

# FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 6, 2022 AT 8:45 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

SCOTTISH HERITAGE SUNDAY

## THE VISION OF GOD

**PRELUDE** Loch Lomand Scottish Folk Song/arr. Stephen DeCesare  
(May the beginning of the prelude serve as an invitation to silent meditation and prayer.)

**WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP** The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling Jr.

### †PASSING OF THE PEACE

**INTROIT** “I Will Worship The Lord” John Rutter  
Kirk Choir

†**CALL TO WORSHIP** Mary B. Robinson

Leader: O Lord, strengthen our faith;

**People: kindle it in eagerness and love toward you, and our neighbors, for your sake.**

Leader: Suffer us not to receive your Word in vain any longer;

**People: but grant us always the assistance of your grace and Holy Spirit, that in heart, word, and deed, we may sanctify and worship your name.**

Leader: Help us to amplify and increase your kingdom;

**People: that whatever may come our way, we may be content with your good pleasure and will.**

Leader: Let us not lack the thing without which we cannot serve you;

**People: but so bless all the works of our hands that we may have what we need to be helpful and not hurtful unto others.<sup>1</sup>**

†**PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS** “Highland Cathedral” Organ & Bagpipe

### †BLESSING OF THE TARTANS

Leader: Raise the Tartans!

*(Banner Bearers lift high their tartans.)*

We raise these tartans on behalf of all clans represented here.

**People: In gratitude for our Scottish heritage, we raise these tartans before Almighty God and pray God’s blessings upon His children in every land!**

Leader: May God bless these symbols of heritage, and grant that those who wear them, and the families they represent may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with the Lord.

**People: We proclaim that we are all united in the covenant of Jesus Christ, for there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.**

*(The Banners are posted.)*

+†**MORNING HYMN** “God of Grace and God of Glory” Hymn No. 420

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

**CALL TO CONFESSION** (A pause for silent confession follows.)

<sup>1</sup> From a prayer by John Knox (d. 1572), founder of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian)

†*Those who are able, please stand.*

+ *Those arriving for worship are invited to take their seats at this time.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, we confess to Thee the wrong ideals and sinful living which have cut us off from you. We have been greedy. We have sought to hide behind barricades of selfishness. We have tried to isolate ourselves from the wounds of the world. In our self-sufficiency, we have not sought your help. We have wasted time while the world bled. We have sought to solve our differences only through self-interest. Lord God of Hosts, forgive us, we pray. O God, by Thy guidance and Thy power, may we be keenly sensitive to all the unresolved injustice and wrong still in our midst. Hear this our prayer, and grant that we may confidently expect to see it answered in our time; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.<sup>2</sup>

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### †GLORIA PATRI

“Glory be to the Father”

Hymn No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

### +†CHILDREN’S HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation” (verse 1)

Hymn No. 361

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

## THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

(Children through 5yrs old are dismissed to the Massie Building for Children’s Church.)

## THE TIME FOR TEENS

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sir Malcolm Rory Colquhoun, 9th Baronet of Luss (8:45)

Mr. Stephen Quillin, Liaison Officer to the Chief and Clan MacLaren Society Worldwide (11:15)

### THE WORD READ

Old Testament: Psalm 23 (KJV)

(pew Bible, page 435)

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

(pew Bible, page 961)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“REJOICE, PRAY, AND GIVE THANKS”

The Rev. Graeme Glover

## THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### †THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to Whom alone we must cleave, Whom alone we must serve, Whom only we must worship, and in Whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By Whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by His providence, and to the manifestation of His own glory.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> From a prayer by Peter Marshall (b. Scotland 1902), originator of the service of the Kirkin’ o’ Tartan in the United States

<sup>3</sup> From *The Scots Confession of 1560*

†*Those who are able, please stand.*

## Psalm 23 (KJV)

**23** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

## 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

<sup>12</sup> But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; <sup>13</sup> esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup> And we urge you, brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. <sup>15</sup> See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup> abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup> May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound<sup>[a]</sup> and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

<sup>25</sup> Brothers and sisters, pray for us.

<sup>26</sup> Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. <sup>27</sup> I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the brothers and sisters.

