

THE EVENING SERVICE

6:00 P.M.

*Therefore, preparing your minds for action,
and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be
brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

(I Peter 1:13, ESV)

(+ Congregation please stand if able.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. David Lauten

PRELUDE: *We Come, O Christ, to You* John Darwall

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,
By whom all things consist, in whom all life began;
In you alone we live and move, and have our being in your love.

We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,
To you our youth and strength adoringly we bring:
So fill our hearts, that all may view your life in us and turn to you!

The Junior Choir
Ann Forrest Bowers, director

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ **HYMN: “Before the Throne of God Above”** Steve and Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is “Love,”
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in Heav’n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of Glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

+ **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

+ **HYMN: “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”** SOLID ROCK
Trinity Hymnal, no. 521, stanzas 1 and 2

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

CHILDREN’S SERMON: “The Seventh Commandment”

Devin Coleman

Children’s Catechism #99
Q. What is the seventh commandment?
A. The seventh commandment is “You shall not commit adultery.”

Children’s Catechism #100
Q. What does the seventh commandment teach you?
A. To be pure in heart, language and conduct, and to be faithful in marriage.

HYMN: “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” SOLID ROCK
Trinity Hymnal, no. 521, stanzas 3 and 4

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

EVENING PRAYER Elder Martin Cagle

PRESENTATION OF EVENING OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Bless the Lord, O My Soul* Ruth Watson Henderson

Bless the Lord, O my soul:
And all that is within me bless his holy Name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul:
Bless the Lord, and forget not all his benefits;
The Lord is full of compassion and gracious,
Long-suff’ring, and of great goodness,
He will not always be chiding, be chiding:
Neither keeps he his wrath forever.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, Bless the Lord, O my soul:
And all that is within me bless his holy Name.
Bless thou the Lord, Bless thou the Lord, O my soul!

(Text from Psalm 103)

+ **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: Ephesians 6:14
(Pew Bible, page 979)

SERMON: *The Fight of Your Life*
“Gospel Basics for Victory” Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer

PRAYER

+ **HYMN: “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”** GERMANY
Trinity Hymnal, no. 520

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
’Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in thy great day;
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
Ev’n then this shall be all my plea,
Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me—
For me a full atonement made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

O Let the dead now hear thy voice;
Now bid thy banished ones rejoice;
Their beauty this, their glorious dress,
Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.

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.*

CCLI No. 393170

POSTLUDE: *Improvisation on DARWALL* Malcolm Archer

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.

