

DIVINE WORSHIP

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

*In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

(John 1:1, ESV)

+ Please stand for these acts of worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY: *Prelude on “Be Thou My Vision”* William H. Bates

INTROIT: “Old Hundred,” from the *Southern Harmony*

O come, loud anthems let us sing,
Loud thanks to our Almighty King,
For we our voices high should raise,
When our salvation’s Rock we praise.

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

+ **HYMN 1:** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* OLD HUNDREDT

+ 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.

+ CONFESSION OF FAITH

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

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to the Holy Spirit, binding all the church as one!
As it was in the beginning as is now and e’er shall be,
World without end! Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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BAPTISMAL HYMN: *Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer* ARMENIA

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.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you created us in your image and after your likeness, but we defaced the beauty of what you made and threw it away. We were created to explore and discover and form beautiful relationships and take care of this world, but we have used what we have discovered to destroy rather than beautify. We were created to be holy, but we preferred to rebel than to obey, to create idols rather than worship you. We thank you that you have quickened us in Christ and that our “new self” is “being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.” Forgive us for the lack of progress we have shown in this renewal. Persevere with us to the end and do not forsake us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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(Hebrews 13:5, citing Joshua 1:5)

MORNING PRAYER

+ **HYMN 119:** *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* FOREST GREEN

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Ye Boundless Realms of Joy* Early American Hymn
arr. Alice Parker

Ye boundless realms of joy, exalt your Maker's fame,
His praise your songs employ, above the starry frame,
Your voices raise, Ye cherubim
And seraphim, to sing his praise.

United zeal be shown His wondrous fame to raise,
Whose glorious name alone, deserves our endless praise;
Earth's utmost ends His pow’r obey,
His glorious sway the sky transcends.

+ DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDT

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 Education Building, Room 103.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 1:1-25
(Pew Bible page 1, Children’s Bible page 3)

SERMON: *Genesis: In the Beginning* Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas
“The Beginning of Everything”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ **HYMN 111:** *This is My Father’s World* TERRA BEATA

+ 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.

POSTLUDE: *Psalms 19, “The Heavens Declare the Glory of God”*
Benedetto Marcello

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER AND MEETING: The annual dinner and congregational meeting for the adoption of the 2022 budget, election of the 2022 Church Officers Nominating Committee, election of the church treasurer, and any other matters will be held on Wednesday, January 26, in the Family Life Center. There is no charge for the dinner which starts at 5:15 p.m. The congregational meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The Corporation of The First Presbyterian Church will meet immediately following the congregational meeting to elect officers and act on any other business that may come before The Corporation.

Nurseries for infants through three years old will be available beginning at 5:45 p.m. Children’s activities for K4 – 5th grade will be offered beginning at 6:00 p.m. Parents, please feed your children prior to the nursery and/or children’s program.

SERMON NOTES

“The Beginning of Everything”

Genesis 1:1-25 | Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

WORSHIP AT FIRST

Things to consider

- ☞ Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.
- ☞ The Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask deacons for a receiver.
- ☞ Nurseries for children to the age of four are provided in the Education Building.
- ☞ A quiet room with a live video feed of the service is available in the Education Building, Room 113. There, mothers may attend to the needs of their children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ☞ All men are invited to the Men's Wild Game Supper on Thursday, February 10, at 6:00 p.m., to enjoy fellowship and a variety of meats. Our speaker will be Dr. Harry Reeder. Please register on the website or the app.
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For more information on upcoming events,
please visit the church website.

