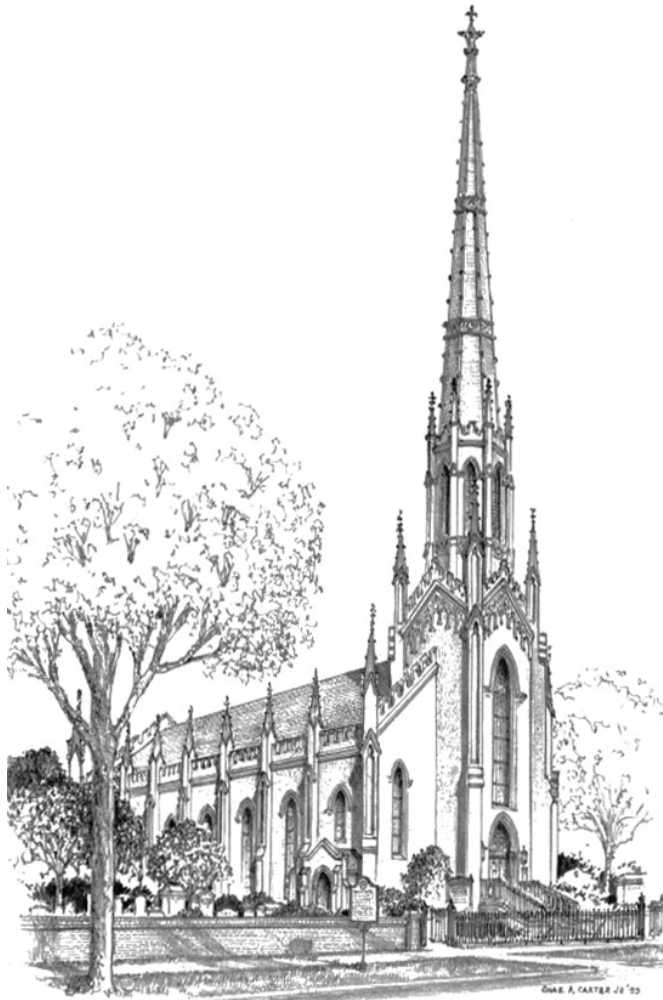


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# First Presbyterian Church



*Lord's Day, January 18, 2026*

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

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**PRELUDE** *Prelude in G*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** *Come, Ye Disconsolate, Where'er Ye Languish*

ALMA

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish;  
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel:  
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;  
Earth has no sorrows that heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the comfortless, light of the straying,  
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!  
Here speaks the Comforter, in mercy saying,  
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The Chancel Choir  
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## CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Sean Henderson (8:30 A.M.)  
Dr. David Lauten (11:15 A.M.)

+ **HYMN 1** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Please find the music on page 5 of your bulletin.*

## + 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.

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LADY STREET

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FOREST GREEN

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

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS 11:15 A.M.**

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Kaitlyn Boone, Shelby Waites, Laura Wise

## **HYMN 11:15 A.M. *Saints of Zion***

WYATT

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## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful and unchanging God, You have entrusted Your truth to Your church, calling us to hold fast to what we have received, yet we confess that we are often restless in our hearts and resist Your wisdom. We are drawn to what is new rather than what is faithful, and we trust our own judgment more than Your Word and the wisdom of our spiritual fathers. Forgive us for neglecting the pattern of sound teaching handed down through the generations, and for loosening our grip on the Gospel. What can we say? We have listened too closely to the voice of our age. Renew in us a humble love for Your truth, and by Your Spirit help us guard the good deposit entrusted to us, for the glory of Christ and the good of His Church. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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(Psalm 32:5, ESV)

## MORNING PRAYER

+ **HYMN 499 8:30 A.M.** *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

TOPLADY

*Please find the music on page 7 of your bulletin.*

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** "As the Hart Longs" from *Psalm 42*

Felix Mendelssohn

As the hart longs for streams of water,  
O God, so longs my spirit longs for Thee.

Psalm 42:1

+ **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.

