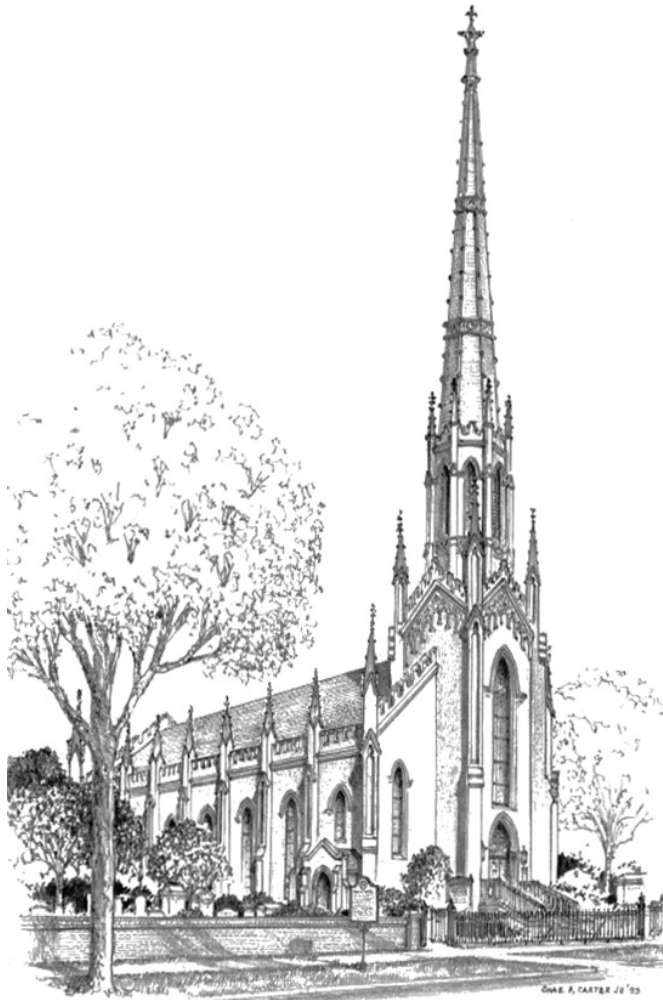


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Lord's Day, May 17, 2026

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

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CALL TO WORSHIP

+ **HYMN 457** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

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.

+ **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**

LADY STREET

Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
Binding all the church as one!
As it was in the beginning
As is now and e’er shall be,
World without end! Amen.

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Neither Angels, Nor Demons, Nor Powers*

Timothy C. Takach

And I believe. So I believe.

I will lift my eyes to the hills.
There, dost thou well believe, no storm should come
To mar the stillness of that angel-home;
There should thy slumbers be
Weighed down with honey-dew, serenely blessed.

And I believe. So I believe.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
Neither angels, nor demons, nor powers,
Neither things present nor things to come,
Neither height nor depth, nor any other creature,
Shall be able to separate us from the love of God.

I do believe.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Psalm 121:1; Romans 8:38–39; Revelation 7:17
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The Chamber Choir
Dr. Daniel Cole, director

+ **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.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 3:20
(ESV Standard Bible page 1030; Children's Bible page 1334)

SERMON "Knock, Knock. Who's There?"

Dr. Neil C. Stewart

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ **HYMN 479** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

THOMPSON

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE INVITATION

READING OF THE LAW

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Minister: God spoke all these words saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

All:

- I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
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- V. Honour thy father and thy mother.
- VI. Thou shalt not kill.
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- X. Thou shalt not covet.

(Exodus 20:1–17, KJV)

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

(Matthew 22:37–40, KJV)

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THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ **HYMN 264** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (Stanzas 1–3)*

NEAR THE CROSS

Please find the music on page 8 of your bulletin.

+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN 264**

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (Stanza 4)

NEAR THE CROSS

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;

Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

POSTLUDE *Allegro assai vivace from Sonata I*

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

457

Samuel ... named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far has the LORD helped us." 1 Sam. 7:12

♯ D A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

A⁷ D G D A⁷ D G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der— Lord, I feel it— prone to leave the God I love:

A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

He calls his own sheep by name. John 10:3

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing, pass - ing from
 4. Oh! for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me; see, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and from me; shad - ows are gath - er - ing, death - beds are com - ing,
 you and for me; though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? Come home, come home,
 com - ing for you and for me. Come home, come home,
 par - don for you and for me.

