

Divine Worship

8:30 A.M. AND 11:15 A.M.

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(+ Congregation, please stand if able.)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Wilson Family Trio

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. D. Henderson (8:30) Mr. S. Henderson (11:15)

+ **HYMN 660:** *O God Beyond All Praising* THAXTED

+ 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

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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;
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I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
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+ **GLORIA PATRI** Henry Greatorex

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as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON: 8:30 A.M.

CHILDREN’S HYMN 648: 8:30 A.M. *My Jesus, I Love Thee* CARITAS
(*Stanzas 1 & 4*)

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MORNING PRAYER

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He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justice and to love kindness,
And to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:6-8

+ **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.

(During the 11:15 a.m. service, K4 and K5 children may leave for Children’s Church.
Parents should come for them in the Education Building, Room 103.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 19:17-37
(Pew Bible page 905, Children’s Bible page 1171)

SERMON: *Of the Father’s Love Begotten* Dr. Neil C. Stewart
“It is Finished”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ **HYMN 565:** *All for Jesus!* WYCLIFF

+ BENEDICTION

+ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 442:** *Arise, O God* RHOSYMEDRE
(*Final stanza*)

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SERMON NOTES

“It is Finished”

John 19:17-37 | Dr. Neil C. Stewart

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 deacons for a receiver.
- ☞ Nurseries for children to the age of four are provided in the Education Building.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 P.M.

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“Who’s in Your Head?”

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PASTORAL STAFF

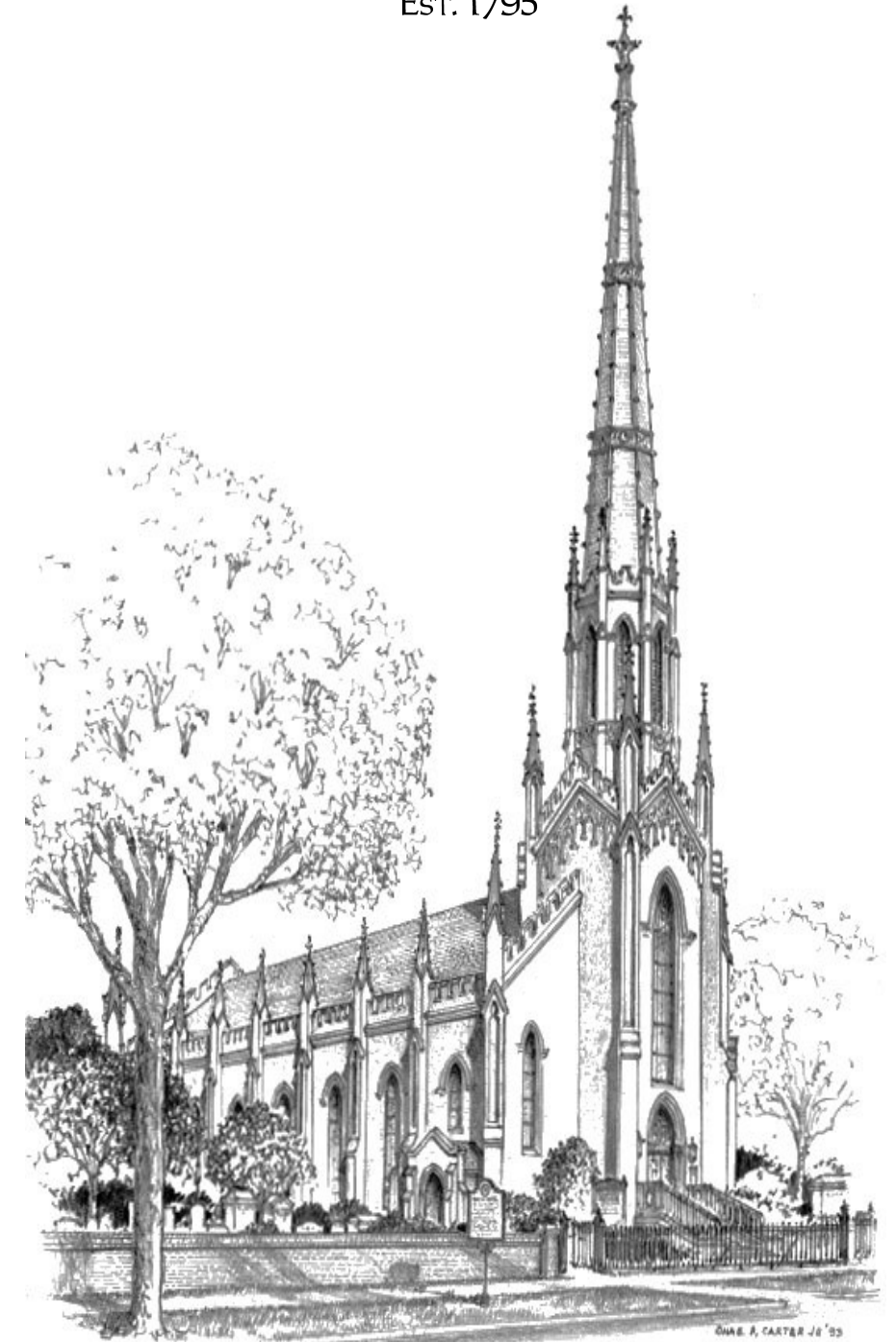
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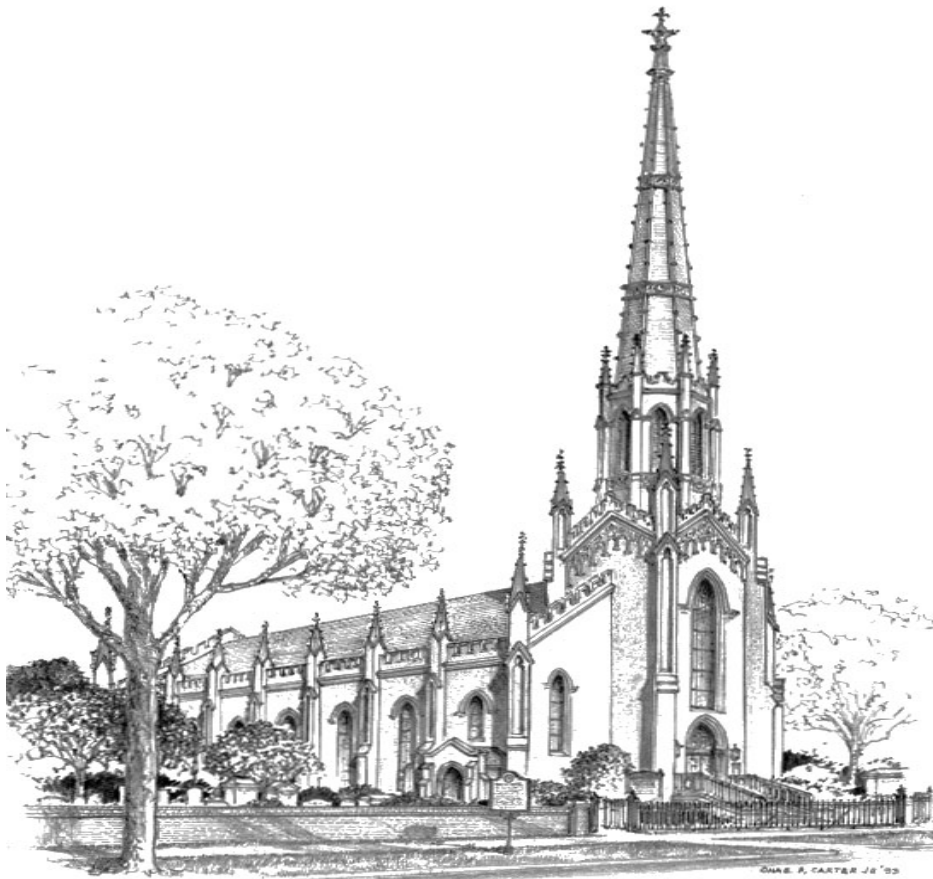
(PSALM 92:1,2)