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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

2 Timothy 1:13–14  
(Pew Bible page 995; Children’s Bible page 1291)

**SERMON “History is Our Guide”**

Dr. Neil C. Stewart

**PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD**

+ **HYMN 30** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Stanzas 1–4, 7)*

ST. ANNE

*Please find the music on page 8 of your bulletin.*

+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 359**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds (Stanzas 1 & 6)*

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin, we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

**POSTLUDE** *Toccata and Fugue*

Anonymous Italian

Mr. Thomas Russell, organist

# All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 100:1*

1. All      peo - ple      that      on      earth      do      dwell,      sing  
 2. The      Lord      ye      know      is      God      in      -      deed;      with -  
 3. O      en - ter      then      his      gates      with      praise,      ap -  
 4. For      why?      The      Lord      our      God      is      good,      his

to      the      Lord      with      cheer - ful      voice;      him      serve      with      fear,      his  
 out      our      aid      he      did      us      make;      we      are      his      folk,      he  
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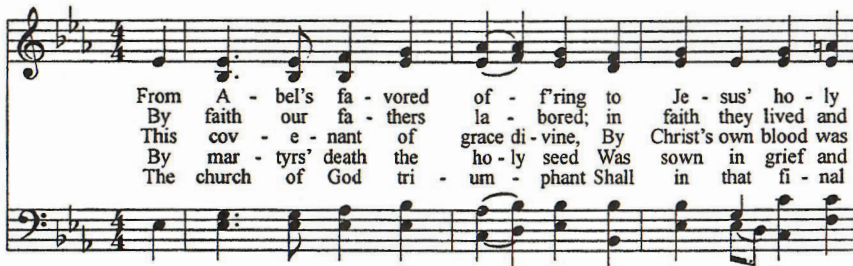
praise forth - tell, come      ye      be - fore      him      and      re - joice.  
 doth us feed, and      for      his      sheep      he      doth      us      take.  
 name al - ways, for      it      is      seem - ly      so      to      do.  
 firm - ly stood, and      shall      from      age      to      age      en - dure.

# Saints of Zion

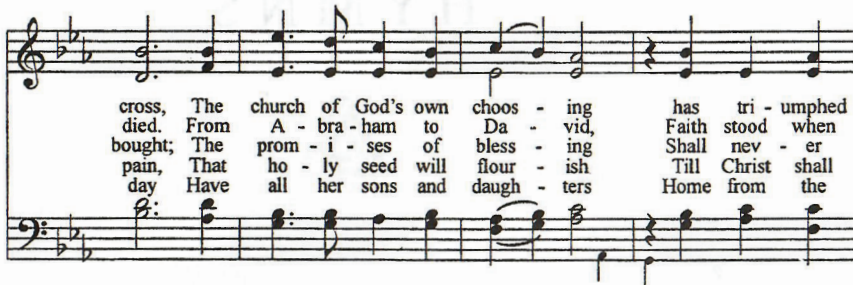
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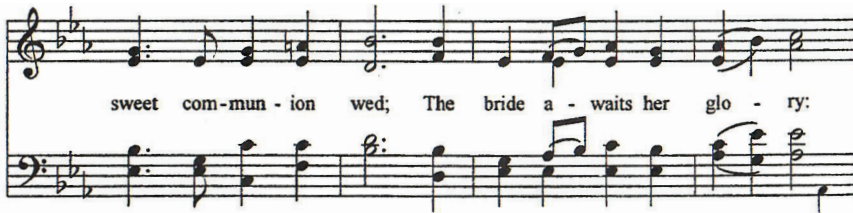
From A - bel's fa - vored of - f'ring to Je - sus' ho - ly  
 By faith our fa - thers la - bored; in faith they lived and  
 This cov - e - nant of grace di - vine, By Christ's own blood was  
 By mar - tyrs' death the ho - ly seed Was sown in grief and  
 The church of God tri - um - phant Shall in that fi - nal



cross, The church of God's own choos - ing has tri - umphed  
 died. From A - bra - ham to Da - vid, Faith stood when  
 bought; The prom - i - ses of bless - ing Shall nev - er  
 pain, That ho - ly seed will flour - ish Till Christ shall  
 day Have all her sons and daugh - ters Home from the



o it ver loss.  
 come was to tried.  
 come a gain. Then Come, O saints of Zi - on in  
 well - fought fray.



sweet com - mun - ion wed; The bride a - waits her glo - ry:



Lord Je - sus Christ, her head. A - men!