<sup>28</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.<sup>[b]</sup>

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father who 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.**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

(We celebrate that some people choose to give electronically or by texting FIRSTSCOTS to 73256)

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

“A Scottish Blessing”

David Blackwell

**†DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymn No. 592

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**†PRAYER OF DEDICATION****†HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Hymn No. 447

**†CHARGE AND BLESSING**

The Rev. Graeme Glover

**†BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“A Gaelic Blessing”

John Rutter

**†RECESSION OF THE TARTANS**

The Charleston Pipe Band

**†POSTLUDE**

“Allebreve in D Major (BWV 589)

J.S. Bach

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**ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS** are invited to our Scottish Heritage Reception in Molly Wier Hall following each service.

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**TODAY WE WELCOME GUEST MUSICIANS** Alison Beskin (flute), Gretchen Roper (clarinet), Bill Nuttall (bagpipe), and the Charleston Pipe Band.

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**OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP EXTENDS BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE SANCTUARY** in the form of video recording and livestreaming. Your presence with us today signifies consent to the possibility that your image may be included as part of our media broadcast.

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**FIRST (SCOTS) HISTORY TOURS**

Please join us for a guided tour and brief history of First (Scots) following the conclusion of worship.

Please come up and meet your docent directly in front of the pulpit following the service.

The tour will last approximately 10-15 minutes.

Today’s docent is LW McAnally (8:45 a.m.) & David Warren (11:15 a.m.)

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**CEUD MILE FAILTE**

From its founding in 1731, First (Scots) Presbyterian Church has been a faithful participant in the life and growth of Charleston. Throughout the years, the earthquakes, hurricanes, and wars have all served to underline and strengthen the church’s conviction that not only its religious efforts, but its responsibilities to the community are important.

Of its many activities, one of the most meaningful and enjoyable comes from its close ties with the Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering — a role it has played since the second gathering in 1974.

As host of the Kirkin’ O’ the Tartan, First (Scots) has become the traditional final event of the weekend.

Although certainly not every First (Scots) member traces his or her personal, family or spiritual roots to Scotland or the Church of Scotland, the church’s founding families, many of its ministers over the years, and its

Christian doctrines do. And so, once each year, we celebrate our Scottish heritage

and welcome all to join with us.

# 420 God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

John Hughes, 1907

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple  
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -  
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to  
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that

pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,

Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
 Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.  
 That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

# Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 280

AMAZING GRACE CM

Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1779

Stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790*Virginia Harmony*, 1831

Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;  
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;  
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.  
 How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!  
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.  
 He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand  
 years,  
 Bright shining as the sun,  
 We've no less days to sing God's praise  
 Than when we'd first begun.

*Choctaw*  
 Shilombish holitopa ma!  
 Ishmminti pulla cha  
 Hatak ilbusha pia ha  
 Is pi yukpalashke

*Kiowa*  
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy he tsoow'haw  
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy hee.  
 Bay dawtsahy taw, gaw aym ow thah t'aw,  
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy h'ee.

*Cherokee*  
 Ooh nay thla nah, hee oo way gee'.  
 E gah gwoo yah hay ee.  
 Naw gwoo joe sah, we you low say,  
 E gah gwoo yah ho nah.

*Creek*  
 Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet  
 Ah non ah cha pa kas  
 Cha fee kee o funnan la kus  
 Um e ha ta la yus.

*Navaho*  
 Nizhóníígo jooba' diits' a'  
 Yisdáshítinígí,  
 Lah yóóiiyá, k'ad shénáhoosdzin,  
 Doo eesh'íí da rít'éeé.

*Text:* Phonetic transcription Cherokee, Kiowa, Creek, and Choctaw: Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference;  
 Navaho: phonetic transcription by Albert Tsosie.

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## Lead On, O King Eternal

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Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888

Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, The day of march has come;  
 2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: We fol - low, not with fears;

Hence - forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home:  
 And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet a - men of peace;  
 For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing Wher - e'er Thy face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong,  
 For not with swords' loud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums;  
 Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; We jour - ney in its light;

And now, O King e - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.  
 With deeds of love and mer - cy The heav - en - ly king - dom comes.  
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; Lead on, O God of might.





## Child and Youth Safety Awareness Month

The month of November is First (Scots') Child and Youth Safety Awareness Month. During this month we ask all adults who work with our children and youth to read and sign our church's Minor and Adult Protections Policy (located on the church's website). We have also purchased an online training session for all adults who work with our children and youth. If you are currently working in our children's or youth ministry programs, you should be receiving an email about this.

Any questions, please contact Janette Allen, [jallen@first-scots.org](mailto:jallen@first-scots.org).

