

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

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(Revelation 1:16, ESV)

(+ Congregation, please stand if able.)

PRELUDE: The Saints Delight arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT: O Jesus, My Savior

O Jesus, my Savior, I know thou art mine;
For thee all the pleasures of sin I resign.
Of objects most pleasing, I love thee the best;
Without thee I'm wretched, but with thee I'm blest.

I find him in singing, I find him in prayer;
In sweet meditation he always is near;
My constant companion, O may we ne'er part;
All glory to Jesus, he dwells in my heart.

from Primitive Baptist Hymnal

Highland Missions Choir

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

+ HYMN 125: Let All Things Now Living ASH GROVE

+ 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

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
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;
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven;
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ GLORIA PATRI Henry Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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altar and offering. By one act, You have quenched the fire of
divine wrath and kindled the flame of love in the hearts of Your
people. Lamb of God, You have delivered us from the wrath to
come. By the blood of Your cross, You have made our peace,
extinguished God’s just anger against our sin, silenced Satan’s fiery
darts, and subdued the rebellious blaze of our hearts. What shall I
say to You? What could I speak of You—Jesus, our righteousness?
Let me never entertain sin or Satan. Let Your name fill my soul
and rest upon my dying lips, so that I may open my eyes in glory
still singing, “To Him who loved us, washed us in His blood, and
made us kings and priests—be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

Adapted from a prayer by Robert Hawker

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your
heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend
your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your
God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and
abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Who
knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing
behind him...?

(Joel 2:12–14a, ESV)

MORNING PRAYER

+ HYMN 472: Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched BRYN CALFARIA

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: Pilgrims' Hymn Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on Your name
To ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You,
You hear our prayer.
Unceasing love, O unceasing love
Surpassing all we know.

Glory to the father,
And to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit.
Even with darkness sealing us in,
We breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast,
We trust in You;
Endless Your Grace, O endless Your grace,
Beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and forever,
And unto ages and ages,
Amen.

+ 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 Mark 9:1-10
(Pew Bible page 844; Children’s Bible page 1076)

SERMON: Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas
“The Transfiguration”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ HYMN 498: Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners! HYFRYDOL

+ BENEDICTION

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

To God, the only wise, the one immortal King,
Let hallelujahs rise from ev’ry living thing:
Let all that breathe, on ev’ry coast,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Fugue in C Major, BWV 531 J. S. Bach

SERMON NOTES

“The Transfiguration”

Mark 9:1-10 | Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

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.
- ☞ 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.

For information on upcoming events,
please visit the church website.

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The flowers in Jackson Hall are given to the glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Caroline DeSaussure Wall and Charles Allen Leach.

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 P.M.

“The End of the Earth: Judgment Falls and Joy Rises”

Isaiah 24-25 | Rev. Josh Squires

PASTORAL STAFF

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Rev. Bryan Bult, Associate Minister to Seniors

