

DIVINE WORSHIP

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

*But you have been anointed by the Holy One,
and you all have knowledge.*

(1 John 2:20, ESV)

+ Please stand for these acts of worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* arr. Brian Joyce

Julie Anne Russell, violin; Campbell Johnson, cello;
Thomas Russell, piano

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

+ **HYMN 103:** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* GROSSER GOTT
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.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Mr. Lauten

Merciful Lord,
Pardon all my sins of this day, week, year,
all the sins of my life,
sins of early, middle, and advanced years,
of omission and commission,
of morose, peevish, and angry tempers,
of lip, life, and walk,
of hard-heartedness, unbelief, presumption, pride,
of unfaithfulness to the souls of men,
of want of bold decision in the cause of Christ,
of deficiency in outspoken zeal for His glory,
of bringing dishonour upon Thy great name,
of deception, injustice, untruthfulness in my dealings with others,
of impurity in thought, word, and deed,
of covetousness, which is idolatry,
of substance unduly hoarded, improvidently squandered,
not consecrated to the glory of Thee, the great Giver;
sins in private and in the family,
in study and recreation,
in the busy haunts of men,
in the study of thy Word and in the neglect of it,
in prayer irreverently offered and coldly withheld,
in time misspent,
in yielding to Satan's wiles,
in opening my heart to his temptations,
in being unwatchful when I know him nigh,
in quenching the Holy Spirit;
sins against light and knowledge,
sins against conscience and the restraints of thy Spirit,
sins against the law of eternal love.
Pardon all my sins, known and unknown,
felt and unfelt,
confessed and not confessed,
remembered or forgotten.
Good Lord, hear; and hearing, forgive.

(The Valley of Vision)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with
God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Romans 5:1)

MORNING PRAYER

+ **HYMN 264:** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* NEAR THE CROSS
Trinity Hymnal

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Prelude on THAXTED* arr. Paul Jones

+ **DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON: Dr. David Strain
“The Parable of the Sower”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ **HYMN 481:** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* LEMMEL
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.

POSTLUDE: *Toccata in G* Theodore Dubois

SERMON NOTES

“The Parable of the Sower”

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 | Dr. David Strain

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

- ☞ Wednesdays at First have resumed. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m., and the teaching begins at 12:15 p.m. in Jackson Hall.
- ☞ Volunteers are needed to help decorate for VBS! We are looking for help on Monday, July 26; Wednesday, July 28; and Sunday, August 1. Please sign up online at www.firstprescolumbia.org/vbs if you are able to help.
- ☞ The Women’s Ministry will be offering small groups this fall. These groups will meet weekly at various times and locations. For more information about the study and to sign up, please visit www.firstprescolumbia.org/women.

For more information on upcoming events,
please visit the church website.

PASTORAL STAFF

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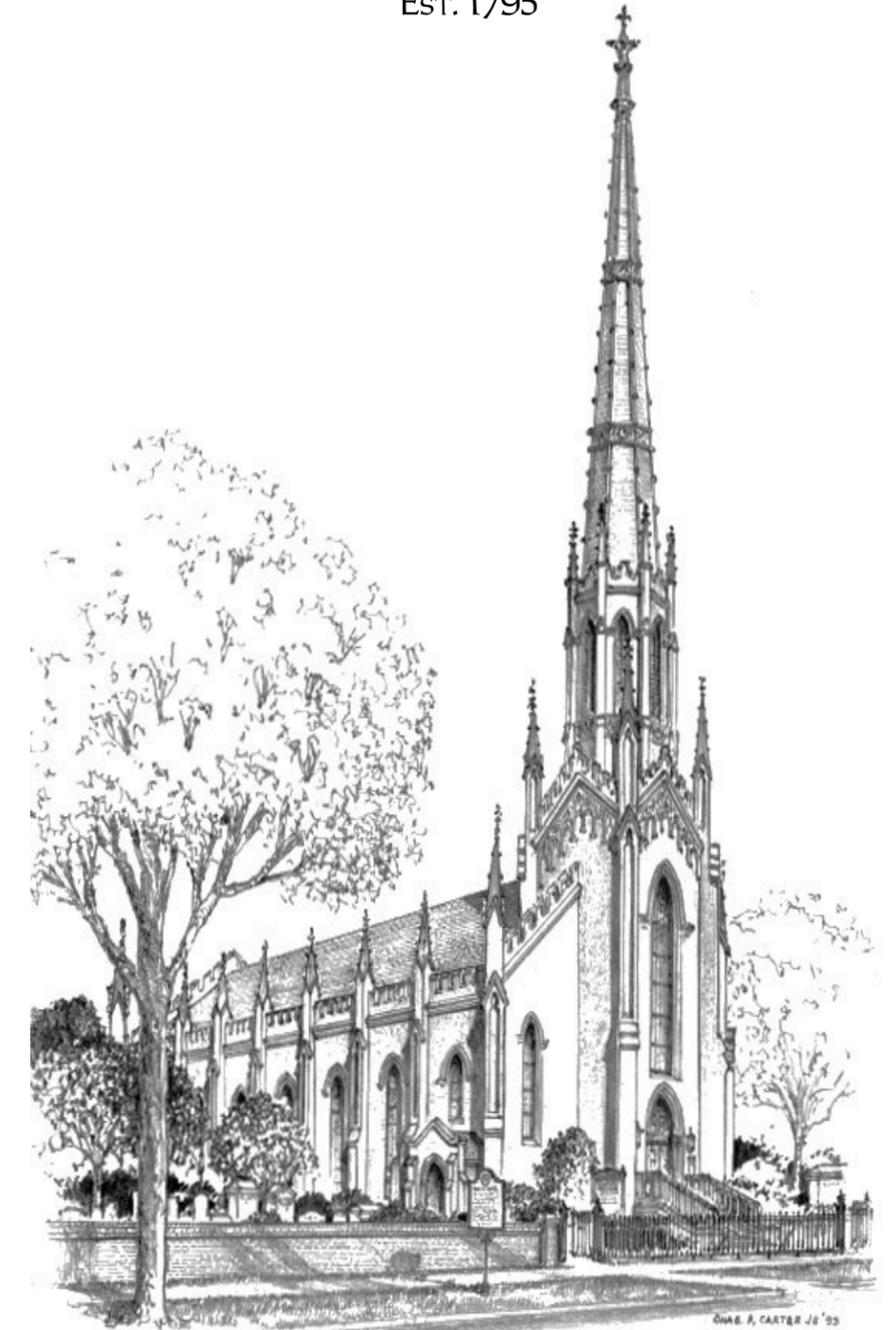
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LORD’S DAY, JULY 25, 2021

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)

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 Frank Hill, given by his wife, Paula Hill.

The flowers in the Family Life Center are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Martha Walker and Robert Harding on Saturday, July 24, 2021.

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