

SERMON NOTES

“Behold the Lamb of God”

John 1:19-34 | 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.
- ☞ 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ☞ The February concert in our First Friday series will be an evening concert presenting Mozart’s *Clarinet Concerto* and *Symphony No. 34*. First Presbyterian Church’s own Joseph Eller will be the featured soloist, alongside an orchestra of local musicians under the direction of Dr. Daniel Cole on Friday, February 2, 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- ☞ On Thursday, February 8, at 6:00 p.m., we will have our annual Men’s Wild Game Supper in the Family Life Center. Our speaker will be Dr. Neil Stewart. A variety of meats and accompaniments will be served. Please register on the church website or app by February 1. Cost is \$15.00.

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

PASTORAL STAFF

DR. NEIL C. STEWART, SENIOR MINISTER

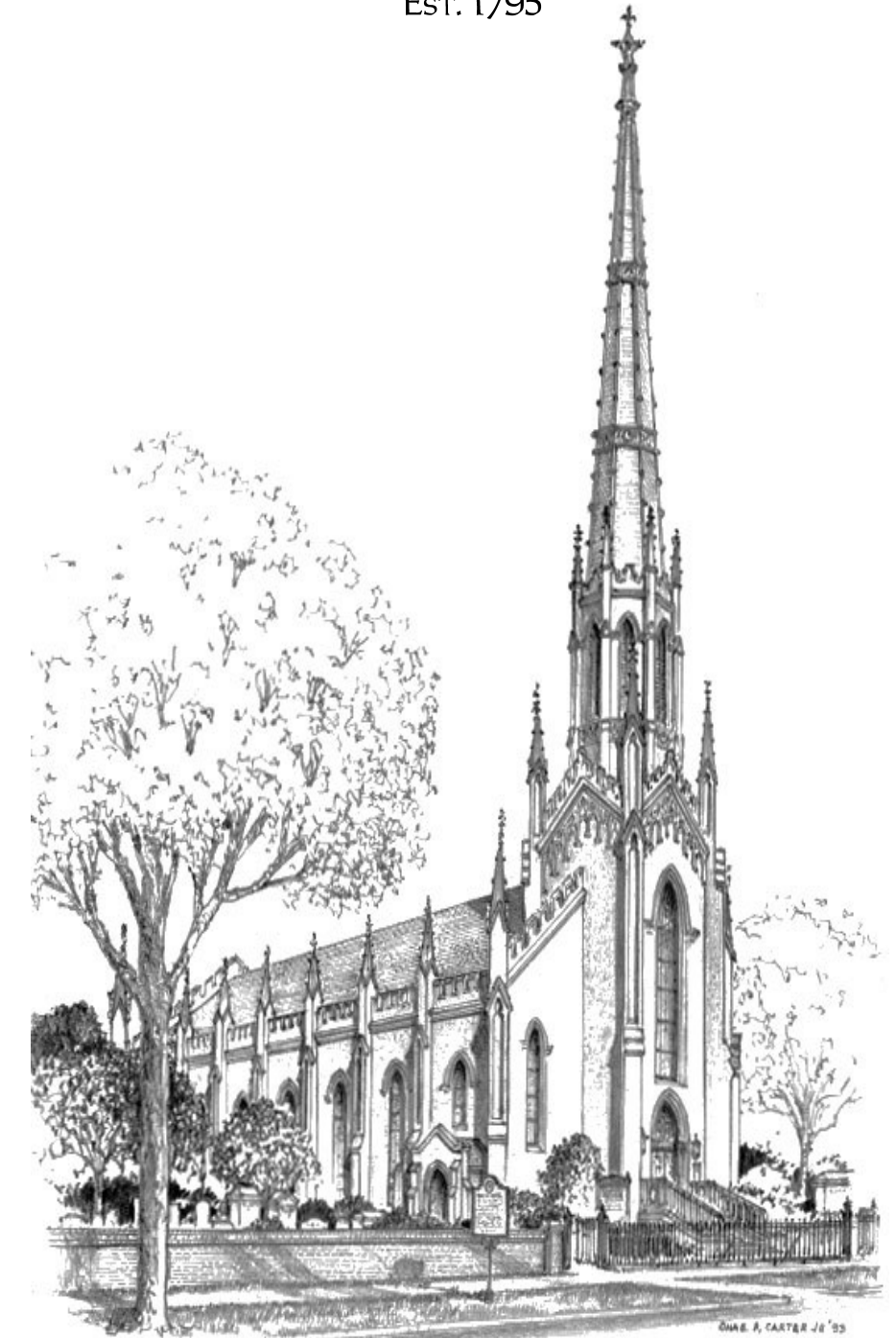
Rev. Bryan Bult, Associate Minister to Seniors
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Rev. Sean Henderson, Associate Minister of Missions
Rev. David Lauten, Senior Associate Minister of Congregational Care
Rev. Josh Squires, Associate Minister of Counseling

