


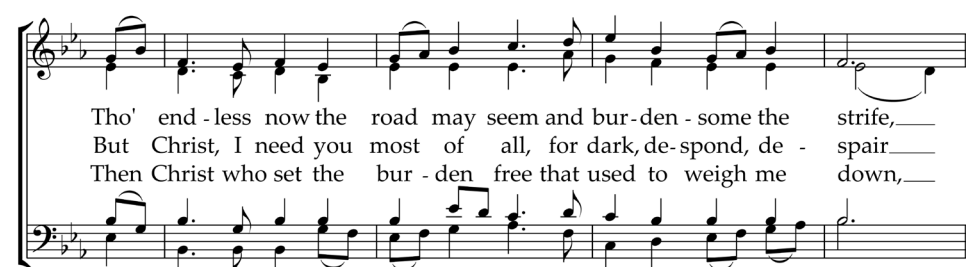
+ HYMN *I Am a Pilgrim*



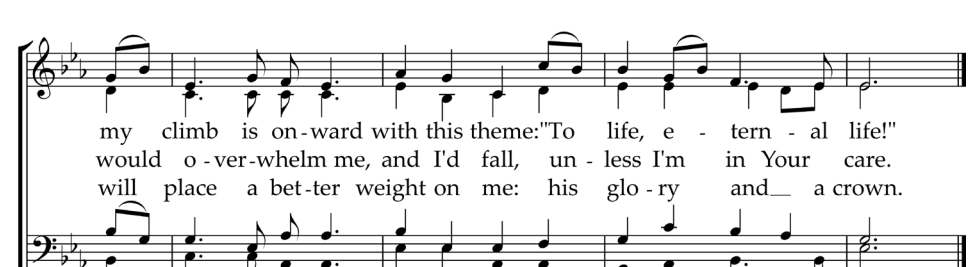
1. I am a pil-grim on my way from earth to heav'n a - bove.____
2. Lord, for my pro-gress send me here a faith-ful, hope-ful friend;____
3. Ce - les - tial Ci - ty, here I come! Lord, may you o - pen wide



God's Book will guide me, so I'll stay with - in the lines_ of love.
a fel - low pil-grim who can cheer me on to jour - ney's end.
the gate of heaven's hap - py home that I may there a - bide.



Tho' end - less now the road may seem and bur - den - some the strife,____
But Christ, I need you most of all, for dark, de - spond, de - spair____
Then Christ who set the bur - den free that used to weigh me down,____



my climb is on - ward with this theme: "To life, e - tern - al life!"
would o - ver - whelm me, and I'd fall, un - less I'm in Your care.
will place a bet - ter weight on me: his glo - ry and_ a crown.

Jonathan Landry Cruse, 2023
Based on *Pilgrim's Progress*

C.M.D. CARMARTHEN
Josh Bauder, 2023

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WORSHIP AT FIRST

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church or looking to join? The Inquirers Class meets on Sunday and Wednesday. Fall sessions begin September 21 and November 2. If you plan to attend, please register on the church app or website at firstprescolumbia.org/sundayschool.

Please join us at First Presbyterian Church October 10–12 for the Global Ministries Conference. This year’s conference topic is “BUILD: The Importance of Planting Churches in Every Corner of the Earth.” We are pleased to host speaker, Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas. Registration and more information is available at firstprescolumbia.org/build.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Lula and Tom Ryan by their children and grandchildren.

