

THE EVENING SERVICE

6:00 P.M.

*For thus says the LORD,
who created the heavens
(he is God!),
who formed the earth and made it
(he established it;
he did not create it empty,
he formed it to be inhabited!):
“I am the LORD, and there is no other.”*

(Isaiah 45:18, ESV)

(+ Congregation please stand if able.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Josh Squires

PRELUDE: *Ah, Holy Jesus* Johann Cruger
arr. Arnold B. Sherman

The Cate Memorial Handbell Choir and the Centennial ARP Handbell Choir
Judy Doudoukjian, director

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ **HYMN: “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”** AUSTRIAN HYMN
Trinity Hymnal, no. 345

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for his own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded,
Thou may’st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river
Ever flows their thirst t’assuage?—
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov’ring,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov’ring,
Showing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which he gives them when they pray.

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I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling’s pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion’s children know.

+ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

+ **HYMN: “This is My Father’s World”**
Trinity Hymnal, no. 111, stanzas 1 and 2

This is my Father’s world,
And to my list’ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declares their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world:
He shines in all that’s fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

CHILDREN’S SERMON: “The Suffering Servant”

Children’s Catechism #50
Q. How could Christ suffer?

A. Christ, the Son of God, became a man so that he could obey and suffer in our place.

(After the Children’s Sermon, children may leave for Club and Cherub Choir.)

HYMN: “This is My Father’s World” TERRA BEATA
Trinity Hymnal, no. 111, stanza 3

This is my Father’s world,
O let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world:
The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav’n be one.

EVENING PRAYER Elder David Taylor

PRESENTATION OF EVENING OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *My Song Is Love Unknown* RHOSYMEDRE
arr. Daniel E. Hermany

+ **DOXOLOGY:** TALLIS’ CANON

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 1:26-2:3
(Pew Bible, page 1)

SERMON: “Famous First Words” Dr. Sinclair B. Ferguson

PRAYER

+ **HYMN: “At the Name of Jesus”** KING’S WESTON
Trinity Hymnal, no. 163

At the name of Jesus ev’ry knee shall bow,
Ev’ry tongue confess him King of glory now.
’Tis the Father’s pleasure we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
All the heav’nly orders in their great array.

Humbled for a season to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true:
Crown him as your Captain in temptation’s hour:
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Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With his Father’s glory, with his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
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BENEDICTION

+ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

“May the Peace (Benediction)” Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

May the peace of God our heav’nly Father,
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign,
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav’n;
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain,
Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

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POSTLUDE: *This is My Father’s World* arr. Samuel Metzger

TO BE NOTED

Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.

Please leave any food or drink outside the Sanctuary.

Nurseries for children to the age of four are provided in the Thornwell Education Building. Parents of children who have been in the Nursery are asked to come for them promptly after the conclusion of the service.

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.

The Sanctuary is equipped with a **hearing assistance system**. Please ask deacons for a receiver.

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

SERMON NOTES

“Famous First Words”

Genesis 1:26-2:3 | Dr. Sinclair B. Ferguson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EVENING SERVICE



MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK



Vonia and Josh Thomas

Vonia and Josh are World Witness missionaries serving with Bridge Europe – a ministry to immigrants and refugees. They are relocating to Germany from Turkey where they served for a number of years. Vonia and Joshua have five children: Isaiah, Krysia, Ella, Isaac, and Samuel.

**MARCH 17, 2019
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**27 So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.**

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” 29 And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

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