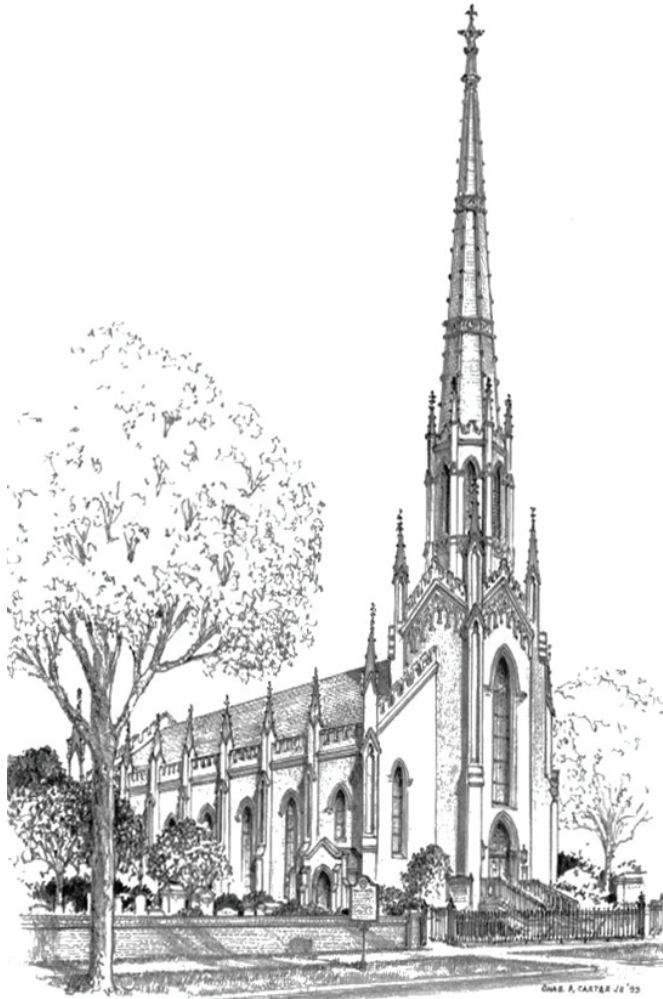


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# First Presbyterian Church



*Lord's Day, April 26, 2026*

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

1324 Marion Street, Columbia, SC

# DIVINE WORSHIP

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

*Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.*

JEREMIAH 33:3, ESV

(+ Congregation, please stand if able.)

**PRELUDE** *Come, Lord Jesus, from Heaven to Earth*

J. S. Bach

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. David Henderson (8:30 A.M.)

Dr. David Lauten (11:15 A.M.)

**INTROIT** “Why So Sorrowful” from *Psalms* 42

Felix Mendelssohn

Why so sorrowful, O my spirit, and why are you restless in me?  
Wait for the Lord, for I once again shall praise him;  
He is my help in his great majesty.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

+ **HYMN 165** *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

LYONS

*Please find the music on page 6 of your bulletin.*

+ **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.

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LADY STREET

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ST. MICHAEL

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I do not seek to know the things God's wisdom has denied.  
With childlike trust, O Lord, in You I calmly rest,  
Contented as a little child upon its mother's breast.  
Ye people of the Lord, in Him alone confide;  
From this time forth and evermore His wisdom be your guide.

From Psalm 131

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WYATT

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**OFFERTORY** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Arranged by Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been,  
Have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with his love, he befriends thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

The Chancel Choir  
Dr. Daniel Cole, director

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OLD HUNDREDDTH

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.

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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

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**SERMON “A Prayer God Loves to Hear”**

Dr. Neil C. Stewart

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

+ **HYMN 300** *Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power (Stanzas 1–3)*

O QUANTA QUALIA

*Please find the music on page 9 of your bulletin.*

+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 300**

*Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power (Stanza 4)*

O QUANTA QUALIA

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;  
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;  
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,  
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

**POSTLUDE** *Toccata-Finale on Psalm 42*

John Propitius

Mr. Thomas Russell, organist

## Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

*Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! 2 Pet. 3:18*

1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
 2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
 3. Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!  
 4. Then let us a - dore, and give him his right,

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful name;  
 and still he is nigh - his pres - ence we have.  
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.  
 all glo - ry and pow'r, and wis - dom and might,

the name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex - tol;  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our King.  
 fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing for in - fi - nite love.

# Saints of Zion

R. C. Sproul

Wyatt

Dwight Gustafson

From A - bel's fa - vored of - fring to Je - sus' ho - ly  
By faith our fa - thers la - bored; in faith they lived and  
This cov - e - nant of grace di - vine; By Christ's own blood was  
By mar - tyrs' death the ho - ly seed Was sown in grief and  
The church of God tri - um - phant Shall in that fi - nal

cross, The church of God's own choos - ing has tri - umphed  
died. From A - bra - ham to Da - vid, Faith stood when  
bought; The prom - i - ses of bless - ing Shall nev - er  
pain, That ho - ly seed will flour - ish Till Christ shall  
day Have all her sons and daugh - ters Home from the

o ver loss.  
it was tried.  
come to nought. Then Come, O saints of Zi - on in  
come a gain.  
well - fought fray.

sweet com - mun - ion wed; The bride a - waits her glo - ry:

Lord Je - sus Christ, her head. A - men!

## Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*Glorious things are said of you, O city of God. Ps. 87:3*

1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;  
 2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,  
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
 4. Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y I, through grace, a mem - ber am,

he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode:  
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move:  
 for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near:  
 let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in thy name:

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
 who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst t'as - suage?—  
 thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
 fad - ing is the world - ling's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.  
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.  
 sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

# Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power

300

*Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! Rev. 5:12*

1. Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow - er,  
 2. Sound - eth the heav'n of the heav'ns with his name;  
 3. Ev - er as - cend - eth the song and the joy;  
 4. Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb;

wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more  
 ring - eth the earth with his glo - ry and fame;  
 ev - er de - scend - eth the love from on high;  
 take we the robe and the harp and the palm;

give ye to him who our bat - tle hath won,  
 o - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flow - er  
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whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.  
 ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow - er.  
 this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.  
 dy - ing in weak - ness, but ris - ing to reign.

# SERMON NOTES

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**Living in Light of Easter**

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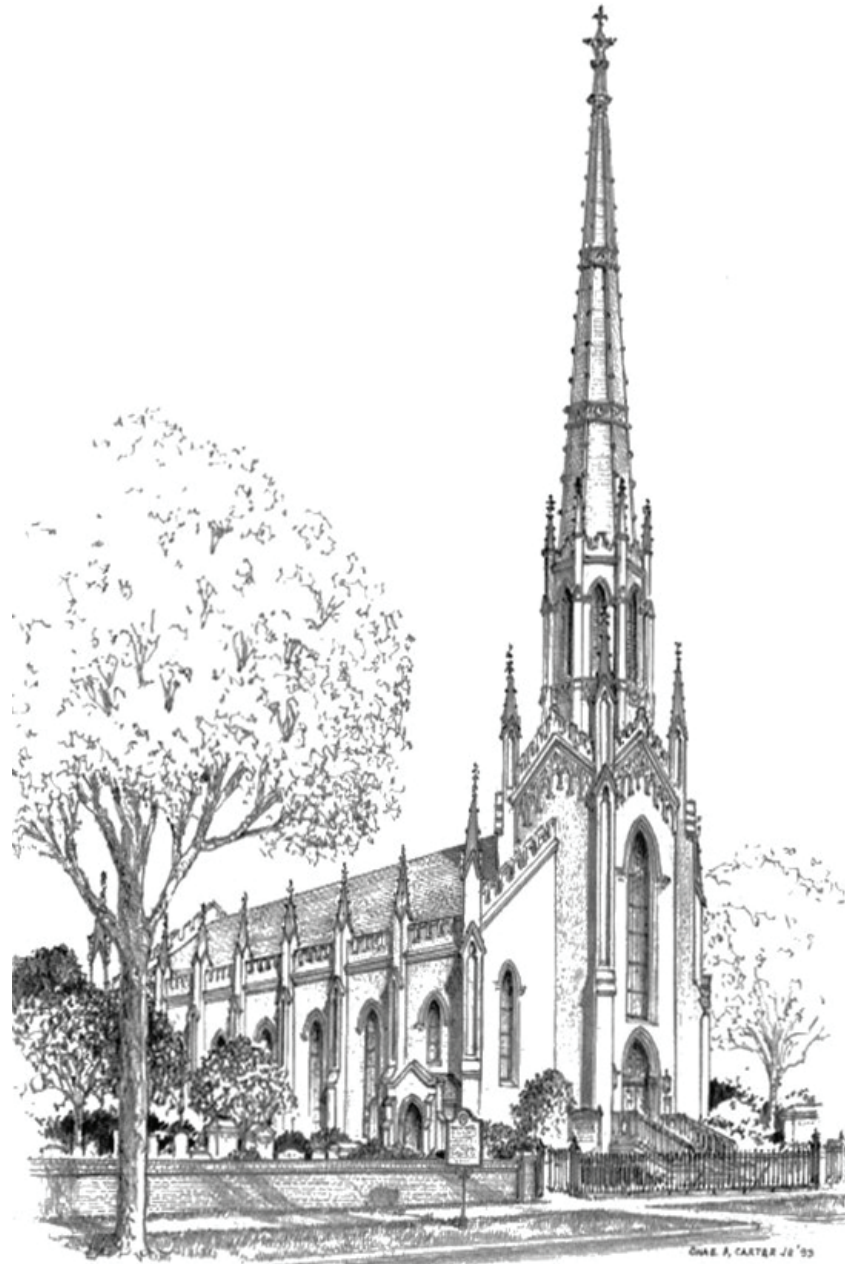
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LYONS

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad his wonderful name;  
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;  
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
And still he is nigh— his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

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All glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,  
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WYATT

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To Jesus' holy cross  
The church of God's own choosing  
Has triumphed over loss.

*Then come, O saints of Zion  
In sweet communion wed  
The bride awaits her glory  
Lord Jesus Christ, her Head.*

By faith our fathers labored  
In faith, they lived and died.  
From Abraham to David,  
Faith stood when it was tried.

This covenant of grace divine  
By Christ's own blood was bought  
The promises of blessing  
Shall never come to nought.

By martyrs' death the holy seed  
Was sown in grief and pain  
That holy seed will flourish  
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The church of God triumphant  
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AUSTRIAN HYMN

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Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed thee for his own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove;  
Who can faint, while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst t'assuage?—  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring,  
See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a cov'ring,  
Showing that the Lord is near:  
Thus deriving from their banner  
Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city  
I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name:  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
All his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure  
None but Zion's children know.

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## SCRIPTURE LESSON

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## SERMON

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## PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

### + HYMN 300

O QUANTA QUALIA

*Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power (Stanzas 1–3)*

Blessing and honor and glory and power,  
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore  
Give ye to him who our battle hath won,  
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

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Oceans and mountain, stream, forest, and flower  
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