

DIVINE WORSHIP

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

*Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
“Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.”*

(Proverbs 31:28-29, ESV)

VOLUNTARY: *Prelude on Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT: *Be still, for the presence of the Lord*
Words and music by David J. Evans
Arr. Richard Shephard

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

The Chancel Choir (8:30)
The Chamber Choir (11:15)

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

+ **HYMN 4:** *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART
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

Brandon Scott Gause, son of Hadyn and Bryan Gause 8:30 a.m.
Wesley Solomon Blatt, son of Juleah and Lee Blatt 11:15 a.m.
Louie Lander Cason IV, son of Leigh and Lander Cason 11:15 a.m.
Edith Louise Harris, daughter of Kathryn and Russell Harris 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 and Congregation

Father of mercies, hear me for Jesus’ sake.
I am sinful even in my closest walk with thee;
It is of thy mercy that I died not long ago;
Thy grace has given me faith in the cross
By which thou hast reconciled thyself to me
And me to thee,
Drawing me by thy great love,
Reckoning me as innocent in Christ though guilty in myself.
Strengthen me against temptations.
My heart is an unexhausted fountain of sin,
A river of corruption since childhood days,
Flowing on in every pattern of behavior.
Thou alone canst hold back my evil ways,
But without thy grace to sustain me I fall.
Keep me sensible of my weakness
And of my dependence upon thy strength. Amen.

(Unison prayer from *The Valley of Vision*)

SCRIPTURE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—
More than that, who was raised—
Who is at the right hand of God,
Who indeed is interceding for us.

(Romans 8:34, ESV)

MORNING PRAYER

+ **HYMN 605:** *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* ALL THE WAY
Trinity Hymnal

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace* Herbert Sumsion

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace
Whose mind is stayed on thee.
The darkness is no darkness with thee,
But the night is as clear as the day.
The darkness and the light to thee are both alike.
God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
O let my soul live and it shall praise thee.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
And the glory forever more.

+ **DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDETH
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 I Samuel 1:1-28
(Pew Bible page 225)

SERMON:
“A Godly Mother’s Sacrifice” Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ **HYMN 717:** *Blest the Man That Feels Jehovah* GALILEE
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: *Variation on Hyfrydol* George Thalben-Ball

+ Congregation Standing

Lord’s Supper: Next Sunday, May 19, during our 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship services, we will observe the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. The week ahead of us, therefore, is one in which we prepare for a joyful gathering at the table of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Note: Gluten-free bread for communion will be available in the Narthex prior to the service. Also, white envelopes for the Deacons’ Fund – taken in association with communion – are available in the pews.

SERMON NOTES

“A Godly Mother's Sacrifice”