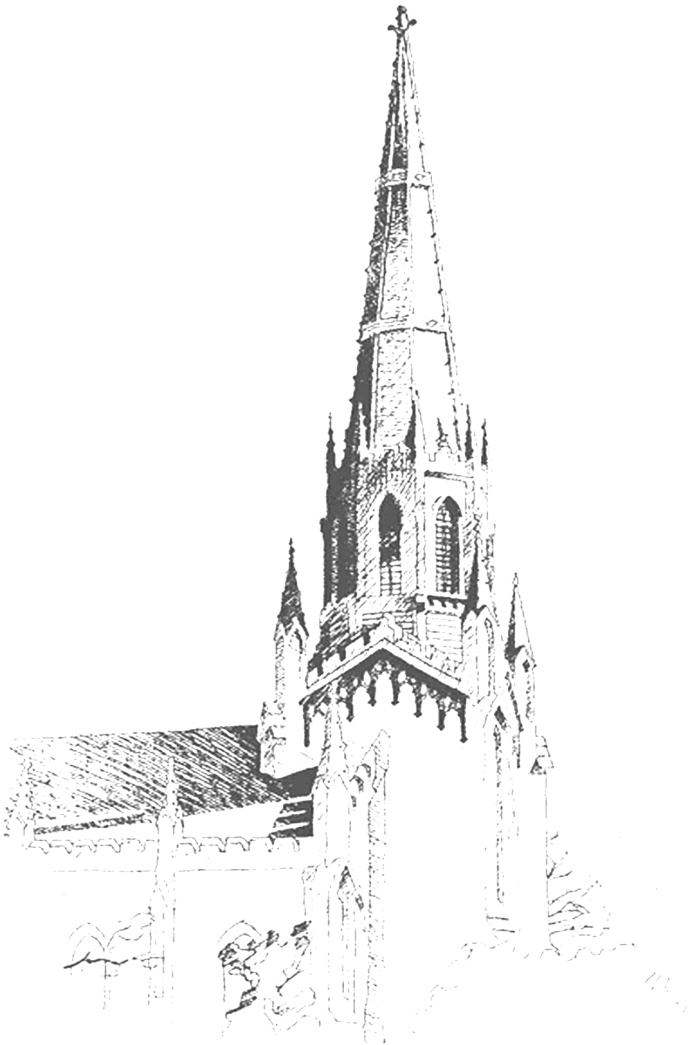
PASTORAL STAFF

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

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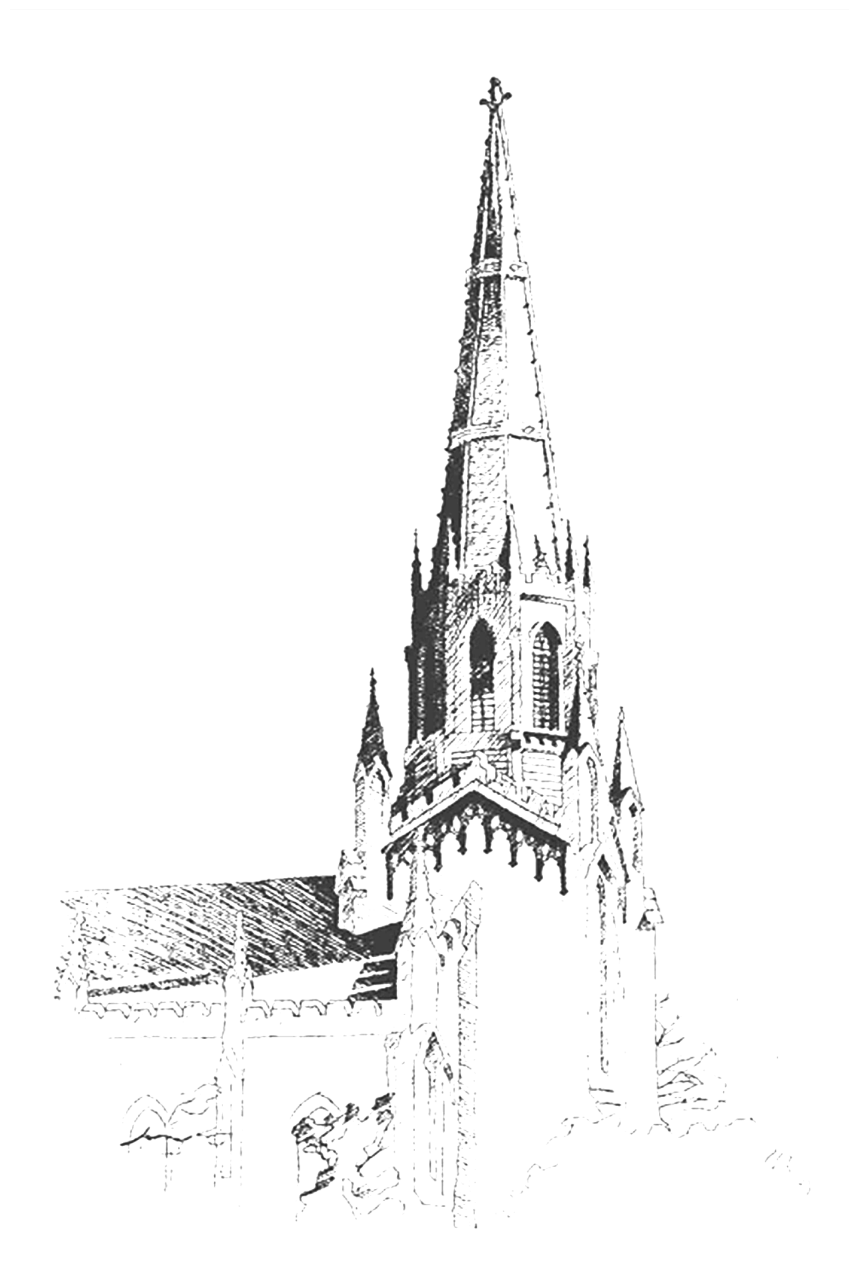


LORD'S DAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

6:00 P.M.

