

**Those Participating in the Service this Evening
and Members of the Commission:**

Mr. Stan Baston, Elder
Cayce ARP Church, Cayce

Mr. Rick Bradley, Elder
Centennial ARP Church, Columbia

The Rev. Bryan Bult
First Presbyterian Church, Columbia

The Rev. Dr. Dale Ralph Davis
First Presbyterian Church, Columbia (retired)

The Rev. David Henderson
First Presbyterian Church, Columbia

The Rev. Sean Henderson
First Presbyterian Church, Columbia

The Rev. David Lauten
First Presbyterian Church, Columbia

The Rev. Dr. Mark E. Ross
Erskine Theological Seminary

Mr. Mark Sloan, Elder
Grace ARP Church, Elgin

The Rev. Josh Squires
First Presbyterian Church, Columbia

Mr. Kenneth Wingate, Elder
First Presbyterian Church, Columbia

**Catawba Presbytery ministers, official church representatives, and
students of theology are reminded to register on the sign-up pages
located in the Narthex.**

Worship at First
Things to consider

- ☞ Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.
- ☞ 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.

Special Announcements

- ☞ The Session extends its gratitude to the Presbytery of Catawba for its assistance in making this occasion possible, to the ministers and elders of the Installation Commission for their participation in this installation service, to the Women of the Church for providing the reception, and to our musicians for enriching the worship service.

PASTORAL STAFF

DR. NEIL C. STEWART, SENIOR MINISTER ELECT

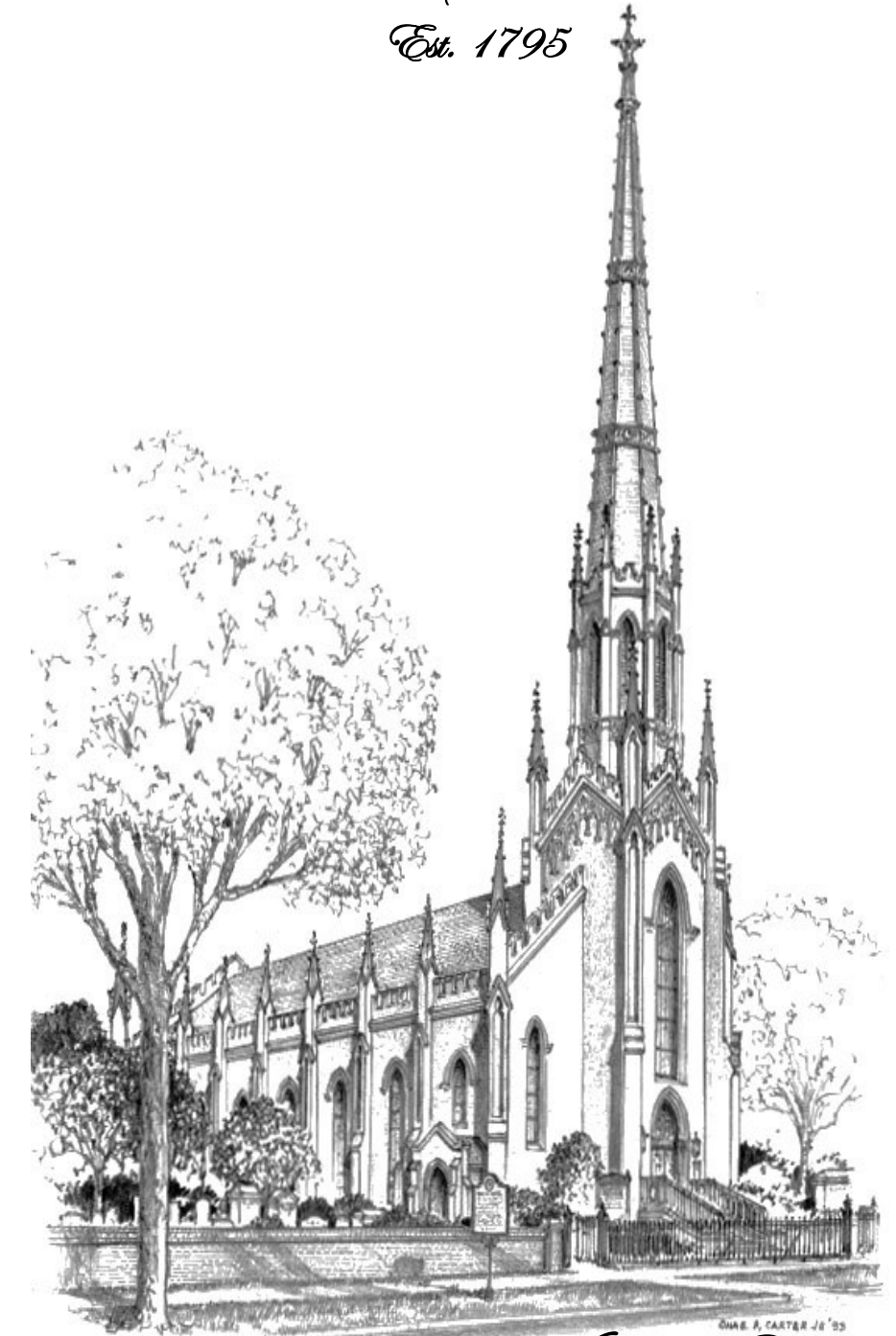
Rev. Bryan Bult, Associate Minister to Seniors
Rev. David Henderson, Associate Minister of Discipleship
Rev. Sean Henderson, Associate Minister of Missions
Rev. David Lauten, Senior Associate Minister of Congregational Care
Rev. Josh Squires, Associate Minister of Counseling

