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PRELUDE *There Is a Balm in Gilead* Spiritual
Dr. Bonnie Lynch, soprano

HYMN 371 *O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely* LLANGLOFFAN

+ **CHILDREN'S HYMN** *God of the Covenant, Lord God Almighty* EPIPHANY HYMN
(Stanzas 1 & 2)

1. God of the co - ve - nant, Lord God al - might - y,
2. Not now by words bring - ing death to trans - gres - sors,
3. Bles - sings on bles - sings through a - ges un - end - ing,
4. God of the co - ve - nant—change - less e - tern - al,

mar - vels of mer - cy a - dor - ing we see:
life - giv - ing grace the new cov - e - nant brings;
co - ve - nant full - ness in glo - ri - ous flood;
Fa - ther, Son, Spi - rit, all bles - sing, all—blessed;

call - ing from sin — and from dark - ness a peo - ple
Je - sus our sure - ty, our kins - man - re - deem - er,
ours is a hope — which no mor - tal can mea - sure,
yours is the great - ness, the pow'r and the glo - ry:

bond - ed to the Christ by a time - less de - cree.
round us in the robe of his righ - teous - ness flings.
brought in by Je - sus and sealed in his blood.
Lord God, on you we for - ev - er shall rest.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Mr. Rufus Terry

Children's Catechism #129

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EVENING PRAYER Elder Edward Clarke

OFFERTORY *Give Me Jesus* Spiritual

+ DOXOLOGY TALLIS' CANON

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Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Proverbs 9
(Pew Bible page 533, Children's Bible page 685)

SERMON “Her Home: A Haven or a Hell” Dr. Neil C. Stewart

+ HYMN 719 *A Christian Home* FINLANDIA

May the Peace (Benediction) Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

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And the grace of Christ the risen Son,
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Keep our hearts and minds within his love.
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Mr. Thomas Russell, organist

“Her Home: A Haven or a Hell”
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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.

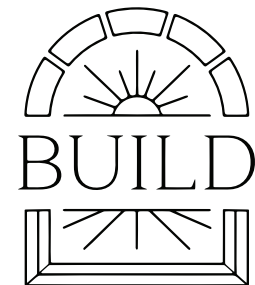
Nurseries for children to the age of four are provided in the Education Building. A quiet room with a live video feed of the service is available in the Education Building, Room 113. There, mothers may attend to the needs of their children.

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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 60th anniversary of Susan and Charlie Bray.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE



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PASTORAL STAFF

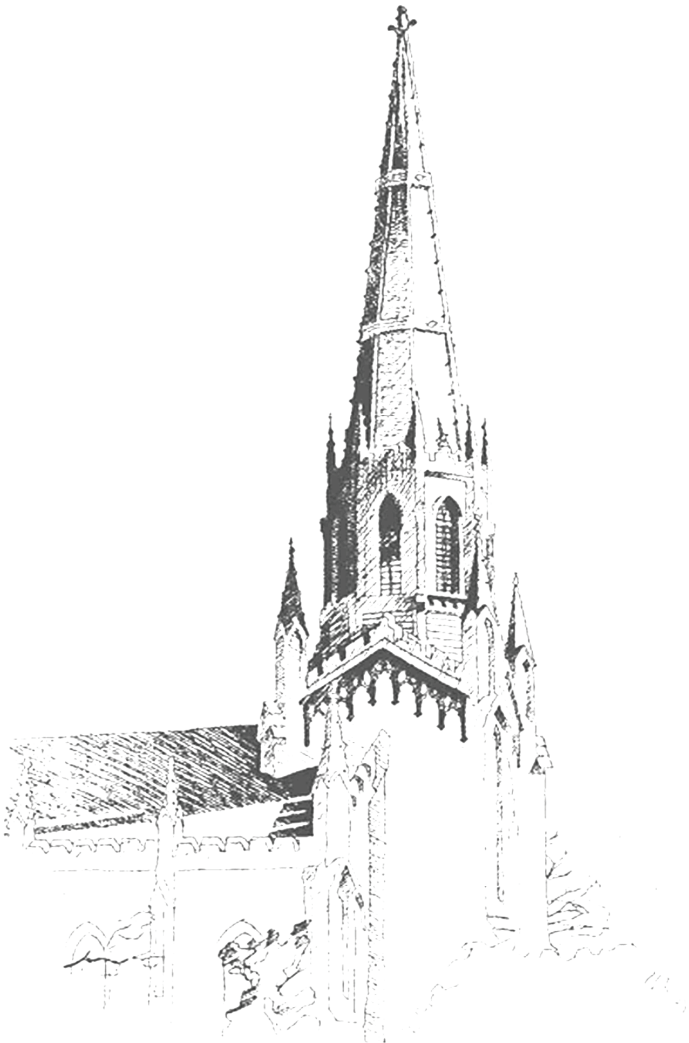
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Rev. Sean Henderson, Associate Minister of Missions
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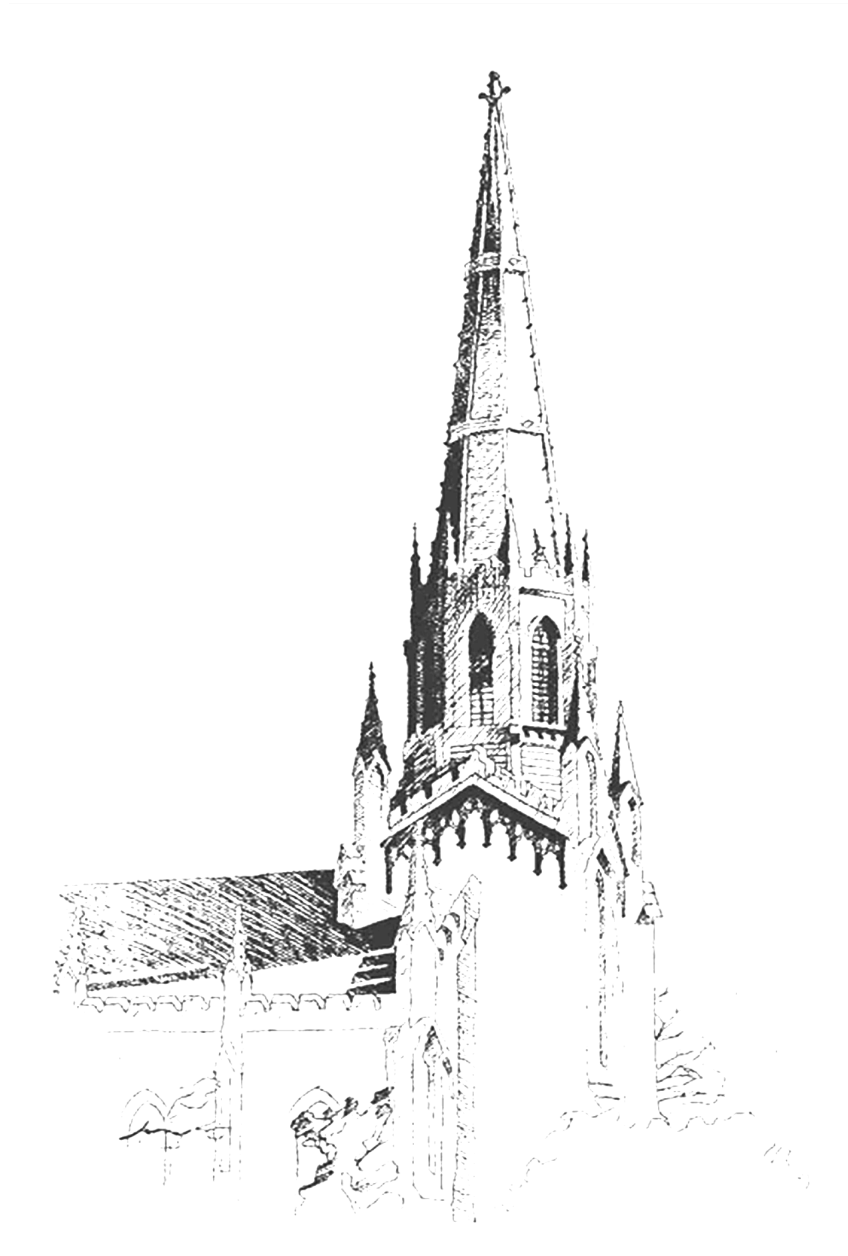
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Spiritual

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ **HYMN 371** *O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely*

LLANGLOFFAN

O LORD of hosts, how lovely
The place wherein you dwell!
Your tabernacles holy
In pleasantness excel.
My soul is longing, fainting,
To see your courts, O LORD;
My heart and flesh are singing
To you, O living God.

The sparrow finds a home here,
The swallow builds her nest,
Where she may lay her young near
Your altar, LORD of hosts.
How blest are those who dwell in
Your house, my King, my God;
How blest, those singing praises
To you, the living LORD.