REFRAIN
 N.C. D7 N.C. D G

ye who are wea - ry, come home; ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross

264

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Gal. 6:14

F B \flat F C 7 Dm B \flat F C

1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross; there a pre - cious foun - tain,
 2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

F B \flat F C 7 Dm B \flat F/C C C 7 F

free to all— a heal - ing stream— flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the Bright and Morn - ing Star shed its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its sha - dow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

REFRAIN
 F B \flat F C

In the cross, in the cross, be my glo - ry ev - er;

F Gm/F F A 7 Dm B \flat F/C C C 7 F $\bar{7}$

till my rap - tured soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

SERMON NOTES

“Knock, Knock. Who’s There?”

Revelation 3:20 | Dr. Neil C. Stewart

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Listen Up

“What Does God Want?”

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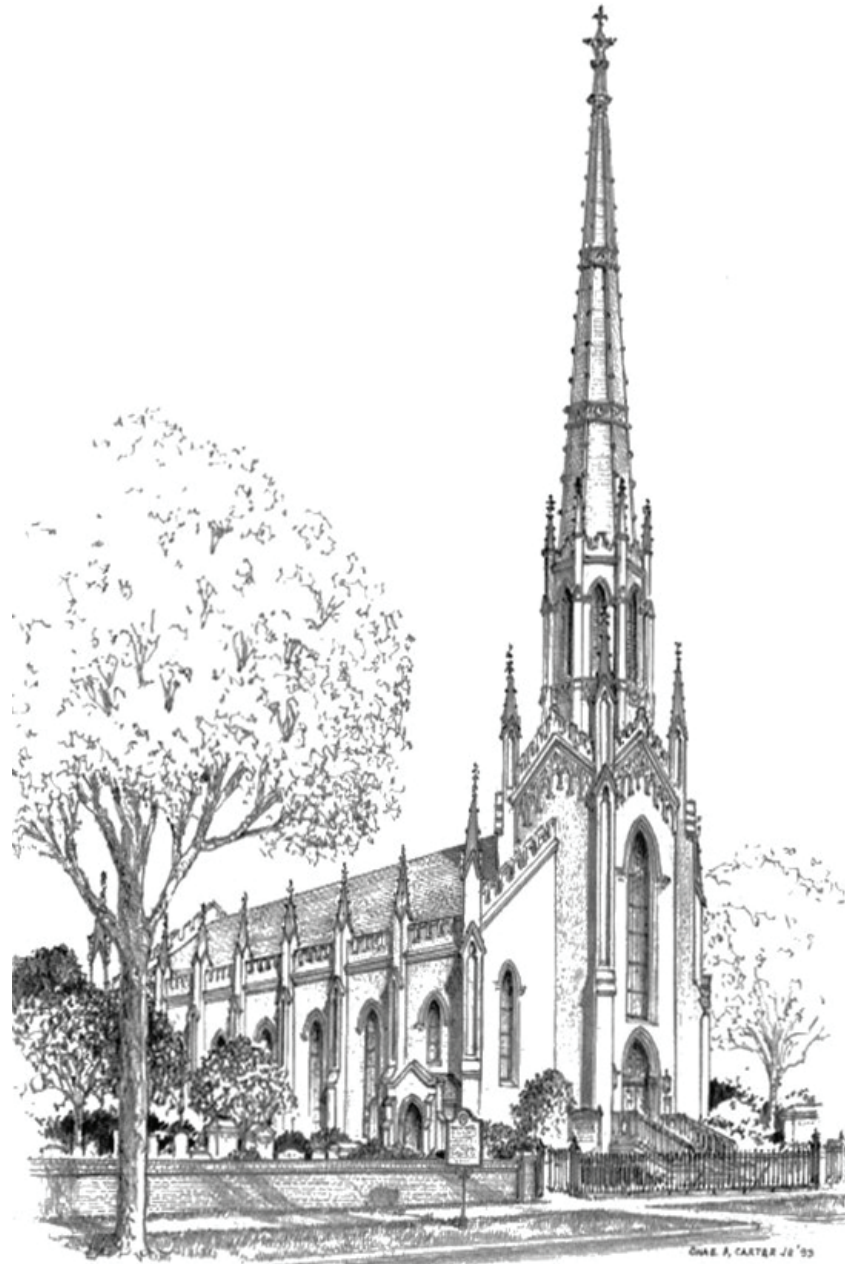
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Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –
Prone to leave the God I love;
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SERMON

Dr. Neil C. Stewart

“Knock, Knock. Who’s There?”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ **HYMN 479** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

THOMPSON

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals he’s waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

*Come home, come home,
Ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!*

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
Mercies for you and for me?

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
Passing from you and from me;
Shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,
Coming for you and for me.

Oh! for the wonderful love he has promised
Promised for you and for me;
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
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Jesus, keep me near the cross;
There a precious fountain,
Free to all — a healing stream —
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Shed its beams around me.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o'er me.

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