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LORD’S DAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

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

“IT IS GOOD TO GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, TO SING PRAISES TO YOUR NAME,
O MOST HIGH; TO DECLARE YOUR STEADFAST LOVE IN THE
MORNING, AND YOUR FAITHFULNESS BY NIGHT.”

(PSALM 92:1,2)

WELCOME

We extend our cordial greetings to all who are visiting us today and hope that you will join us again for worship. We ask our guests to sign the Friendship Register along with members of the congregation and to give us an address so that we may send you information about First Presbyterian Church.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane T. Davidson by Brandon, Eliza Madison, and Alexander Shives.

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DIVINE WORSHIP

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

*Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

(Psalm 51:7, ESV)

(+ Congregation, please stand if able.)

VOLUNTARY: *Prelude on “Be Thou My Vision”*

William H. Bates

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT: *O Jesus Sweet, O Jesus Mild*

O JESULEIN SÜSS

O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild,
your Father’s will you have fulfilled.
From heav’n above to earth you came,
and born as man you took our name.
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild.

O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild,
We seek to do what you have willed.
All that we have comes from above;
Lord, keep us walking in your love.
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild.

The Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Bult (8:30) Mr. Lauten (11:15)

+ **HYMN 14:** *New Songs of Celebration Render*

RENDEZ A DIEU

+ **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.

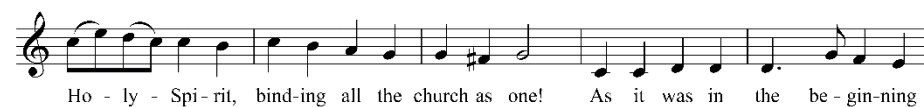
+ **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

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



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

8:30 A.M.

John Gregor Drummond, Jr., son of Abigail and John Drummond

BAPTISMAL HYMN 8:30 A.M.: *Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer*

ARMENIA

Our children, Lord, in faith and pray’r, we now devote to thee;
Let them thy cov’nant mercies share, and thy salvation see.

In early days their hearts secure from worldly snares, we pray;
O let them to the end endure in every righteous way. Amen.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS 11:15 A.M.

HYMN: 11:15 A.M. *Saints of Zion*

WYATT

Trinity Hymnal, opposite number 1

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Stewart

I would neither hide nor cover my sins from you, Almighty God, my Heavenly Father. Rather, I would confess them before You with a humble, repentant, and obedient heart. Forgive me, because of your goodness and mercy to me in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MORNING PRAYER

+ **HYMN 642:** 8:30 A.M. *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *God Be In My Head*

Robert G. Farrell

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking.
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing.

+ **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 1:19-34

(Pew Bible page 886, Children’s Bible page 1142)

SERMON: *Of the Father’s Love Begotten*

Dr. Neil C. Stewart

“Behold the Lamb of God”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ **HYMN 341:** *O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us*

SPIRITUS VITAE

+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

HIGHLAND CATHEDRAL

Search me, O God, search me and know my heart,
Try me, O God, my mind and spirit try,
Keep me from any path that gives thee pain,
And lead me in the everlasting way.

POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Processional in G*

David German

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 P.M.

“When the Bottom Falls Out”

Psalm 3 | Dr. Neil C. Stewart