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## Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

*That rock was Christ. 1 Cor. 10:4*

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil thy law's de - mands;  
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;  
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
 foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
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## 30

## Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1*

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,  
 with all their lives and cares,  
 are carried downward by your flood,  
 and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
 bears all its sons away;  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the op'ning day.
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**The Way of Wisdom: An Overview of Proverbs**

“Swallowed by the Cup”

Proverbs 20:1; 23:20–21, 29–35 | Dr. Neil C. Stewart

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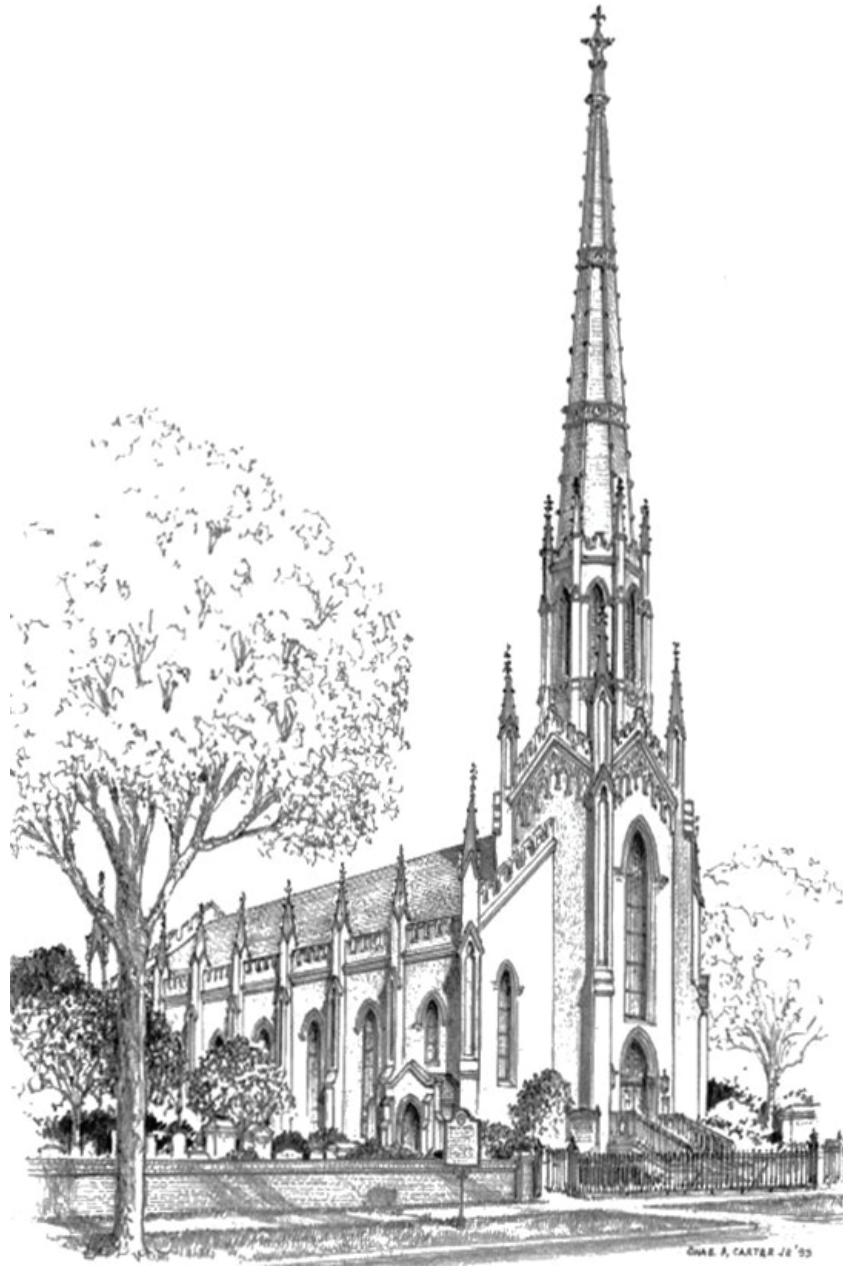
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The Lord ye know is God indeed;  
Without our aid he did us make;  
We are his folk, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.

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.

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WYATT

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To Jesus' holy cross  
The church of God's own choosing  
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*Then come, O saints of Zion  
In sweet communion wed  
The bride awaits her glory  
Lord Jesus Christ, her Head.*

By faith our fathers labored  
In faith, they lived and died.  
From Abraham to David,  
Faith stood when it was tried.

This covenant of grace divine  
By Christ's own blood was bought  
The promises of blessing  
Shall never come to nought.

By martyrs' death the holy seed  
Was sown in grief and pain  
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## MORNING PRAYER

### + HYMN 499 8:30 A.M.

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

TOPLADY

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Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfil thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears for ever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
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ST. ANNE

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Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne  
Your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting you are God,  
To endless years the same.

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