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For we can only wonder
At every gift you send,
At blessings without number
And mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you
And wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you,
Our great and mighty Lord.**

**Then hear, O gracious Savior,
Accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor
May serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows**

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TRUST IN JESUS

**'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise;
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."**

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!

How I've proved him o'er and o'er!

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust his cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!**

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**Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
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Life and rest, and joy and peace.**

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**I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
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SCRIPTURE LESSON

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17 and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. 18 There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. 19 Pilate

also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” 20 Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. 21 So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” 22 Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

23 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, 24 so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

**“They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.”**

So the soldiers did these things, 25 but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" 27 Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." 29 A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. 30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

31 Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. 32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first,

and of the other who had been crucified with him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. 35 He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. 36 For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” 37 And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

SERMON: *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

“It is Finished”

Dr. Neil C. Stewart

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

HYMN: *All for Jesus*

WYCLIFF

**All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
All my being's ransomed pow'rs,
All my thoughts and words and doings,
All my days and all my hours.**

**Let my hands perform his bidding,
Let my feet run in his ways;
Let my eyes see Jesus only,
Let my lips speak forth his praise.**

**Worldlings prize their gems of beauty,
Cling to gilded toys of dust,
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure;
Only Jesus will I trust.**

**Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus,
I've lost sight of all beside;
So enchained my spirit's vision,
Looking at the Crucified.**

**O what wonder! How amazing!
Jesus, glorious King of kings,
Deigns to call me his beloved,
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BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

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(Final Stanza)

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