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## Advent Sunday School Class

If you are not currently attending a weekly Sunday School class, we have a special opportunity for you! The four Sundays in Advent we will be studying *Advent in Plain Sight*, a devotion through ten objects by Jill Duffield. You can come to one or all of the classes. We will meet on November 27th and December 4th, 11th, & 18th from 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in Room 203 of the Massie Building.

Questions? Please email Tracey Daniel, [tdaniel@first-scots.org](mailto:tdaniel@first-scots.org).

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## Thornwell Home for Children Emphasis Month

It's turkey time again, which means that it is time for Thornwell Emphasis Month! For more than 145 years Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, SC has carried out its mission to walk alongside children and families in need. The very familiar turkey coin holders will be given out in Kirk Club and Sunday School classes. There are slots in the turkeys for coins to be inserted and the money is used to help buy clothes and shoes, as well as pay for school supplies for the children of Thornwell. Please return your filled turkeys by Sunday, Nov. 20th. During the month of November, we also invite you to prayerfully consider making a financial gift to Thornwell Home for Children. Should you choose to do so, Thornwell will receive 100% of your donation which could have a significant positive impact on the life of a child.

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## Children Make Family Advent Wreaths

Children (Kindergarten - 5th grade) will make an Advent wreath during Sunday School on November 27th. Each family should send \$10 for supplies, a grocery bag of small pieces of cut greenery from your yard to share, and a pie pan or large plate (10 inches or more in diameter) to carry the wreath home. This is a labor-intensive project so parents, grandparents, or grandfriends are welcome to help us with this project.

We will begin at 10:00 a.m. and plan to finish by 11:00 a.m.

Please email Tracey Daniel, [tdaniel@first-scots.org](mailto:tdaniel@first-scots.org) if you would like to help!



## World Missions Dinner

Please join us for dinner on Sunday evening, November 13th, at 6:00 p.m. in Molly Wier Hall. We will be celebrating 55 years of world mission partnership between First (Scots) and the Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF). MBF was founded by missionary doctors to strengthen local leaders in the poorest regions of the world who oversee mission hospitals, clinics, and nursing schools. MBF's work helps leaders who want better medical care for their communities and a more sustainable future for their medical ministries throughout the world.

Our guest speaker on November 13th will be Dr. Bob Sloane, who serves as the Board Chair for MBF and has been involved with medical mission initiatives in Haiti, Nicaragua, Mexico, and Guatemala. Dr. Sloane is also an Elder at First Presbyterian Church in Ft. Worth, Texas.

There is no cost for dinner, but we need a headcount for our caterer and cannot exceed 60 attendees. So, if you would like to attend, please contact Susan Cocallas, [scocallas@first-scots.org](mailto:scocallas@first-scots.org) **no later than Wednesday, November 9th** and let her know if you plan to attend.

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## Crèche Festival “Nativity in Nature” on November 30th at 11:00 a.m.

We have a limited number of tickets. Please email Tracey Daniel, [tdaniel@first-scots.org](mailto:tdaniel@first-scots.org), to reserve yours today!

Everyone is responsible for their own transportation.

Mepkin Abbey, 1098 Mepkin Abbey Road, Moncks Corner, SC 29461

The exhibit features:

A grand mobile nativity by Jeff Kopish, a stunning Nativity in Nature entrance design by Dennis & Jamie Nelson, and individual crèche installations by some of the area's most noted designers.

Vaccines and masks are no longer required to attend. Donations are encouraged to help build the collection and offset exhibit costs. Donations of cash, checks, or credit card may be made at the check-in desk.

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## Youth Group on November 6th from 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

The **High School Youth Group** is learning about our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Do you know what prayer shawls are? Maybe someone in your family has received one? Betsy Martin of our church's Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet with the group, give a tour of their space here at the church, and might even show you how to knit!

Dinner will be served as a part of the event.

If you have any questions, please contact Ian Giancursio ([igiancursio@first-scots.org](mailto:igiancursio@first-scots.org))

The **Middle School Youth Group** is preparing care packages for our college and boarding school students. It is certainly not required, but feel free to bring food items, Bible verses, and school supplies to include in the forty or so boxes. Individually wrapped items that can easily travel work best. Use your imagination: what would you like to receive in your care package if you were a college or boarding school student? Sign up to bring specific items using our College and Boarding School Care Packages SignUpGenius ([tinyurl.com/FSYouthCare22](https://tinyurl.com/FSYouthCare22)).

