNTARY: *Toccata and Fugue* Anonymous Italian

+ Congregation Standing

SERMON NOTES

“Famous Last Words”

Matthew 28:16-20 | Dr. Sinclair B. Ferguson

WELCOME

We extend our cordial greetings to all who are visiting us today and hope that you will join us again for worship. We ask our guests to sign the Friendship Register along with members of the congregation and to give us an address so that we can send you information about the First Presbyterian Church.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Lanny and Nancy Lambert to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. John Richard de Witt, Senior Minister of First Presbyterian Church from 2001 to 2005, and in honor and gratitude for his successors in this pulpit, Dr. Sinclair B. Ferguson and Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas. *“How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring tidings of good things!”* Romans 10:15, KJV

WORSHIP AT FIRST

Things to consider

- ☞ **Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.**
- ☞ **Please leave any food or drink outside of the Sanctuary.**
- ☞ Those who have been detained are asked to take their places either during the first hymn or during the organ interlude following the singing of the “Gloria Patri.”
- ☞ The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast on WISW 1320 AM and www.wisradio.com at 11:00 a.m. Sundays. All services are available on live streaming audio at www.firstprescolumbia.org.
- ☞ The Audio Ministry provides CDs of today’s 8:30 a.m. service in the Narthex after the 11:15 a.m. service. All sermons preached by our ministers are available from the church website at www.firstprescolumbia.org.
- ☞ If able, please make room in your pews for others. This helps the ushers as they seat people.
- ☞ **The Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask deacons for a receiver.**
- ☞ First Presbyterian Church uses two hymnbooks. *Trinity Hymnal* is the blue hymnbook, and *The Hymnbook* is the red hymnbook.
- ☞ Nurseries for children to the age of four are provided in the Thornwell Education Building.
- ☞ A quiet room with a live video feed of the service is available in Thornwell, Room 113. There, mothers may attend to the needs of their children.

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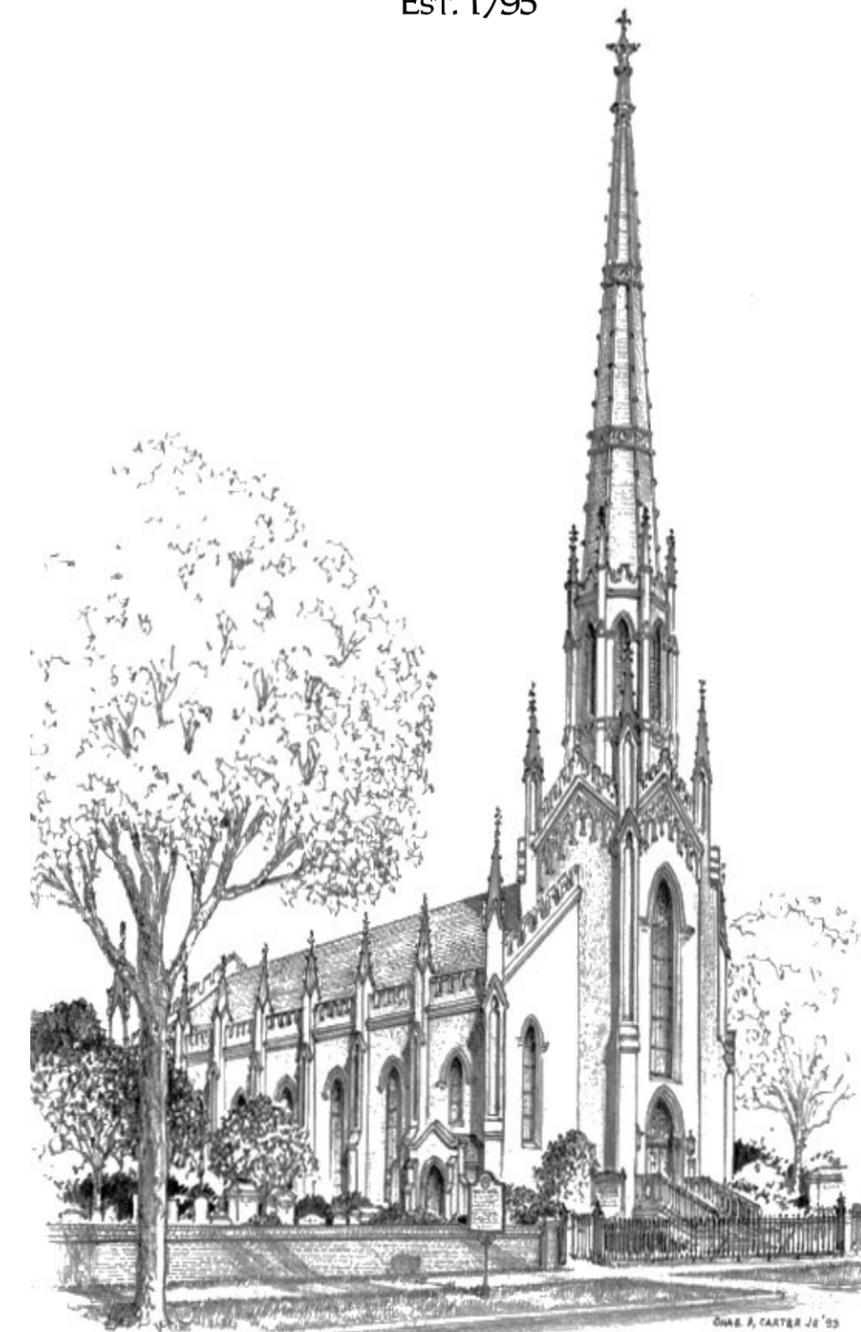
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LORD’S DAY, MARCH 17, 2019