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1324 Marion Street, Columbia, SC

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 P.M.

Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

PSALM 34:9, ESV

(+ Congregation, please stand if able.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

All Glory Be to Thee, Most High

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH

Mr. David Edwards, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ **HYMN 376** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

NEANDER

Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

Lord, my God, I come before thee,
Come thou also unto me;
Where we find thee and adore thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter thou,
Let it be thy temple now!

Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
Here thy seed is duly sown;
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken,
Let me keep thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken;
May thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in my strife.

Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
Let thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near thee
While thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows,
Here is balm for all our woes.

+ **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

+ **CHILDREN'S HYMN 347**

The Church's One Foundation (Stanzas 1 & 2)

AURELIA

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Mr. Avery Sirmans

Children's Catechism #128

Q. Who appointed these sacraments?

A. The Lord Jesus Christ

Children may leave for Club and Cherub Choir at this time.

+ CHILDREN'S HYMN 347

The Church's One Foundation (Stanzas 3 & 4)

AURELIA

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish,
Is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her,
And false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor
She ever shall prevail.

EVENING PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF EVENING OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

O Be Joyful in the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

O, be joyful, joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
Serve the Lord with gladness,
And come before His presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord He is God:
It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.
O go your way into His gates, be thankful to Him,
And speak good of His name.

For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endureth from generation to generation.

Psalm 100

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

- ¹ Does not wisdom call?
Does not understanding raise her voice?
- ² On the heights beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
- ³ beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:
- ⁴ “To you, O men, I call,
and my cry is to the children of man.
- ⁵ O simple ones, learn prudence;
O fools, learn sense.
- ⁶ Hear, for I will speak noble things,
and from my lips will come what is right,
- ⁷ for my mouth will utter truth;
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
- ⁸ All the words of my mouth are righteous;
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.
- ⁹ They are all straight to him who understands,
and right to those who find knowledge.
- ¹⁰ Take my instruction instead of silver,
and knowledge rather than choice gold,
- ¹¹ for wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.
- ¹² “I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,
and I find knowledge and discretion.

¹³ The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil.
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.
¹⁴ I have counsel and sound wisdom;
I have insight; I have strength.
¹⁵ By me kings reign,
and rulers decree what is just;
¹⁶ by me princes rule,
and nobles, all who govern justly.
¹⁷ I love those who love me,
and those who seek me diligently find me.
¹⁸ Riches and honor are with me,
enduring wealth and righteousness.
¹⁹ My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,
and my yield than choice silver.
²⁰ I walk in the way of righteousness,
in the paths of justice,
²¹ granting an inheritance to those who love me,
and filling their treasuries.
²² “The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.
²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,
²⁶ before he had made the earth with its fields,
or the first of the dust of the world.
²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master workman,
and I was daily his delight,
 rejoicing before him always,
³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world
 and delighting in the children of man.

³² “And now, O sons, listen to me:
 blessed are those who keep my ways.
³³ Hear instruction and be wise,
 and do not neglect it.
³⁴ Blessed is the one who listens to me,
 watching daily at my gates,
 waiting beside my doors.
³⁵ For whoever finds me finds life
 and obtains favor from the Lord,
³⁶ but he who fails to find me injures himself;
 all who hate me love death.”

SERMON

Dr. Neil C. Stewart

“There She Was, Just a Walkin’ Down the Street”

PRAYER

+ **HYMN** *I Am a Pilgrim*

Josh Bauder

I am a pilgrim on my way
From earth to heav’n above.
God’s Book will guide me, so I’ll stay
Within the lines of love.
Though endless now the road may seem,
And burdensome the strife,
My climb is onward with this theme:
“To life, eternal life!”

Lord, for my progress send me here
A faithful, hopeful friend;
A fellow pilgrim who can cheer
Me on to journey's end.
But Christ, I need You most of all,
For dark, despond, despair
Would overwhelm me, and I'd fall,
Unless I'm in Your care.

Celestial City, here I come!
Lord, may you open wide
The gate of heaven's happy Home
That I may there abide.
Then Christ, who set this burden free
That always weighed me down,
Will place a better weight on me:
His glory, and a crown.

+ **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.*

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POSTLUDE *Variation on Faithfulness*

Charles Callahan

Mr. Thomas Russell, organist

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