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<div>Jeannie Casey and Betsy Thomas, flutes</div>		
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	<div>Rev. David Henderson (11:15 A.M.)</div>	
<div>CALL TO WORSHIP</div>		
<div>+ HYMN 203</div>	<div><i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i></div>	<div>MENDELSSOHN</div>
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	<div><i>Go, Tell it On the Mountain (Stanzas 1 & 3)</i></div>	<div>GO TELL IT</div>
<div>While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night, Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.</div>		
	<div><i>Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.</i></div>	
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<div>PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS</div>		
<div>OFFERTORY</div>	<div><i>Who Is He in Yonder Stall?</i></div>	<div>Arranged by Douglas Smith</div>

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SERMON NOTES

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PASTORAL STAFF

Dr. Neil C. Stewart, Senior Minister

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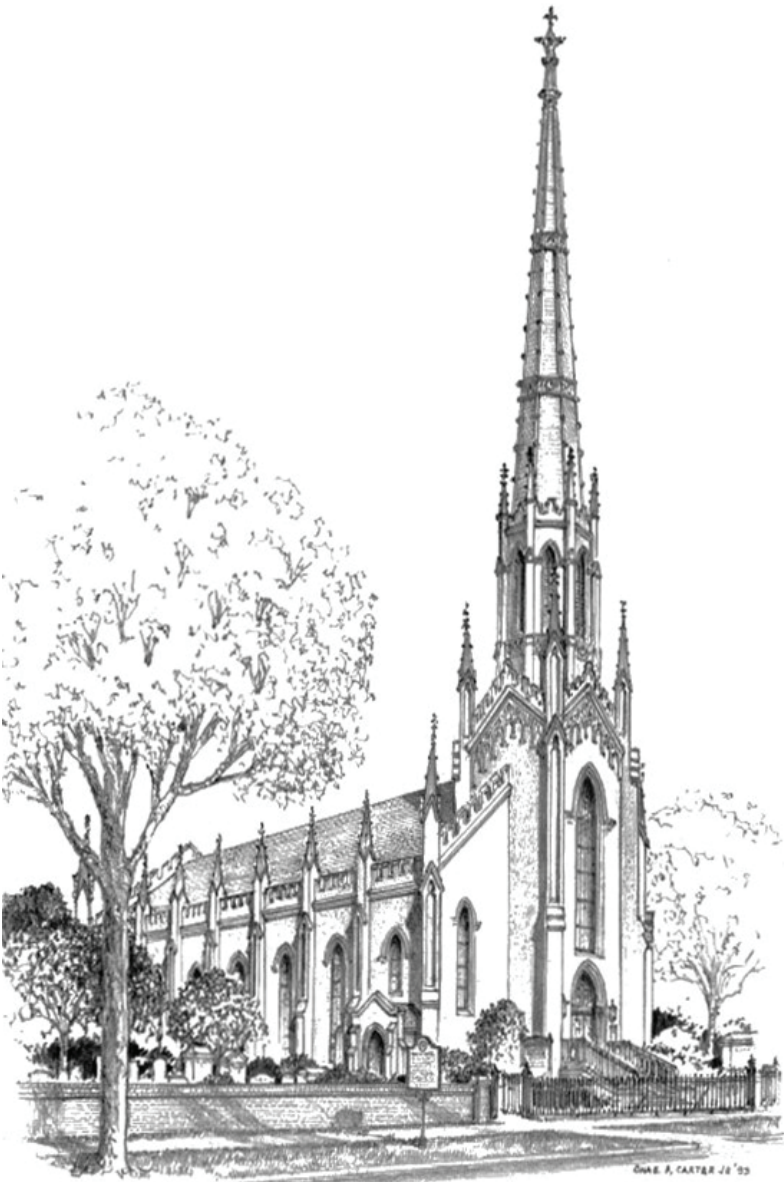
JOIN US AT 6:00 P.M. FOR EVENING WORSHIP