I Samuel 1:1-28 | Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

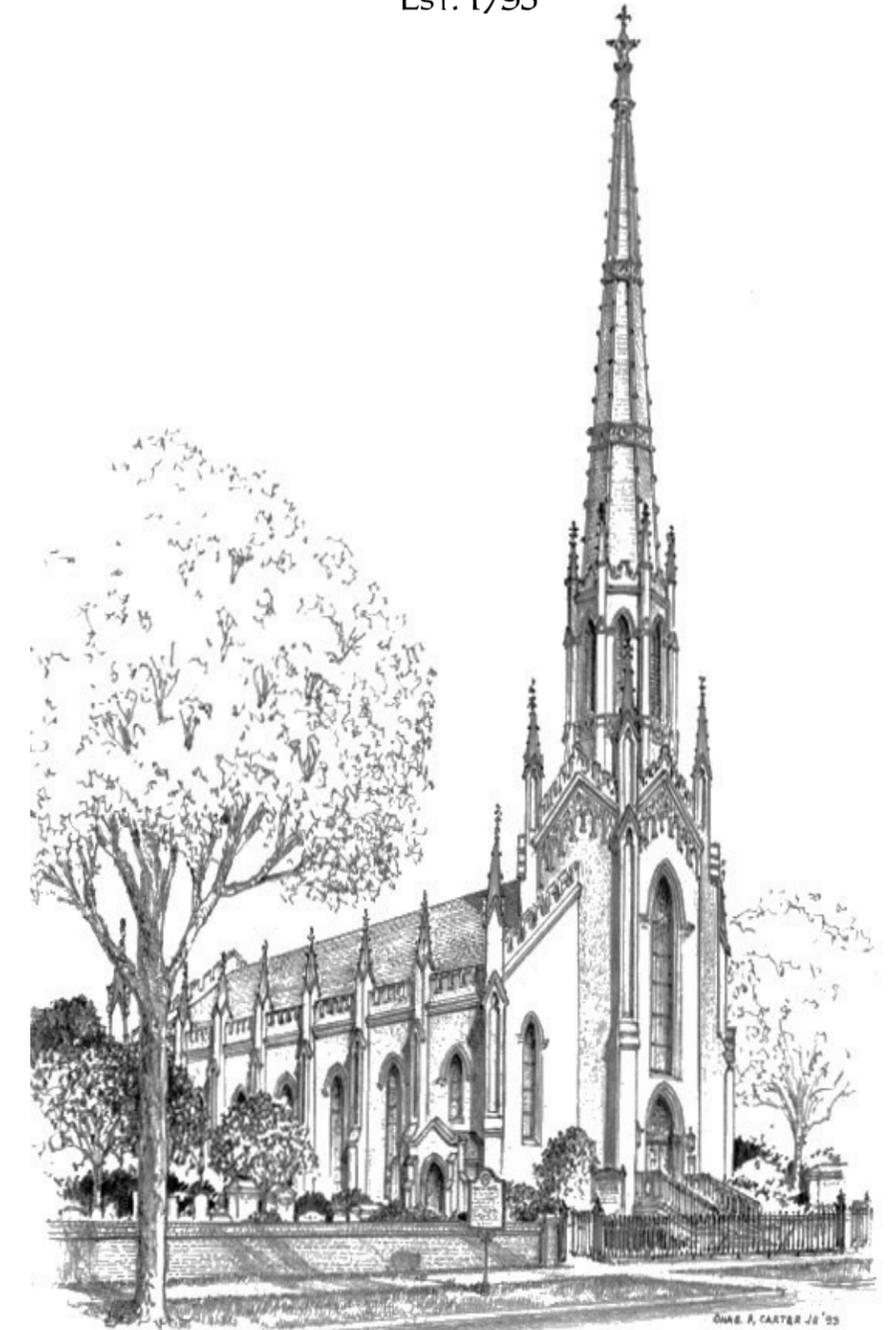
WELCOME

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 to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Brandon Scott Gause and in memory of his great grandmothers Vivian C. Anderson, Virley M. Gause, Lillian Hair Jervey, and Marjorie Powell. Stands by the Gause and Stands families.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
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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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EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 P.M.

Life and Death

Philippians 1:18b-30 | Rev. Josh Squires

LORD’S DAY, MAY 12, 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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All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

**All praise to God who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love,
The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills,
The God who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory!**

**What God's almighty pow'r hath made
His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning dawn or evening shade
His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of his might,
Lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!**

**I cried to him in time of need:
Lord God, O hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed
And kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be;
O thank him, thank our God with me.
To God all praise and glory!**

(over)

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

**The Lord forsaketh not his flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand
He leads his own, his chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!**

**Ye who confess Christ's holy name,
To God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim,
To God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod,
The Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!**

**Then come before his presence now
And banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow
And sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell,
The Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory!**

Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer

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devote to thee;
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salvation see.**

**In early days their hearts secure from worldly
snares, we pray;
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way. Amen.**

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All the Way My Savior Leads Me

**All the way my Savior leads me;
What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy,
Who through life has been my guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in him to dwell;
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.**

**All the way my Savior leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for ev'ry trial,
Feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the rock before me, Lo, a spring of joy I see;
Gushing from the rock before me, Lo, a spring of joy I see.**

**All the way my Savior leads me-
O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father's house above:
When my spirit, clothed, immortal,
Wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way;
This my song through endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way.**

I Samuel 1:1-28

There was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephrathite. 2 He had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3 Now this man used to go up year by year from his city to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the Lord. 4 On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. 5 But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. 6 And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. 7 So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. 8 And Elkanah, her husband, said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

9 After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. 10 She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept

bitterly. 11 And she vowed a vow and said, “O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head.”

12 As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. 13 Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman. 14 And Eli said to her, “How long will you go on being drunk? Put your wine away from you.” 15 But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. 16 Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation.” 17 Then Eli answered, “Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him.” 18 And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

19 They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her. 20 And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his

name Samuel, for she said, “I have asked for him from the Lord.”

21 The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. 22 But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the Lord and dwell there forever.” 23 Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the Lord establish his word.” So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. 24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. And the child was young. 25 Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. 26 And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. 27 For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. 28 Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord.”

And he worshiped the Lord there.

Blest the Man That Feared Jehovah

**Blest the man that fears Jehovah,
Walking ever in his way;
By your toil you shall be prospered
And be happy for all your days.**

**In your wife you shall have gladness,
She shall fill your home with good,
Happy in her loving service
And the joys of motherhood.**

**Joyful children, sons and daughters,
Shall about your table meet,
Olive plants, in strength and beauty,
Full of hope and promise sweet.**

**Lo, on him that fears Jehovah
Shall this blessedness attend,
For Jehovah out of Zion
Shall to you his blessing send.**

**You shall see God's kingdom prosper
All your days, till life shall cease,
You shall see your children's children;
On your people, Lord, be please.**

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.**