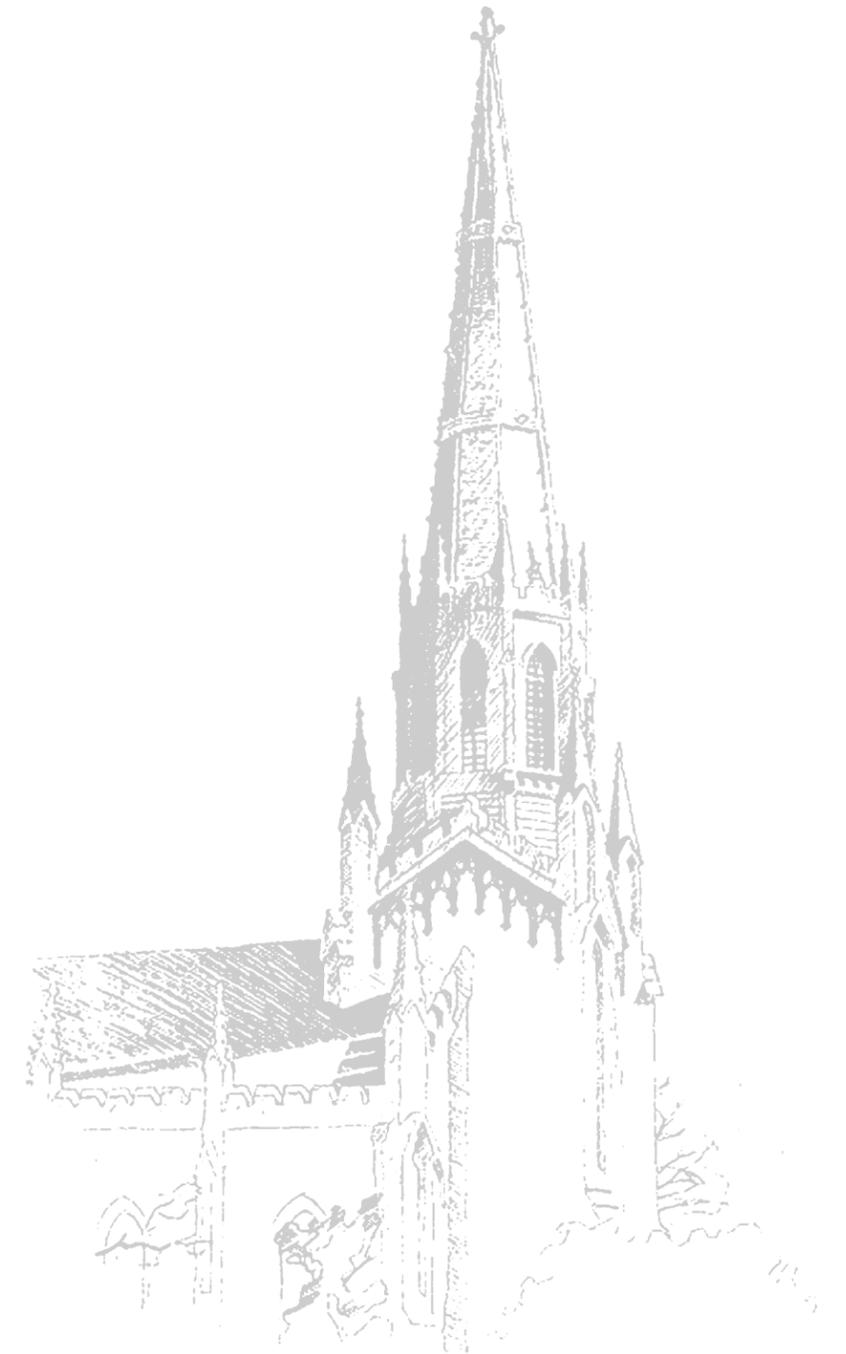
The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Claudia Moore Walker McCain, who went to be with our Lord on February 22, 2011.

SERMON NOTES

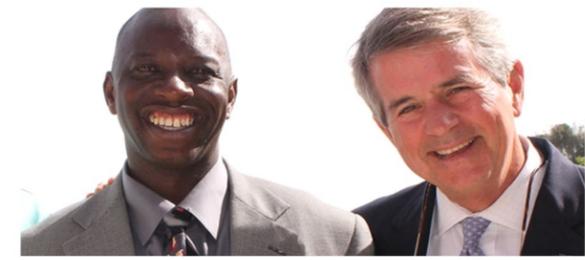
“Gospel Basics for Victory”

Ephesians 6:14 | Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EVENING SERVICE



MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK



An important avenue of ministry in Haiti for First Presbyterian Church is through the ministry of HUG (Haiti Under God). Along with supporting HUG, groups have gone to help with construction projects, children's ministry, and medical clinics. Key to this effort has been Haitian pastor Maxeau and elder Bruce Williams.

**FEBRUARY 23, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

Before the Throne of God Above

**Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in Heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of Glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.***

**When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.***

**His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.***

**When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.***

Ephesians 6:10-14

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness...

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

**Jesus, thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Bold shall I stand in thy great day;
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

**When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
Ev'n then this shall be all my plea,
Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.**

**Jesus, be endless praise to thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me—
For me a full atonement made,
An everlasting ransom paid.**

**O Let the dead now hear thy voice;
Now bid thy banished ones rejoice;
Their beauty this, their glorious dress,
Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.**