“Where Are We to Worship?”
John 4:16–26 | Rev. Josh Squires

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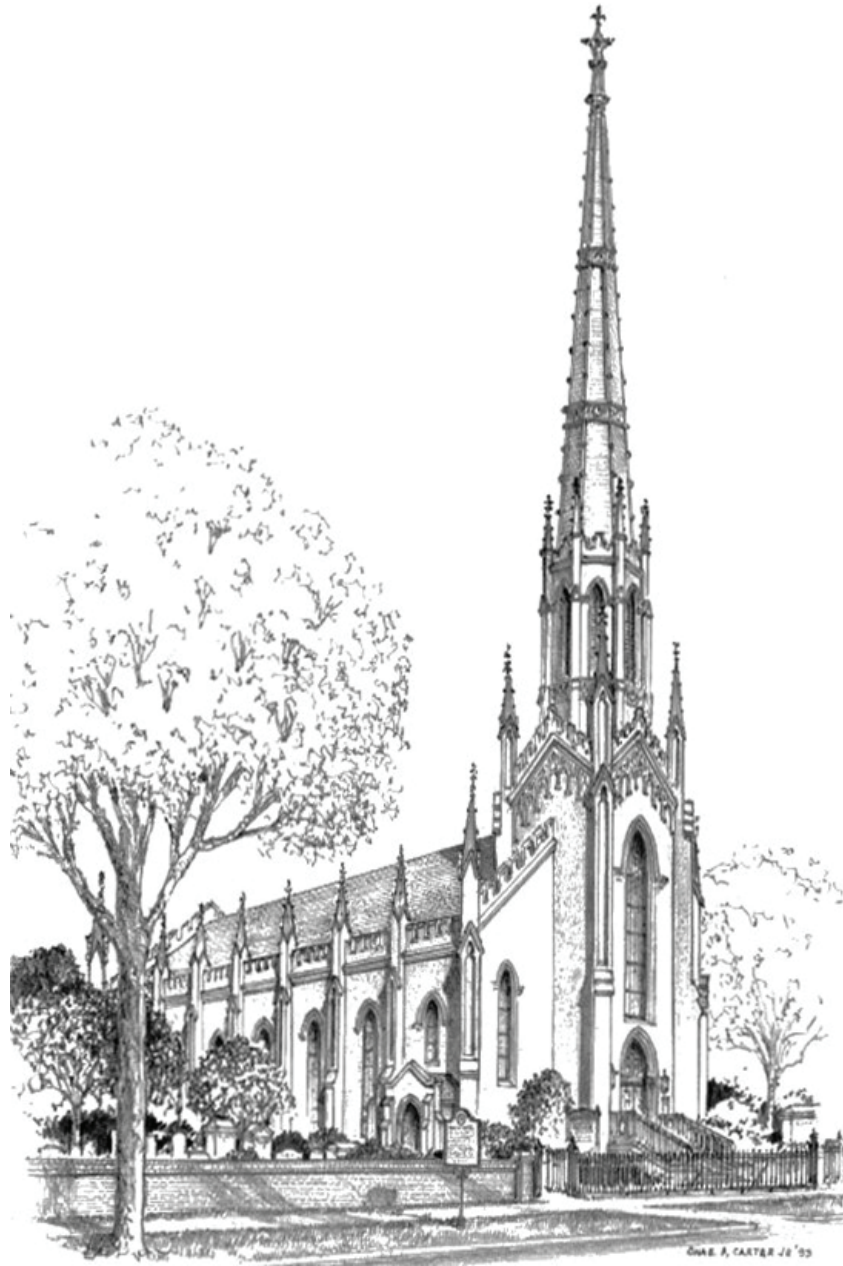
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CALL TO WORSHIP

+ HYMN 203

MENDELSSOHN

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Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”*

Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
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MORNING PRAYER

+ HYMN 226

DIX

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As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led to thee.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
There for ever may we sing
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²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

SERMON

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**“The Effects of Giving the Bible
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PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ HYMN 230

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Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising,
Heaven-ward by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising,
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Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
Make us what thou wouldst have us be.
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