PASTORAL STAFF

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Rev. David Henderson, Associate Minister of Discipleship
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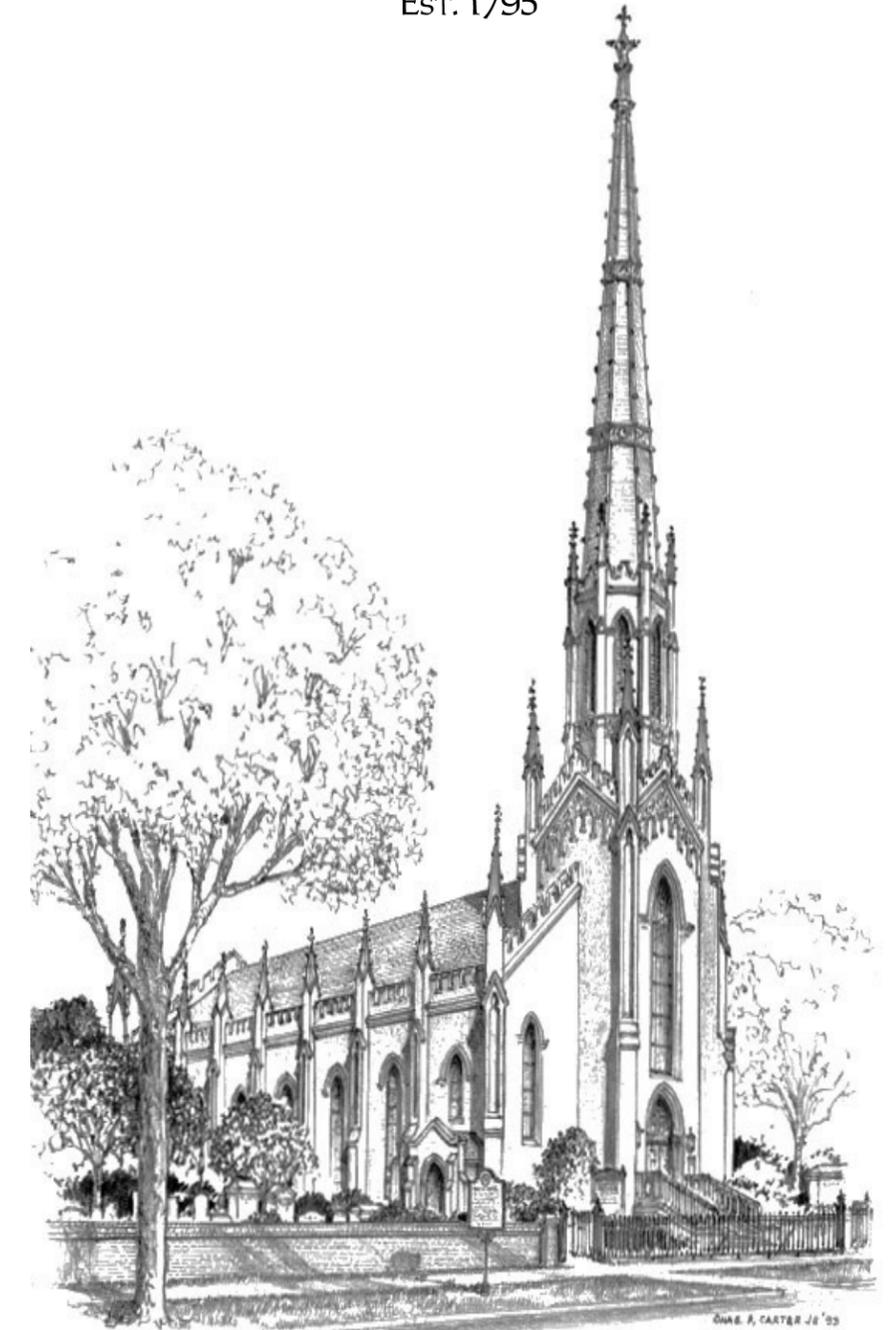
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LORD'S DAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

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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)

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 First Presbyterian Church.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mayme Ellis Tyler by her family.

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 P.M.

“What To Do on Sunday”

Luke 6:1-11 | Rev. David Henderson

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**All people that on earth do dwell,
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Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.**

**The Lord ye know is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.**

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MORNING PRAYER

HYMN: *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

**I sing th' almighty pow'r of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.**

**I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command,
and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord
that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eyes,
if I survey the ground I tread
or gaze upon the skies.**

**There's not a plant or flower below
but makes your glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow
by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you
is ever in your care,
and everywhere that man can be,
you, God, are present there.**

OFFERTORY: *Ye Boundless Realms of Joy*

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:1-25

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters

from the waters.” 7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. 8 And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.”

And it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” 21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. 25 And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

SERMON: “*The Beginning of Everything*”

Dr. Derek Thomas

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN: *This is My Father's World*

**This is my Father's world,
And to my listening 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,
Declare 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.**

**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:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!**

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *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.**

**POSTLUDE: *Benedetto Marcello*
*Psalm 19, "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"***