

New Year's Eve

Communion Service  
6:00 P.M.

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LAMENTATIONS 3:22–23, ESV

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VOLUNTARY Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Josh Squires

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. David Lauten

+ HYMN 115 All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

+ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

+ LORD’S PRAYER

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kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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Binding all the church as one!  
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PRESENTATION OF EVENING OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY What Child is This? Arranged by Ginger Fairbanks  
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Julie Anne Russell, violin

+ DOXOLOGY

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 145  
(Pew Bible page 524, Children’s Bible page 673)

SERMON “A Psalm for the New Year” Dr. David Lauten

PRAYER

+ HYMN Another Year is Dawning RUTHERFORD

Another year is dawning!  
Dear Master, let it be,  
In working or in waiting,  
Another year with thee.  
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Upon thy loving breast,  
Of ever deeper trusting,  
Of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of mercies,  
Of faithfulness and grace,  
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Enlightened by thy face.  
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Another year of proving  
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+ HYMN 30 O God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

+ 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 Fugue in D Major, BWV 532 J. S. Bach

Mr. Thomas Russell, organist

## Sermon Notes

“A Psalm for the New Year”  
Psalm 145 | Dr. David Lauten

## To Be Noted

Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.

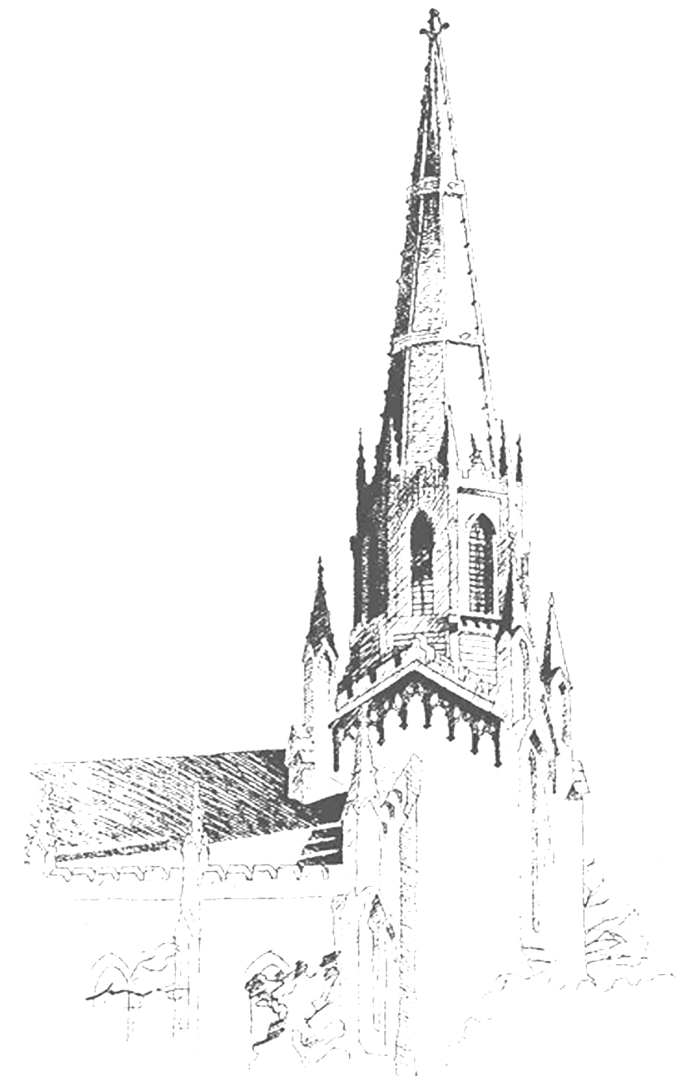
The Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask a deacon for a receiver.

