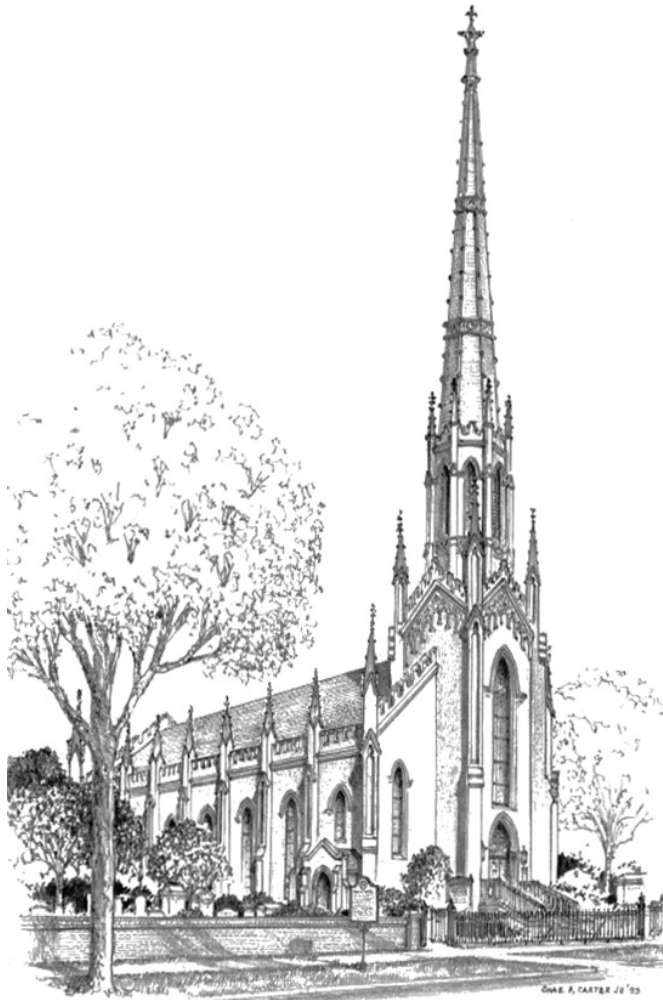


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# First Presbyterian Church



*Lord's Day, May 3, 2026*

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

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J. S. Bach

Patience Henderson, organ scholar

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Karen Marrolli

We walk by faith and not by sight;  
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From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side,  
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And cry, "My Lord and God!"

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To call on You when You are near  
And seek where You are found.

That, when our life of faith is done,  
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With full and endless sight.

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

+ **HYMN 80** *Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee*

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

RIPLEY

## + 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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+ **HYMN 465** *Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord*

MOODY

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## RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** *O How Amiable are Thy Dwellings*

John Rutter

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My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,  
And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:  
Even Thy altars, O Lord of hosts,  
My King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house:  
They will be alway praising Thee.  
Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee:  
In whose heart are Thy ways.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:  
Hearken, O God of Jacob.  
Behold, O God our defender:  
And look upon the face of Thine Anointed.

For one day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.  
I had rather be a door keeper in the house of my God:  
Than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.  
For the Lord God is a light and defence.

The Lord will give grace and worship,  
And no good thing shall He withhold  
From them that live a godly life.  
O Lord God of hosts,  
Blessed is the man that putteth his trust in Thee.

+ **DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
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Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
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**SERMON "Dead...but God"**

Dr. Neil C. Stewart

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

+ **HYMN 455** *And Can It Be That I Should Gain (Stanzas 1-4)*

SAGINA

*Please find the music on pages 8 & 9 of your bulletin.*

+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN 455**

*And Can It Be That I Should Gain (Stanza 5)*

SAGINA

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

*Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

**POSTLUDE** *Postlude on "A Mighty Fortress"*

David Cherwien

Mr. Thomas Russell, organist

# Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

80

To the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the  
One he loves. Eph. 1:6

♩ D G D 7 Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D

1. Lord, with glow - ing heart I'd praise thee for the bliss thy love be - stows,  
2. Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee, wretch-ed wan-d'r'er far a - stray;  
3. Praise thy Sav - ior God that drew thee to that cross, new life to give,  
4. Lord, this bo - som's ar - dent feel - ing vain - ly would my lips ex - press:

G D Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D

for the par-d'ning grace that saves me, and the peace that from it flows.  
found thee lost, and kind - ly brought thee from the paths of death a - way.  
held a blood - sealed par - don to thee, bade thee look to him and live.  
low be - fore thy foot-stool kneel - ing, deign thy sup-pliant's pray'r to bless.

G D G D

Help, O God, my weak en - deav - or; this dull soul to rap - ture raise:  
Praise, with love's de - vout - est feel - ing, him who saw thy guilt-born fear,  
Praise the grace whose threats a - larmed thee, roused thee from thy fa - tal ease;  
Let thy love, my soul's chief trea - sure, love's pure flame with - in me raise;

G D 7 Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D 7

thou must light the flame, or nev - er can my love be warmed to praise.  
and, the light of hope re - veal - ing, bade the blood-stained cross ap - pear.  
praise the grace whose prom - ise warmed thee, praise the grace that whis - pered peace.  
and, since words can nev - er mea - sure, let my life show forth thy praise.

## Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

*Where sin increased, grace increased all the more. Rom. 5:20*

1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, grace that ex - ceeds our  
 2. Sin and de - spair like the sea waves cold, threa - ten the soul with  
 3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide, what can a - vail to

sin and our guilt, yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,  
 in - fi - nite loss; grace that is great - er, yes, grace un - told,  
 wash it a - way? Look! there is flow - ing a crim - son tide;

REFRAIN

there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Grace, grace,  
 points to the Ref - uge, the might - y cross. Mar - vel - ous grace,  
 whit - er than snow you may be to - day.

God's grace, grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in; grace,  
 in - fi - nite grace, mar - vel - ous

grace, God's grace, grace that is great - er than all our sin.  
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## And Can It Be That I Should Gain

*While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8*

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest  
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -  
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so  
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in  
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his  
 plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph  
 • in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his  
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - ning  
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!  
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!  
 • love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,  
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,  
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

C A<sup>7</sup> D G C

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst  
 Let earth adore, let an - gel minds in -  
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it  
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and  
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

D G REFRAIN D D<sup>7</sup>

die for me?  
 quire no more. A - maz - ing love! How can it  
 • found out me. A - maz - ing love! How  
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love! How  
 Christ, my own.

G F C G Am/C G/D D<sup>7</sup> G 7

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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# SERMON NOTES

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**Listen Up**

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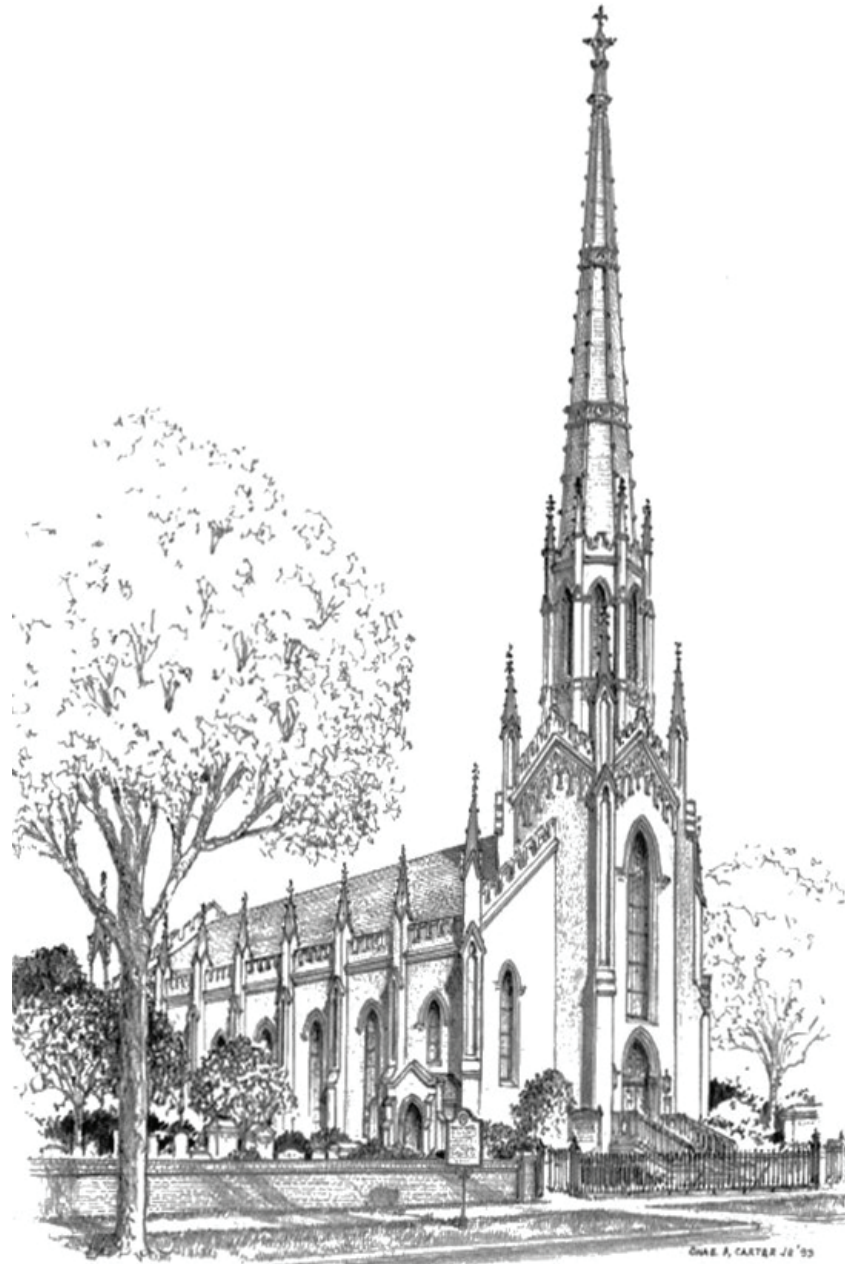
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RIPLEY

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Bade the blood-stained cross appear.

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To that cross, new life to give,  
Held a blood-sealed pardon to thee,  
Bade thee look to him and live.  
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Roused thee from thy fatal ease;  
Praise the grace whose promise warmed thee,  
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MOODY

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,  
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,  
Points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,  
What can avail to wash it away?  
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;  
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### SERMON

Dr. Neil C. Stewart

**“Dead...but God”**

# PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

## + HYMN 455

SAGINA

*And Can It Be That I Should Gain (Stanzas 1–4)*

And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:  
Who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above  
(So free, so infinite his grace!),  
Humbled himself (so great his love!)  
And bled for all his chosen race!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

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