

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 27, 2022 AT 8:45 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE “Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (*BWV 659*)” Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel

†**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

INTROIT “Comfort, Comfort You My People” Genevan Psalter (8:45)

Katherine Clarkson, soprano

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” adapt. Thomas Helmore (11:15)

Kirk Choir

†**CALL TO WORSHIP** The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

One: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

All: Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

One: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “Peace be within your walls.”

All: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

†**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” Hymn No. 8

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of grace, ever faithful to your promises: the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior’s coming, and longs for the day of his return in glory. Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes. Cleanse us from all that leads us to turn away from him, trusting instead in ourselves to make our future good. Forgive us for turning our backs on the needy, through whom he comes to us day by day. Empower us by your Spirit to prepare ourselves for Christ’s return by doing the work to which he has commissioned us, until your reign is revealed in all its fullness and power. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†**GLORIA PATRI** “Glory be to the Father”

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.

LIGHTING OF THE HOPE CANDLE AND ADVENT WREATH

Robert & Britton Hawk and family (8:45)

Tap & Legare Gresham and family (11:15)

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDRENS HYMN “Give Me Oil In My Lamp” traditional

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.

Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.

Keep me burning till the break of day.

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,

Sing hosanna to the King of kings!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,

Sing hosanna to the King!

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel

THE WORD ENACTED

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:15)

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

TIME FOR TEENS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Joe Thompson (8:45)

Scott Evans (11:15)

THE WORD READ

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

(pew Bible, page 550)

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 24:36-44

(pew Bible, page 806)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“ARE YOU READY?”

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†**THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

(From *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

†**HYMN OF REFLECTION**

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Hymn No. 2

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel

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

“People, Look East”

Besançon carol/arr. M. Archer (8:45)

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

arr. John Scott (11:15)

†**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**

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son,^[a] but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day^[b] your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT	“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”	Hymn No. 15
†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers
†BENEDICTION RESPONSE	“Amen”	Dresden (8:45)
	“Amen”	Peter C. Lutkin (11:15)
†POSTLUDE	“Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (<i>BWV 599</i>)”	Johann Sebastian Bach
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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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THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for God’s grace and celebrating 34 years of marriage by Jan & Tom Litton.

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CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY are extended to Joyce Remsburg and family on the death of her husband, Clark Remsburg, Sr., on Monday, November 21st.

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CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY are extended to Heidi Whaley and family on the death of her mother, Mary Lynne Speissegger., on Monday, November 21st.

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be administered to Landon Hunter Hatcher at the 11:15 A.M. service. He is the son of Hunter & Kathryn Hatcher and the grandson of Dale Poulnot. Administered by The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers, Elder Dale Poulnot will assist.

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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 Matt Spath (8:45 a.m.) & Karen Prewitt (11:15 a.m.)

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ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETER (8:45 A.M.): Linda Stout

GREETERS (11:15 A.M.): Tom Johnson, Bob George

COFFEE GREETER: Susan Leland

PASTOR SERVING AS COFFEE GREETER: The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel

USHERS (8:45 A.M.): John Metcalf (Captain), Joe Thompson, Michael Branch, Elizabeth Bernat

USHERS (11:15 A.M.): Jon Bolt (Captain), Kathy Rhodes, Tap Gresham, Gary Gildersleeve, Mary McEachern

DEACONS (8:45 A.M.): Chantal Byrne (Lead Deacon), Dee Pridgen (Assist. Deacon)

DEACONS (11:15 A.M.): Chett McCubrey (Lead Deacon), Ann Anderson (Assist. Deacon)

BEADLE (8:45 A.M.): Karolea Lucas **BEADLE (11:15 A.M.):** Andy Gowder

LAY READER (8:45 A.M.): Joe Thompson **LAY READER (11:15 A.M.):** Scott Evans

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Bucknam

PASTOR ON CALL (November 28 - December 4) - The Rev. Dr. Holton Siegling, Jr. (865-456-2235)

ELDER ON CALL (November 28 - December 4) – Matt Spath (843-324-5990)

DEACON ON CALL (November 28 - December 4) – Susan Leland (843-637-6996)

Deanna Barteet, Church Administrator
Shelby Olinger, Church Accountant
Susan Cocallas, Administrative Assistant
Rebecca McNeill, Communications and Volunteer Coordinator
Janette Allen, Administrative Assistant to the Pastors
Alex Birrueta, Sexton

Daniel Sansone, Director of Music & Organist
Ricard Bordas, Director of Choral Music
Martha Harken, Interim Kindergarten Director
Christina Wilhoit, Handbell Choir
Ian Giancursio, Youth Ministry Coordinator
Nancy Hunsicker, Food Services Director
Martha Ann Siegling, Christian Education Assistant

Hymn #8: “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here!