Dinner will be served as part of this event.

If you have any questions, please contact Clarissa McKenzie.



### Wednesday Taizé Service

Please join us for worship led by Rev. Daniel on Wednesday, November 9th in the chapel at 5:30 p.m.

### Wednesday Night Supper!

Please make your reservation to Susan Cocallas (843-722-8882) in the church office by **NOON on Monday, November 7th** to give Chef Nancy time to prepare.

When you RSVP remember to include your children and specify if they attend Kirk Club.

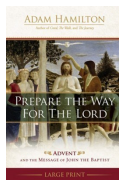
#### Menu for November 9th:

Chicken Chili, Rice, Cornbread

Kids: Chicken Nuggets (please specify if needed when making reservation)

Donations for Dinner - \$10 for adults, \$6 for ages 6 - college, free for ages 5 & under, \$25 for a family. All donations can be paid at the door, through the First (Scots) giving App or mailed to the church office. Hope to see you there!

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### Tuesday Night Women's Advent Bible Study

For centuries, Christians have read the message of John the Baptist in the weeks leading up to Christmas. In *Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and Messages of John the Baptist*, best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton explores the Advent themes of John's life and ministry. In each of the Gospels, the story of Jesus is intertwined with that of his cousin John, the one whom the prophets foretold would come to "prepare the way of the Lord".

Come share in this 4 session DVD Bible study as we prepare our hearts for His coming!

**What:** *Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and Messages of John the Baptist*

**When:** Four Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m. - Nov 8th, 15th, 29th and Dec. 6th  
(we will not meet during Thanksgiving week)

**Where:** Room 203 of the Massie Building

**RSVP:** Ruthie Edwards

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### Presbyterian Women - November Circle Meetings

The **Betty Noble Circle** will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 8th at the home of Teresa Tarrant who will lead a study on "The Names of God".

For more information, please contact Teresa Tarrant, Circle Leader.

The **Seekers Circle** will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9th at the home of Betsy Middleton. They will continue their study of *Celebrating Sabbath*.

For more information, please contact Anne Dukes, Circle Leader.

The **Unbroken Circle** will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 8th at the home of Julie Cannell. They will continue their study of *Celebrating Sabbath*.

For more information, please contact Julie Cannell, Circle Leader.



## Holy Land Pilgrimage 2023

Join us for a Holy Land Pilgrimage February 9th - 20th, 2023! Please check out the brochure (linked in the Kirk News and website) to learn more about this comprehensive, nearly inclusive, high-end experience of the 5th Gospel, also known as “The Land”. For more information, please visit the trip website at <https://portal.myfaithjourneys.com/> and use the group code 23034.

Drs. Danny Massie and Holton Siegling will host an organizational meeting on Thursday evening, November 17th, at 5:30 p.m. at the First (Scots) Presbyterian Church.

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## First (Scots) Flower Guild

A strong and long-standing tradition of worship is the flowers which adorn our altar and gates on Sundays, and during Easter, Christmas, and Scottish heritage celebrations. Should you enjoy flower arranging, please consider offering your time and talent to become a part of the flower guild!

For more information, please contact Debbie Rice-Marko.

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## Bel Canto Performance - November 20th

On November 20th Bel Canto, a female choir from Charleston Southern University, conducted by Ricard Bordas, will lead the music in song during the 11:15 a.m. worship service. The choral offerings will include a traditional Catalan carol, an arrangement of the traditional spiritual *My God is a Rock*, and Schubert’s setting of Psalm 23.

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## ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

**GREETER (8:45 A.M.):** Tita Massie

**GREETERS (11:15 A.M.):** Chris Bucknam, Nancy Hanson

**COFFEE GREETER:** John Robinson

**PASTOR SERVING AS COFFEE GREETER:** The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

**USHERS (8:45 A.M.):** Matt Spath (Captain), Susannah Spath, Bob Nutley, Keith Blake, Mary Peters

**USHERS (11:15 A.M.):** Harold Davis (Captain), Greg Robinson, Brad Morrison, Max Marshall, Allison Marshall, Matt Bucknam

**DEACONS (8:45 A.M.):** Sugar Slabaugh (Lead Deacon), Chet McCubrey (Assist. Deacon)

**DEACONS (11:15 A.M.):** Todd Plaxco (Lead Deacon), Danielle Hood (Assist. Deacon)

**MEDIA MINISTRY:** Bob Dawson

**PASTOR ON CALL** (November 7 - November 13) - The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. (865-456-2235)

**ELDER ON CALL** (November 7 - November 13) – Nancy Hanson (703-589-4982)

**DEACON ON CALL** (November 7 - November 13) – Meredith Mason (843-388-3458)



**THE 50TH KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN**  
**SCOTTISH HERITAGE SUNDAY**  
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November 6, 2022

**First (Scots) Presbyterian Tartan**

Created from tartan colors and elements of seven known founding families.