How blest are those you strengthen,
Who have a pilgrim's mind.
Amidst the vale of weeping,
Fresh springs and pools they find.
From strength to strength advancing,
They on their journey go
'Til each appears in Zion,
Where they their God behold.

O hear, LORD God of Jacob,
To me an answer yield;
The face of your anointed,
Behold, O God, our shield.
One day within your temple
Excels a thousand hence;
I'd rather keep God's doorway
Than live in sinners' tents.

The LORD our God protects us,
Our shield and shining sun;
The LORD bestows his favor
And honor to his own.
No good will he deny those
Who walk in ways of truth.
O LORD of hosts, how blest is
The one who trusts in you!

AURELIA

+ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

+ CHILDREN'S HYMN

*God of the Covenant, Lord God Almighty
(Stanzas 1 & 2)*

EPIPHANY HYMN

God of the covenant, Lord God almighty,
Marvels of mercy adoring we see:
Calling from sin and from darkness a people
Bonded to Christ by a timeless decree.

Not now by words bringing death to transgressors,
Life-giving grace the new covenant brings;
Jesus our surety, our kinsman-redeemer,
Round us the robe of his righteousness flings.

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Blessings on blessings through ages unending,
Covenant fulness in glorious flood;
Ours is a hope which no mortal can measure,
Brought in by Jesus and sealed in his blood.

God of the covenant-changeless, eternal,
Father, Son, Spirit, all-blessing, all-blessed;
Yours is the greatness, the power and the glory:
Lord God, on you we for ever shall rest.

EVENING PRAYER

Elder Edward Clarke

PRESENTATION OF EVENING OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Give Me Jesus*

Spiritual

+ **DOXOLOGY**

TALLIS' CANON

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

+ SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 9

(Pew Bible page 533, Children's Bible page 685)

- ¹ Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- ² She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
- ³ She has sent out her young women to call
from the highest places in the town,
- ⁴ “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
To him who lacks sense she says,
- ⁵ “Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶ Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”
- ⁷ Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
- ⁸ Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
- ⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still
wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.
- ¹¹ For by me your days will be multiplied,
and years will be added to your life.
- ¹² If you are wise, you are wise for yourself;
if you scoff, you alone will bear it.
- ¹³ The woman Folly is loud;
she is seductive and knows nothing.
- ¹⁴ She sits at the door of her house;
she takes a seat on the highest places of the town,
- ¹⁵ calling to those who pass by,
who are going straight on their way,
- ¹⁶ “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
And to him who lacks sense she says,

- ¹⁷ “Stolen water is sweet,
and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.”
¹⁸ But he does not know that the dead are there,
that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

SERMON

Dr. Neil C. Stewart

“Her Home: A Haven or a Hell”

PRAYER

+ HYMN 719 *A Christian Home*

FINLANDIA

O give us homes built firm upon the Savior,
Where Christ is Head, and Counselor and Guide;
Where ev’ry child is taught His love and favor
And gives his heart to Christ, the crucified:
How sweet to know that tho’ his footsteps waver
His faithful Lord is walking by his side!

O give us homes with godly fathers, mothers,
Who always place their hope and trust in Him;
Whose tender patience turmoil never bothers,
Whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim;
A home where each finds joy in serving others,
And love still shines, tho’ days be dark and grim.

O give us homes where Christ is Lord and Master,
The Bible read, the precious hymns still sung;
Where prayer comes first in peace or in disaster
And praise is natural speech to ev’ry tongue;
Where mountains move before a faith that’s vaster,
And Christ sufficient is for old and young.

O Lord, our God, our homes are Thine forever!
We trust to Thee their problems, toil, and care;
Their bonds of love no enemy can sever
If Thou art always Lord and Master there:
Be Thou the center of our least endeavor:
Be Thou our guest, our hearts and homes to share.

+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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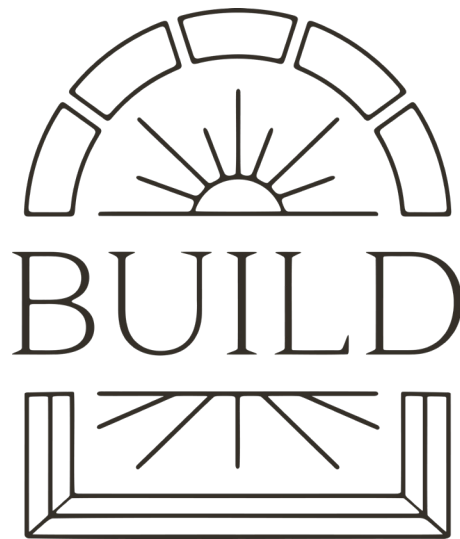
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