

DIVINE WORSHIP

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

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

(Revelation 7:14b, ESV)

VOLUNTARY: *Grand Plein Jeu and Fugue from Suite I* L. N. Clérambault

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTRIOT: “Old Hundredth” from *The Southern Harmony*
arr. William Walker

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Bult (8:30) Dr. Fluhrer (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.

CONFESSION OF SIN Mr. Lauten

Minister and Congregation

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become
accountable for all of it.

(James 2:10, ESV)

SCRIPTURE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like
scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they
shall become like wool.

(Isaiah 1:18, ESV)

MORNING PRAYER

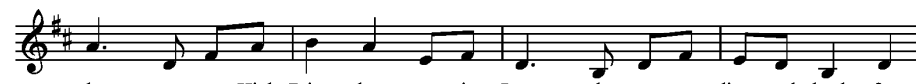
+ **HYMN:** *Before the Throne of God Above*

Charitie Bancroft (1841-1923)

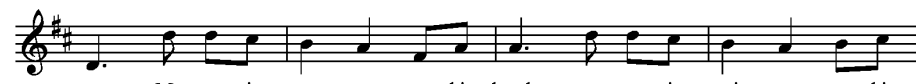
Vikki Cook



1.Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect
2.When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with -
3.Be - hold him there! The ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous -



plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for
in, up - ward I look and see him there who made an end of all my
ness; the great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of



me. My name is gra - ven on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sa - viour died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
grace! One with him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by his



heart; I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can
free; for God the just is sat - is - fied to look on
blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
Sa - viour and my God, with Christ my Sa - viour and my God.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Psaume 42*

Claude Goudimel

As the deer, for water yearning, seeks the stream’s refreshing flow,
So my heart and soul are burning, thirsting, LORD, your life to know.
For the waters that revive I will cry out to God alive:
When shall I bow in your presence
And behold your face in rev’rence?

Tears have been my daily portion: “Where is God?” they say to me.
I recall my deep devotion, singing thanks with spirit free.
Why are you cast down, my soul? Will not God your grief console?
I will praise my living Savior,
God, my help and hope forever.

Members of the Poland/France Missions Choir

+ **DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Trinity Hymnal, no. 731

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.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 45
(Pew Bible page 471)

SERMON

Dr. Jonathan Gibson

“A Love Song for the King”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ **HYMN:** *Psalms 45*

THAXTED

O King, you are most worthy, of men you are the best;
Your words are true and gracious, you are forever blessed.
Take up your sword in splendor, ride forth in majesty!
For justice and for mercy and true humility;
Your arrows pierce your enemies, you march across the land;
The peoples and the nations against you cannot stand.

Your throne will last forever, with justice you shall reign.
You love all that is righteous and hate all evil gain.
So God has richly blessed you with joy abundantly;
Your robes, they are all fragrant, your courts are ivory.
There princesses attend you, sweet music from of old;
Your future queen awaits you arrayed in finest gold.

O bride forsake all others, don’t give your love abroad,
The king desires your beauty; so honor him your Lord.
The gown he gives is glorious, the threads are twined with gold.
In robes of many colors the envy of the world,
A joyful crowd is with her, with gladness now they sing;
And finally she enters the palace of the king.

This king will reign forever, his sons upon the earth;
And ev’ry generation will tell of his great worth.
All nations will soon praise him and fall down at his feet;
His kingdom is established, where truth and mercy meet.
O Jesus we adore you, our lover and our king,
Your church, your bride is waiting and so to you we sing.

+ **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: *Caprice from Suite II*

L. N. Clérambault

+ Congregation Standing

TO BE NOTED

Lord’s Supper: This evening, during our 6:00 p.m. worship service, we will observe
the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. The day 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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship Service* - Sanctuary**
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Youth* - Church Campus
- 10:00 a.m. Thornwell Lectures - Family Life Center
- 10:50 a.m. Fellowship - Jackson Hall
- 11:15 a.m. **Worship Service* - Sanctuary**
- 5:00 p.m. Church-Wide Prayer* - Laffitte Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. **Evening Service* - Sanctuary**
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- 7:15 p.m. Sunday Supper - Jackson Hall

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

- 9:00 a.m. Aerobics@First - Family Life Center
- 12:00 p.m. Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal - P107
- 5:30 p.m. Administration Committee - P402
- 6:00 p.m. Trail Life USC Team Leaders Meeting - BR327

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer - P402A
- 8:30 a.m. Staff Prayer - BR201
- 9:00 a.m. Ministry Staff Meeting - BR201
- 11:30 a.m. Foundry Committee Meeting - BR327
- 5:45 p.m. Men's Basketball (35+) - Family Life Center

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

- 9:00 a.m. Aerobics@First - Family Life Center
- 9:30 a.m. College Prayer - Smith Chapel
- 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays@First - Jackson Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Centerpoint Dinner - Jackson Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Centerpoint - Jackson Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Centerpoint Nursery - T108/T109/T112
- 6:00 p.m. Centerpoint Kids - T102/T103
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - P110
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - T305

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

- 7:15 a.m. Men's Discipleship Bible Study - Blue Marlin, Vista Room
- 5:30 p.m. Men's Basketball (18+) - Family Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. Core Strength and Stretching Class - BR201

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

- College Leadership Retreat
- 9:00 a.m. Aerobics@First - Family Life Center
- 5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Retreat - Church Campus

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

- College Leadership Retreat
- 9:00 a.m. Encouragers Breakfast - Lizard's Thicket, Forest Drive

* Childcare is available from birth to four years.

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 P.M.

THE DISCIPLE'S PURPOSE
Titus 3:12-15 | Dr. Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

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 loving memory of Chris Kneisley by her family.

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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LORD'S DAY, AUGUST 12, 2018

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"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)

1324 MARION STREET, 29201

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

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Who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age. Gal. 1:4

1. I greet thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art, my on - ly
 2. Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace, reign - ing om -
 3. Thou art the Life, by which a - lone we live, and all our
 4. Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness, no harsh - ness
 5. Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee; our faith is

trust and Sav - ior of my heart, who pain didst un - der -
 nip - o - tent in ev - 'ry place: so come, O King, and
 • sub - stance and our strength re - ceive; O com - fort us in
 hast thou and no bit - ter - ness: make us to taste the
 built up - on thy prom - ise free; O grant to us such

go for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 our whole be - ing sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 • death's ap - proach - ing hour, strong - heart - ed then to face it by thy pow'r.
 sweet grace found in thee and ev - er stay in thy sweet u - ni - ty.
 strong - er hope and sure that we can bold - ly con - quer and en - dure.

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free; for God the just is sat - is - fied to look on
blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
Sa - vior and my God, with Christ my Sa - vior and my God.

Psalm 45

My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;

I address my verses to the king;

my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

2 You are the most handsome of the sons of men;

grace is poured upon your lips;

therefore God has blessed you forever.

3 Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,

in your splendor and majesty!

4 In your majesty ride out victoriously

for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;

let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!

5 Your arrows are sharp

in the heart of the king's enemies;

the peoples fall under you.

6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.

The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

7 you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you

with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

8 your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

**9 daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.**

**10 Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear:
forget your people and your father's house,**

**11 and the king will desire your beauty.
Since he is your lord, bow to him.**

**12 The people of Tyre will seek your favor with
gifts, the richest of the people.**

**13 All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with
robes interwoven with gold.**

**14 In many-colored robes she is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following behind her.**

**15 With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.**

**16 In place of your fathers shall be your sons;
you will make them princes in all the earth.**

**17 I will cause your name to be remembered in all
generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

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Benediction

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