It can be worn by any member of First (Scots).

James Abercrombie



Abercrombie

John Allen



Sept of MacFarlane

John Bee



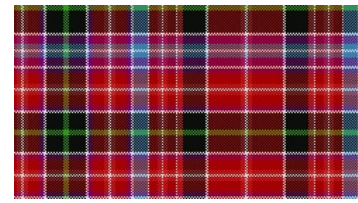
Sept of Angus

Daniel Crawford



Crawford

George Ducaff



City of Aberdeen

First (Scots) Presbyterian Church



James Paine



Sept of Paisley

John Fraser



Fraser

## **A Celtic Prayer**

This morning, as I kindle the fire upon my hearth, I pray that the flame of God's love may burn in my heart, and the hearts of all I meet today.

I pray that no envy and malice, no hatred or fear, may smother the flame.

I pray that indifference and apathy, contempt and pride, may not pour like cold water on the fire.

Instead may the spark of God's love light the love in my heart, that it may burn brightly through the day.

And may I warm those that are lonely, whose hearts are cold and lifeless, so that all may know the comfort of God's love.

Source: Robert Van de Weyer, "Kindling the Fire," *Celtic Prayers* (Carlisle, UK: Paternoster Publishing, 1997), p. 26.

# What is the Kirkin' O' the Tartan?

## THE HISTORY . . .

The ceremony of Kirkin' O' the Tartan is of American origin, though based on Scottish history and legend. After Bonnie Prince Charlie's Scottish forces were defeated by the English at the Battle of Culloden in 1746, Scotland once again came under British rule. To control the Scots, an Act was passed that forbade the carrying of arms and the wearing of kilts or tartan which represented Scottish heritage. Orders were given for British troops to kill any person dressed in or displaying the tartan.

## AS THE LEGEND GOES . . .

This Act prompted the stubborn Scots to secretly carry with them a piece of their tartan as they went to the Kirk. The minister then slipped a blessing (a Kirkin') into the service for the tartans. The prohibition against tartan lasted for nearly 50 years. When at last repealed, the Church of Scotland celebrated with a Service of Family Covenant, at which time the tartan of each family was offered as a covenant expression for the Lord's blessing.

## THE FIRST KIRKIN' . . .

The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C. held the first Kirkin' during the early years of World War II. The late Dr. Peter Marshall, an eloquent Scot, then Chaplain of the US Senate as well as a pastor, led the service in 1943, choosing "Kirkin' O' the Tartan" for the title of his sermon. He had preached many sermons in support of the British War Relief and the Scottish Clans Evacuation Plan. His sermons were so popular that a request was made for their publication, with the proceeds designated for war relief programs. As the war continued, the Washington D.C. St. Andrew's Society continued to hold prayer services for the British subjects. These became known as Kirkins.

## THE SERVICE . . .

The worship service is of traditional content, using much of the Church of Scotland form. Central to its theme is the presentation of various tartans — through flags and the wearing of tartans — for a blessing. The kirkin' is intended to encourage all participants to reflect with thanksgiving on their own family and ethnic heritage, and to celebrate God's grace poured out for all generations.



# Today's Guest Preacher: The Rev. Graeme Glover

The Reverend Graeme Glover is a Church of Scotland minister at Galashiels Church of Scotland which is a newly formed congregation located in Galashiels, Scotland. The town of Galashiels is located in the Scottish Borders and is a major commercial center for the Borders region with an extensive history in the textile industry. Rev. Glover was born in Edinburgh and holds degrees from Aberdeen, Glasgow, and Oxford Universities and is currently studying for a doctorate in ministry. Outside of work, his passions are family time and playing sports, such as tennis. He loves swimming, particularly in the sea. Few things make him happier than seeing people laugh together. To quote Rev. Glover: "I love being a minister. It feels like a privilege. Every year, I find my faith growing which I am grateful for. I am very



# The Seal of the Church of Scotland

The Seal of the Church of Scotland encompasses the burning bush surrounded by the Latin words which translate to "...Nevertheless, it was not consumed" (from Exodus 3:2). The emblem first appeared in 1691. There is no record indicating that any General Assembly of the Church has ever given express approval for the use of the burning bush symbol in any shape or form, but the printer of The Principal Acts of the General Assembly, George Mossman, under his own initiative, introduced a title page that year which carried a representation of the burning bush. First (Scots) affirms its roots in the Church of Scotland in a representation of this seal in the center window above the main front entrance and balcony.