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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Established 1795

# New Year's Eve

## COMMUNION SERVICE



## Pastoral Staff

Dr. Neil C. Stewart, Senior Minister

Rev. Bryan Bult, Associate Minister to Seniors  
Rev. David Henderson, Associate Minister of Discipleship  
Rev. Sean Henderson, Associate Minister of Missions  
Dr. David Lauten, Senior Associate Minister of Congregational Care  
Rev. Josh Squires, Associate Minister of Counseling

## The Invitation

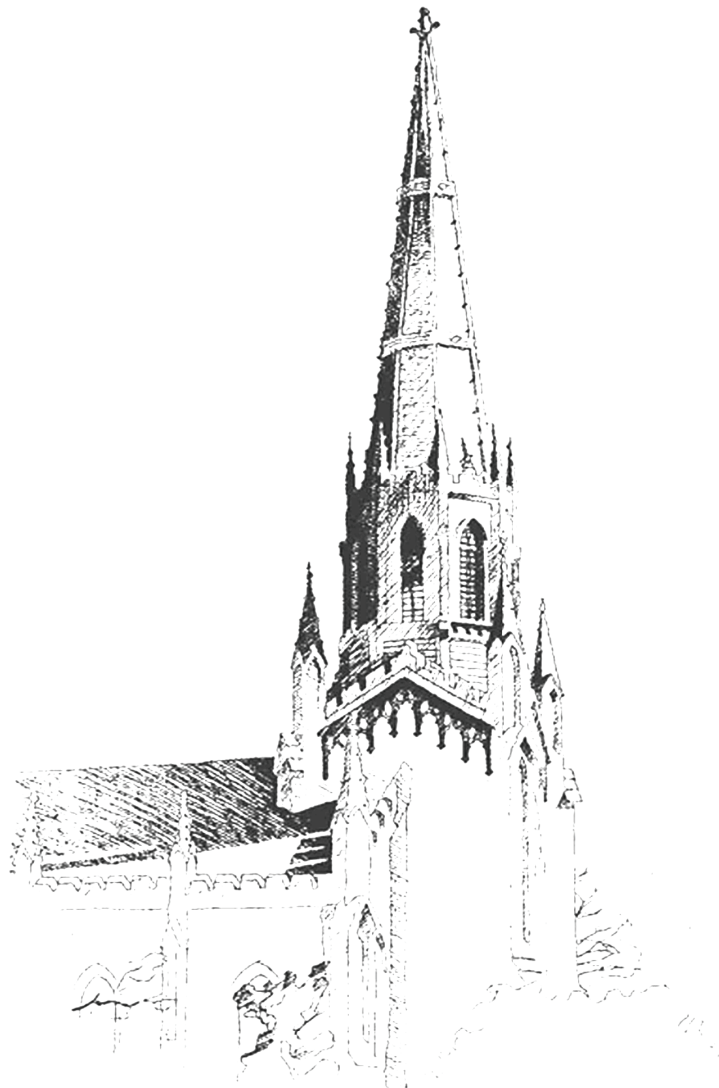
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# First Presbyterian Church

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1324 Marion Street, Columbia, SC

# EVENING WORSHIP

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

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## + HYMN 115

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice with us and sing  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou fire, so masterful and bright  
That givest man both warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on him cast your care,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in one.  
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## **+ PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

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### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

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- <sup>1</sup> I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.
- <sup>2</sup> Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.
- <sup>3</sup> Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.
- <sup>4</sup> One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.
- <sup>5</sup> On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- <sup>6</sup> They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.
- <sup>7</sup> They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant  
goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- <sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- <sup>9</sup> The Lord is good to all,  
and his mercy is over all that he has made.
- <sup>10</sup> All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your saints shall bless you!
- <sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom  
and tell of your power,

- <sup>12</sup> to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- <sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.  
[The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and kind in all his works.]
- <sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.
- <sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.
- <sup>16</sup> You open your hand;  
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- <sup>17</sup> The Lord is righteous in all his ways  
and kind in all his works.
- <sup>18</sup> The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.
- <sup>19</sup> He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;  
he also hears their cry and saves them.
- <sup>20</sup> The Lord preserves all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.
- <sup>21</sup> My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,  
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

**SERMON**

Dr. David Lauten

**“A Psalm for the New Year”**

**PRAYER**



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## + HYMN 30

ST. ANNE

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Our God, our help in ages past,  
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.

A thousand ages in your sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

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.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come:  
O be our guard while troubles last,  
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