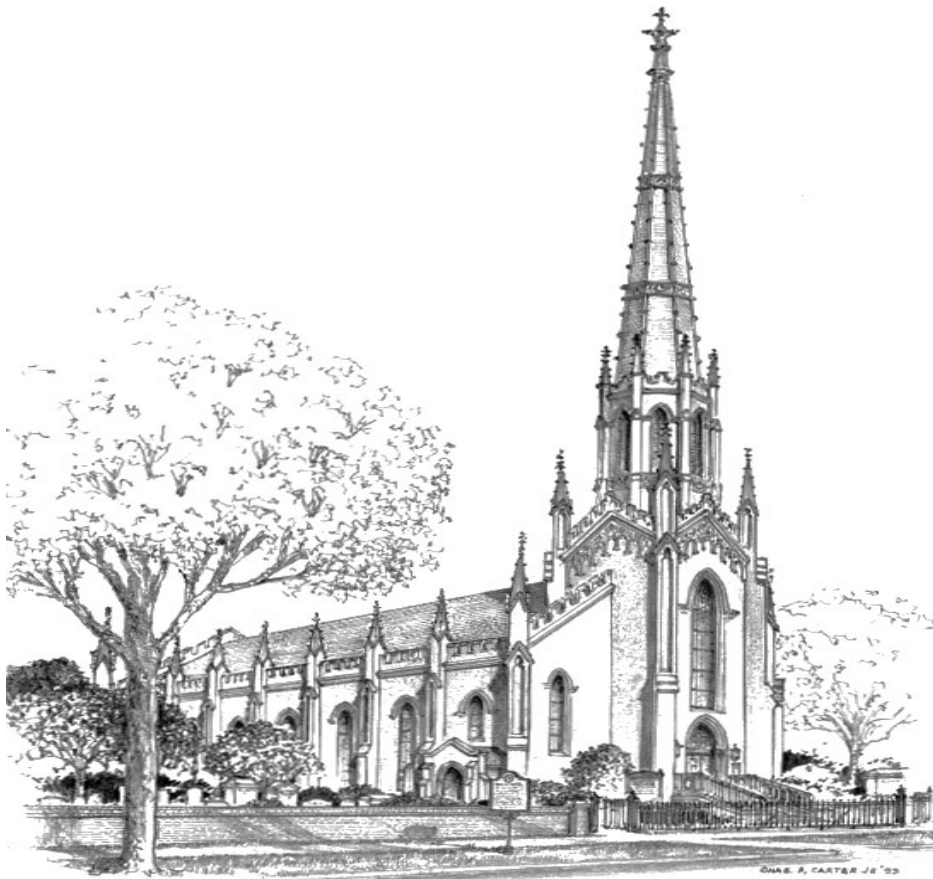


THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Columbia, South Carolina

Established 1795



**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)**

Divine Worship
8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
July 20, 2025

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

(Hebrews 12:1, ESV)

PRELUDE: *Fugue on B-A-C-H, Op. 60, No. 4*
Robert Schumann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*
ABERYSTWYTH
Joseph Parry

String Quartet
Julie Anne Russell and Sally Cathcart, violins;
Carson Coomes, viola;
and Campbell Cathcart, cello

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. S. Henderson (8:30) Mr. Squires (11:15)

HYMN: *New Songs of Celebration Render*
RENDEZ A DIEU

**New songs of celebration render
To him who has great wonders done;
Love sits enthroned in ageless splendor;
Come and adore the mighty One.
He has made known his great salvation,
Which all his friends with joy confess:
He has revealed to ev'ry nation
His everlasting righteousness.**

**Joyfully, heartily resounding,
Let ev'ry instrument and voice
Peal out the praise of grace abounding,**

**Calling the whole world to rejoice.
Trumpets and organs, set in motion
Such sounds as make the heavens ring;
All things that live in earth and ocean
Make music for your mighty King.**

**Rivers and seas and torrents roaring,
Honor the Lord with wild acclaim;
Mountains and stones look up adoring,
And find a voice to praise his name.
Righteous, commanding, ever glorious,
Praises be his that never cease:
Just is our God, whose truth victorious,
Establishes the world in peace.**

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

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

**Come, blessed Spirit, search me. Show me my sin
in its darkest colors, that I may hate it truly.
Show me the majesty and mercy of God, that my
heart may tremble and melt. Convince me of sin,
righteousness, and judgment. Show me how I
have undone myself— and that help is found in
Christ alone. Teach my faith to see Him on the**

cross, arms open, side pierced, declaring there is room in His heart for me. Subdue my heart by love—crucify it with Christ. Make me dead to sin, and alive to God. If any secret sin still clings, tear it out by Your graciously severe hand, though it wound. Perfect what is lacking in my faith. Form Christ's image in me. Enrich me with grace, and let me bear His likeness, keep His law, and serve His cause. Make me, O God, a trophy of victorious grace, now and forever. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by Philip Doddridge

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.

(Romans 6:6–7, ESV)

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN: *I Lay My Sins on Jesus*

COMMEMORATION

**I lay my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all, and frees us
From the accursed load:
I bring my guilt to Jesus,
To wash my crimson stains
White in his blood most precious,
Till not a spot remains.**

**I lay my wants on Jesus;
All fullness dwells in him;
He heals all my diseases,
He doth my soul redeem:
I lay my griefs on Jesus,
My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases,
He all my sorrow shares.**

**I rest my soul on Jesus,
This weary soul of mine;**

**His right hand me embraces,
I on his breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes
His Name abroad is poured.**

**I long to be like Jesus,
Meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus,
The Father's holy child;
I long to be with Jesus
Amid the heav'nly throng,
To sing with saints his praises,
To learn the angels' song.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Household Music: III.*

***Aberystwyth (Variations)* Ralph Vaughan Williams**

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

Philippians 2:19-30

¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰ For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹ For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. ²³ I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, ²⁴ and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

²⁵I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. ²⁹So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, ³⁰for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

SERMON:

Rev. Dr. John Currie

“Walking with Christlike Examples”

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

HYMN: *Arise, O God*
(Stanzas 1-3)

RHOSYMEDRE

**Arise, O God, and shine
In all thy saving might,
And prosper each design
To spread thy glorious light:
Let healing streams of mercy flow,
That all the earth thy truth may know,
That all the earth thy truth may know.**

**Bring distant nations near
To sing thy glorious praise;
Let ev'ry people hear
And learn thy holy ways:
Reign, mighty God, assert thy cause,
And govern by thy righteous laws,
And govern by thy righteous laws.**

**Send forth thy glorious pow'r,
That Gentiles all may see,
And earth present her store
In converts born to thee:
God, our own God, thy church O bless,**

**And fill the world with righteousness,
And fill the world with righteousness.**

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

Arise, O God (Final stanza)

RHOSYMEDRE

**To God, the only wise,
The one immortal King,
Let hallelujahs rise
From ev'ry living thing:
Let all that breathe, on ev'ry coast,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

POSTLUDE: *Toccata on "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"*

Albert L. Travis

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the
glory of God and in loving memory of my dear
wife, Eileen, by Dr. George Hallman.**

The flowers in Jackson Hall are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Elizabeth Windley and Patrick Williamson.

**Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.
“The Nations Tremble”
Isaiah 15-16| Rev. Josh Squires**

The Lord’s Supper: During our evening worship service, we will observe the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. The day ahead of us, therefore, is one in which we prepare for a joyful gathering at the table of our Lord Jesus Christ.