8:30 A.M. AND 11:15 A.M.

“IT IS GOOD TO GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, TO SING PRAISES TO YOUR NAME, O MOST HIGH; TO DECLARE YOUR STEADFAST LOVE IN THE MORNING, AND YOUR FAITHFULNESS BY NIGHT.” (PSALM 92:1,2)

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I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

**I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
My only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst under go for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.**

**Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
Reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;
Shine on us with the light of thy pure day.**

**Thou art the Life, by which alone we live,
And all our substance and our strength receive;
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,
Strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.**

**Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
No harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
Make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee
And ever stay in thy sweet unity.**

**Our hope is in no other save in thee;
Faith is built upon thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure
That we can boldly conquer and endure.**

Our Children, Lord, In Faith and Pray'r

**Our children, Lord, in faith and pray'r,
we now devote to thee;
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**In early days their hearts secure
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in every righteous way. Amen.**

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like lost sheep. We have followed too much the
schemes and desires of our own hearts, and have
broken your holy laws. We have left undone what
we ought to have done, and we have done what we
ought not to have done. Yet, good Lord, have mercy
on us; restore those who repent, according to the
promises declared to us through your Son, Jesus
Christ. Grant, merciful Father, for his sake,
that from now on, we may live godly and obedient
lives, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

**I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all, and frees us from the accursed load:
I bring my guilt to Jesus, to wash my crimson stains
White in his blood most precious, till not a spot remains.**

**I lay my wants on Jesus; all fullness dwells in him;
He heals all my diseases, he doth my soul redeem:
I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases, he all my sorrows shares.**

**I rest my soul on Jesus, this weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces, I on his breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes his name abroad is poured.**

**I long to be like Jesus, meek, loving, mild;
I long to be like Jesus, the Father's holy child:
I long to be with Jesus amid the heav'nly throng,
To sing with saints his praises, to learn the angels' song.**

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power

**Blessing and honor and glory and power,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore
Give ye to him who our battle hath won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.**

**Soundeth the heav'n of the heav'ns with his name;
Ringeth the earth with his glory and fame;
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower
Echo his praises and tell of his power.**

**Ever ascendeth the song and the joy;
Ever descendeth the love from on high;
Blessing and honor and glory and praise--
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.**

**Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.**

Benediction

**May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.**