## Did You Know?

- Do you recall that in Charles Dickens “Oliver Twist,” Mr. Bumble, who named Oliver at birth was a Church Beadle?
- Scotland is the only country in Europe that the Romans could not conquer.
- There is an inscription on the walls of one of the Catacombs in ancient Rome: *quid Scoti hic fuerunt* — “the Scots were here.”
- The infamous pirate, who operated out of Long Island, NY, Captain Kidd, was a Presbyterian PK (preacher’s kid)! Born and raised in Scotland, his father was a Presbyterian minister in the town of Greenock.
- Despite the fact that few Scots are Episcopalians, the archbishops of Canterbury — the spiritual head of the Church of England — have been Scottish most of the time for over a century.
- There have been more major inventions from the Scots, per capita, than any other country in the world.
- Flora MacDonald, the Scottish lass who helped the Young Pretender, Bonnie Prince Charlie, escape the Redcoats after losing the Battle of Culloden, left to settle in the Carolinas. She returned to Scotland before her death.
- The official national animal of Scotland is the unicorn which has long been a symbol of purity and power.

## What is a Beadle?

Each Sunday at First (Scots), a kilted Beadle leads the worship procession carrying the Bible to the front of the sanctuary and the pulpit. Reminiscent of an old custom of the Church of Scotland, this tradition highlights the Bible as the Word of our Lord and the center of our faith.

The ancient office of “doorkeeper” was, no doubt, the seed from which the Beadle grew. In the Roman Catholic Church of pre-Reformation times, the doorkeeper was ordained to this office. Post-Reformation, he lost his ecclesiastical standing, but gained more social status. In the earliest days, his charge was to open church doors at the correct times; close them always to the unfaithful, heretics, and beggars; drive out the dogs; and waken sleepers during the service — to generally maintain order during public worship. For many decades, Beadles were referred to as “dog-men,” as it was common for most farmers and shepherders to bring their best dog with them to services.

As discipline became less of an issue, the function developed into a messenger role for the Minister and Session. By the Reformation, the position became known by the Latin, “Bedellus”— a word referring to a messenger or summoner of parties to court . . . in this case the Session. The term Bedellus was too cumbersome for the Scots, and, overtime it slid down to Beadle.

When church attendance was compulsory, every absentee was hunted down by the Beadle to appear before the Session. The Beadle was indispensable, and a difficult position to fill, requiring moral, mental, and physical strength, in addition to knowledge of the townsfolk, church liturgy, and the Bible. Personally serving the Sessions’ citations, the Beadle went about the parish with his life in his hands, his sole protection being his status as the messenger of the all-powerful Session.

In addition to his service as messenger, his Sunday mornings were full. Once the church doors were opened — and by now the doorkeeper reported to the Beadle—the Beadle began by ringing the bell. He then fetched the Bible from the Session-house, took it to the pulpit, and escorted the Minister to the same. During the service, he monitored the sanctuary continually for dozers and disturbances. As decades passed, the Beadle became less the messenger of discipline and more the “Minister’s Man” — not dissimilar to the gentlemen’s gentlemen or the military officer’s batman, but with more time spent on administrative work and substituting for his superior’s visitation duties.

By the mid-to-late 1800s, the position died out to various paid church staff . . . to be revived during the 1900s, throughout much of Scotland and many Presbyterian churches in the US, in the role of a modern Beadle. It is unfortunate, but due to the loss of all First (Scots) records during the Civil War, to this day we do not know if we had a “genuine” Beadle during the position’s heyday.

Primary source: Nicholas Dickson, *The Kirk & Its Worthies*, (London & Edinburgh: TN Foulis, 1912)

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## From the Minds of Scots

**Color Photography** - The 19th century Scottish scientist James Maxwell invented the three-color method of mixing red, green, and blue which is still used today in printing and design. This led him to present the world's first color photograph in 1861—inevitably, of a tartan ribbon.