Rev. David Henderson, Associate Minister of Discipleship

Rev. Sean Henderson, Associate Minister of Missions

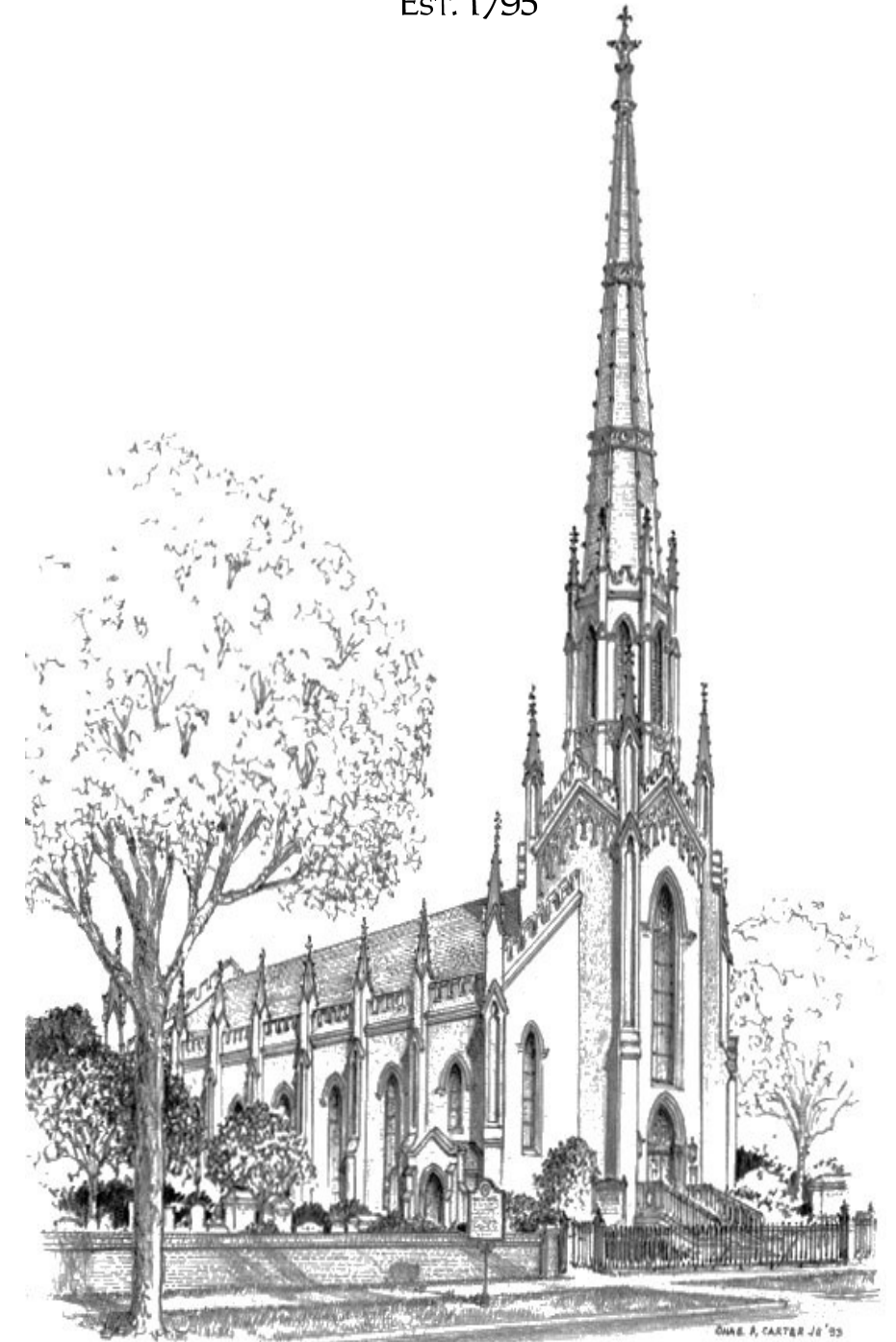
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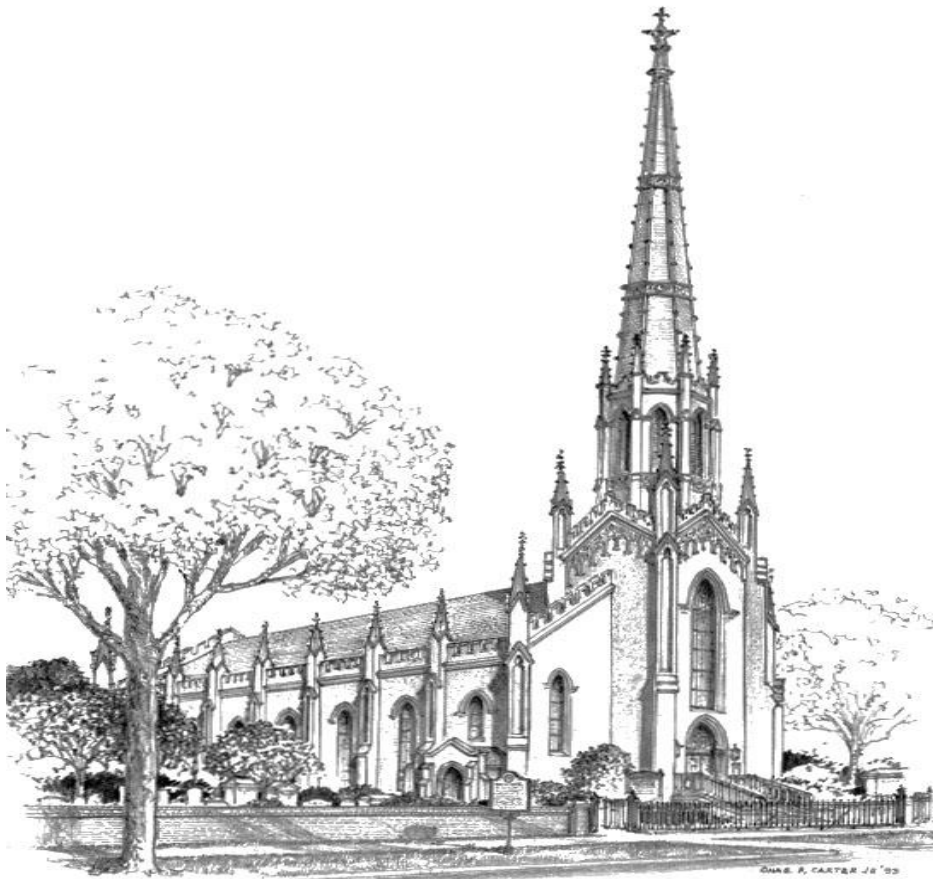
(PSALM 92:1,2)

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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HYMN: *Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and
stayed us,
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,**

**‘Til shadows have vanished and darkness is
banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.**

**His law He enforces: the stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and
fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine,
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
‘Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!**

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MORNING PRAYER

HYMN: *Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched*

BRYN CALFARIA

**Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and
wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity joined with
pow'r:
He is able, he is able, he is able,
He is willing; doubt no more; he is willing; doubt no
more.**

**Come, ye needy, come and welcome, God's free
bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, ev'ry grace that
brings you nigh,
Without money, without money, without money,**

Come to Jesus Christ and buy; come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;

If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all:

Not the righteous, not the righteous, not the righteous—

Sinners Jesus came to call; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;

All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him;

This he gives you, this he gives you, this he gives you;

'Tis the Spirit's rising beam; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 9:1-10

¹ And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.”

² And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out

of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” ⁸ And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean.

SERMON: **Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas**
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PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN: Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

HYFRYDOL

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!

Jesus! lover of my soul;

Friends may fail me, foes assail me,

He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Hallelujah, what a Friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving,

He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness!

Let me hide myself in him;

Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,

He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. [Refrain]

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Jesus! what a help in sorrow!

While the billows o'er me roll,

Even when my heart is breaking,

He, my comfort, helps my soul. [Refrain]

Hallelujah! what a Savior!

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**Jesus! what a guide and keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
He, my pilot, hears my cry. [Refrain]
*Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
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**Jesus! I do now receive him,
More than all in him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am his, and he is mine. [Refrain]
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BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

All Authority and Power

(Stanza 4)

**All the time he will be with us,
always, to the end of days,
with his own believing people,
who keep steadfast in his ways;
God the Father, Son, and Spirit
bless us, and to him the praise! Amen!**

POSTLUDE: *Fugue in C Major, BWV 531*

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