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A Service for the Worship of God
Conducted by the Presbytery of Catawba,
ARP

for the Installation of
Dr. Neil Christopher Stewart

January 21, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the installation of the Rev. Dr. Neil C. Stewart.

Service of Installation

6:00 p.m.

And you shall speak my words to them...

(Ezekiel 2:7)

(+ Congregation, please stand if able.)

VOLUNTARY: *Bicinium on DUKE STREET* Charles Callahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The service will now proceed without further announcements.

CALL TO ORDER Rev. Bryan Bult

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. David Henderson

Cherubs and Club Children, please leave during the following hymn.

+ **HYMN 441:** *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET

+ **PRAYER OF INVOCATION** Rev. Josh Squires

READING OF OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

Rev. Sean Henderson

PRESENTATION OF EVENING OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem* LYNNGHAM

Please open your Trinity Hymnal to #271 and join the choir on the final stanza.

Sing, choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
Your sweetest notes employ
The paschal victory to hymn
In songs of holy joy,
In songs of holy joy,
In songs of holy joy!

For Judah's Lion burst his chains
And crushed the serpent's head,
And crushed the serpent's head;
Christ cries aloud through death's domains
To wake th'imprisoned dead,
To wake th'imprisoned dead,
To wake th'imprisoned dead.

Triumphant in his glory now—
To him all pow'r is giv'n,
To him all pow'r is giv'n;
To him in one communion bow
All saints in earth and heav'n,
All saints in earth and heav'n,
All saints in earth and heav'n.

Congregation, please stand and join in singing the final stanza.

All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit be
While endless ages run,
While endless ages run,
While endless ages run.

READING OF NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

Mr. Rick Bradley

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ezekiel 2:1-3:15
(Pew Bible page 693, Children's Bible page 878)

SERMON: Dr. Dale Ralph Davis

“A Less Than Thrilling Ministry”

+ **HYMN:** *All Glory Be to Christ* AULD LANG SYNE

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house in vain, its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ.
All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ.
His rule and reign we'll ever sing; all glory be to Christ.

His will be done, his kingdom come on earth as is above;
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price;
We'll take a cup of kindness, yet all glory be to Christ.
All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ.
His rule and reign we'll ever sing; all glory be to Christ.

When on the day the great I am, the faithful and the true,
The Lamb, who was for sinners slain is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light;
And we shall e'er his people be, all glory be to Christ.
All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ.
His rule and reign we'll ever sing; all glory be to Christ.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

Rev. Bryan Bult

RENEWAL OF ORDINATION VOWS

QUESTIONS OF INSTALLATION

THE DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO THE MINISTER Dr. Mark Ross

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION Rev. David Lauten

INSTALLATION PRAYER Mr. Kenneth Wingate

+ **HYMN 660:** *O God Beyond All Praising* THAXTED

+ **BENEDICTION** Dr. Neil C. Stewart

+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The People's Prayer for Their Minister HAMBURG

With heavenly pow'r, O Lord, defend
Him whom we now to thee commend;
His person bless, his soul secure,
And make him to the end endure.

Gird him with all-sufficient grace;
Direct his feet in paths of peace:
Thy truth and faithfulness fulfill,
And help him to obey thy will.

VOLUNTARY: *Prelude on THAXTED* William H. Bates

*The Women of The First Presbyterian Church
invite the congregation
to a reception honoring
The Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Neil C. Stewart
on the occasion of his installation on
Sunday, January 21, 2024
in the Family Life Center
immediately following the evening worship service.*