**Criminal Fingerprinting** - In 1880, a Scottish surgeon working in Japan realized he had the secret of catching fingerprints and recording them with ink.

**Decimal Fraction** - The 16th century mathematician John Napier discovered the logarithm.

**Dolly the Sheep** - The world's first cloned mammal was created in 1996 by a team of experts at Roslin Institute near Edinburgh.

**Driving on the Left** - This rule entered Scottish law in 1772, more than 60 years before England and Wales.

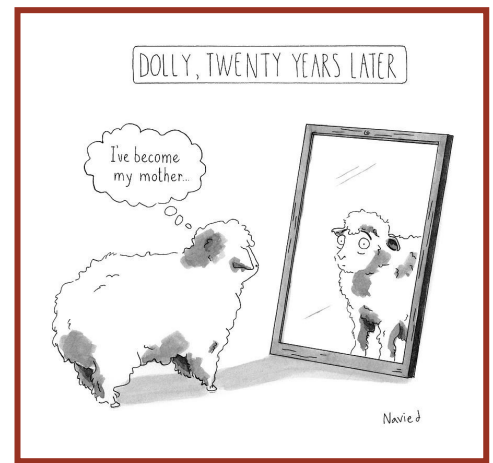
**Faxes** - In 1846, Alexander Bain reproduced graphic signs by synchronizing two pendulums of a clock to scan a message.

**Gin & Tonic** - It was an 18th century, Edinburgh-born doctor, George Cleghorn, who discovered quinine could cure malaria. The quinine was taken with tonic water, but it was so bitter that gin was added to make it more palatable.

**Kaleidoscopes** - In 1815, physicist Sir David Brewster first came up with the concept, but never made a penny, as he did not register a patent in time.

**Piano Foot Pedals** - Carpenter John Broadwood is credited with developing the foot pedal for sustaining the pianoforte's notes. Broadwood also revolutionized the instrument's boxy design, coming up with the grand piano in 1777.

**Refrigeration** - In 1748, William Cullen demonstrated the first method of artificial refrigeration, but did not put it to practical use.



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## Special Guests Among Us - Clan Colquhoun & Clan MacLaren

The **Clan Colquhoun** (8:45 a.m.) originated at Old Kilpatrick on the River Clyde, and through the marriage of Robert of Colquhoun to the daughter of the Laird of Luss in 1358, the Luss lands came into their hands. The Colquhoun charters to the Barony of Colquhoun, which runs eastwards from Dumbarton for six miles towards Glasgow, granted around 1240 AD. Since those times, there has been a constant Colquhoun presence in the area.



Crest of Clan Colquhoun

Sir Malcom Rory Colquhoun is the Chief of the Colquhoun Clan and the 9th Baronet of Luss, Scotland. He and his wife Katherine founded two schools in London and manage the Luss Estates Company which encompasses the ancient clan lands of Colquhoun and Luss in the Scottish Highlands. He also manages a charitable organization called the Northwood Africa Education Foundation that helps support and educate impoverished children in Africa.

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The **Clan MacLaren** (11:15 a.m.) is one of the most ancient Scottish Clans, with a history dating back a thousand years. The Clan was influential until the 16th following a campaign of pressure from the Campbells, the Clan MacGregor carried out a raid of eighteen homes which ended in the deaths of Clan families and the Chief.



Crest of Clan MacLaren

This left the MacGregors in a position to take possession, and without a Chief or lands, the Clan MacLaren was unable to produce a legal title to their ancestral homelands. The Clan MacLaren was now formally 'chiefless and landless'. In 1957, the Clan's label was removed when Donald MacLaren of MacLaren and Achleskine successfully matriculated his Arms at the Lyon Court, and purchased land in Balquhidder.

A few years later, the Society was established to support the Clan's interests and help bring together members from across the world. Following his death in 1966, Donald MacLaren was succeeded by his son, Donald MacLaren. As a member of the Diplomatic Service, the present Clan Chief has served in Berlin, Moscow, Havana and Caracas, and from 2004 - 2007 was the British Ambassador to the Republic of Georgia. Now retired from the Diplomatic Service the Chief lives in Balquhidder with his wife, Maida, and their children. At our service today, the clan is represented by Mr. Stephen Quillin, Liaison Officer to the Chief and Clan MacLaren Society Worldwide.

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