2 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

3 Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee: here, Lord, abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

2 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley, 1744

HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7 D

Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;
yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,

Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of
Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf -

ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Alternate tune: STUTTGART, 1

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Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

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Laurentius Laurenti, 1700
 Trans. Sarah Borthwick Findlater, 1854
 Alt. *The Hymnal* 1982

Welsh folk melody
 Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865
 As in *English Hymnal*, 1906

1. Re - joice! Re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
 2. See that your lamps are burn - ing, Re - plen - ish them with oil;
 3. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing And dark - er night is near.
 Look now for your sal - va - tion, The end of sin and toil.
 A - rise, Thou sun so longed for, A - bove this sha - dowed sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon He will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing, The gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see

Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion, At mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry, The Bride - groom is at hand!
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion, And ev - er be with Thee!



God's Gift Shop 2022

God's Gift Shop is here to help spread hope to our neighbors whether they are around the corner or around the world. Pick up catalogues on the portico after worship and learn more about many of the places our church missions are spreading God's love. Again this year, our special children's catalogue provides a marvelous way for families with young children to shop together and to spread hope by giving. GGS' "no wrapping, no returns" alternative Christmas gift market offers dozens of diverse, creative gifts. Who wouldn't want to give "a llama for their mama" if they could!

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2022 Progressive Dinner

'Tis the season once again! The annual Progressive Dinner is Thursday, December 8th, starting at 6:00 p.m. We have three festively beautiful host homes that are all in close vicinity to First (Scots) this year. A huge "thank you" to our hosts for opening their homes, and address information will be provided to attendees closer to the event. This year, Chef Nancy will again offer light bites at our first home, heavier passed hors d'oeuvres at the second home, and an array of desserts at the third.

The cost is \$35 per person and **space is limited**, so reserve your spot today! To RSVP, please contact Susan Co-callas, scocallas@first-scots.org, AND submit payment online via e-giving or turn a check into the office. Please note your reservation is not complete until payment is submitted.

Please RSVP by Thursday, December 1st to give Chef Nancy time to prepare.

Please direct any questions to Lizzie Hamilton.

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HALOS Angel Tree

The HALOS Angel Tree is up in Molly Wier Hall! HALOS is a local organization that supports kinship care — relatives or other loved ones caring for a child when the parents are unable to do so, in an effort to keep the child in familiar surroundings rather than foster care placement. Please stop by and pick out a name or two from the tree and complete the spreadsheet on the table with your name and email address.

Unwrapped, labeled gifts are due to the church next Sunday, December 4th.

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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. 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. Contributions can be made online through e-giving or by marking "Thornwell" on your pew offering envelope.



Wednesday Advent Service

Please join us for worship led by Dr. James Rogers on Wednesday, November 30th 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 28th** 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 30th:

Pork Chops, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable

Kids: Hot Dog (please specify if needed when making reservation)

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Bowling and Arcade Games at Stars & Strikes

Today, November 27th, from 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m, high school and middle school youth are going bowling and playing arcade games at Stars and Strikes. The group will meet at the Kirk House before enjoying one hour of bowling, one hour of unlimited arcade games (no tickets or instant prizes), and a pizza dinner.

It's going to be a lot of fun! Forgot to sign up? Check out the Stars and Strikes SignUpGenius (tinyurl.com/FSYouthStars22) to see if any space is available. All youth should have a parent complete a Youth Permission and Release Statement (tinyurl.com/FSYouthPermission), if you haven't turned one in for 2022-2023.

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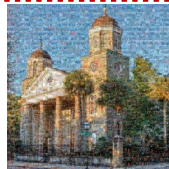
First (Scots) Tartans for Purchase

Are you interested in ordering items featuring the First (Scots) tartan?

Orders can be placed through Great Scot International by either calling 1-877-359-8369 or be emailing Becki, a representative for the company, at becki@greatscotintl.com.

Orders cannot be placed online, as Great Scot holds the First (Scots) tartan, but does not sell it commercially.

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First (Scots) Mosaic for Purchase

The First (Scots) Mosaic featured during the Ministry Fair is now available to purchase for personal use or gift giving. The mosaic is 14" x 14" and is on heavy gloss paper. The price for each is \$15.

To order, please fill out the below form and return it to the church office.

Checks should be made out to First (Scots) Presbyterian Church with the memo "mosaic".

The last day to order is December 5th

For any questions, please contact Keith Blake, kblakechas@gmail.com.

Mosaic Order Form

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____