

# FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## THE VISION OF GOD

### PRELUDE

“Est is ein Ros’ entsprugen (*opus 122, no.8*)”

Johannes Brahms (8:45)

“We Three Kings”

arr. Barbara Kinyon (11:15)

“Let Heaven and Earth Sing Gloria”

Dan Edwards

*Handbell Choir*

### WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

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

### †PASSING OF THE PEACE

### INTROIT

“Creator of the Stars”

plainsong (8:45)

*Katherine Clarkson, soprano*

“Come, Let Us Praise the Lord” W. Byrd/arr. H. Hopson (11:15)

*Kirk Choir*

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

One: As quietly as the winter steals upon us, the season of joy approaches.

All: **We wait for our Redeemer, for God’s promise to be fulfilled.**

One: The day is coming quickly. The God of mercy draws near.

All: **Therefore, we wait with joy, attentive to all the signs of His coming. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!**

### †PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Comfort, Comfort You My People”

Hymn No. 3

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Who are we, Lord God, that you should come to us. Yet you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son. As we prepare to celebrate His birth, grant us the wisdom to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ. We ask this through Him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 LOVE CANDLE AND ADVENT WREATH

Ryan & Carmen Glenn and family (8:45)

Matt & Rebecca Johnson and family (11:15)

## THE WORD OF GOD

### CHILDRENS HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (*verse 3*)

adapt. Thomas Helmore

*O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;*

*Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

### THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

### 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

Linda Stout (8:45)

Todd Plaxco (11:15)

### THE WORD READ

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10

(pew Bible, page 578)

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 11:2-11

(pew Bible, page 792)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“WHAT DO YOU HEAR AND SEE?” The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

## THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### †THE APOSTLES' CREED (unison)

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.

### †HYMN OF REFLECTION

“Once in Royal David's City”

Hymn No. 49

### 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

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

ES IST EIN' ROS (8:45)

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” arr. A.J. Hommerding (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.*

## Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and shouting.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.]]<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf shall be opened;  
<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp;<sup>[b]</sup>  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there,<sup>[c]</sup>  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,<sup>[d]</sup>  
but it shall be for God’s people;<sup>[e]</sup>  
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

<sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

## Matthew 11:2-11

<sup>2</sup> When John heard in prison what the Messiah<sup>[a]</sup> was doing, he sent word by his <sup>[b]</sup> disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> What, then, did you go out to see? Someone<sup>[c]</sup> dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup> What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet?<sup>[d]</sup> Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup> “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

†**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

†**HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Hymn No. 38

†**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

†**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“In Perfect Peace”

K. Lee Scott (8:45)

“And the Blessing of God”

Martin Shaw (11:15)

†**POSTLUDE**

“Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (*BWV 645*)”

J. S. 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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** will be administered to Mary Jones Walker McLeod at the 11:15 A.M. service. She is the daughter of William & Ashley McLeod.

Administered by The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr., Elder John McNeill will assist.

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**CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING** for the birth of Elizabeth Jo McEaddy Hart, who was born on Monday, December 5th. She is the daughter of Caroline McEaddy & Alex Hart and the granddaughter of Hunter & Kitty McEaddy.

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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 Nonie Crosby (8:45 a.m.) & Bert Hudnall (11:15 a.m.)

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**ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY**

**GREETER (8:45 A.M.):** Tod Williams

**GREETERS (11:15 A.M.):** Steve Harth, Ruthie Edwards

**COFFEE GREETER:** Elizabeth Riddle

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

**USHERS (8:45 A.M.):** Matt Spath (Captain), Susannah Spath, Keith Blake, Whit Smith

**USHERS (11:15 A.M.):** David Warren (Captain), Stephen Ham, Alison Beskin, Anne Dukes, Charles Jordan, Bob Ross

**DEACONS (8:45 A.M.):** Chantal Byrne (Lead Deacon), Adam Yount (Assist. Deacon)

**DEACONS (11:15 A.M.):** Debbie Rice-Marko (Lead Deacon), Karen Danielowski (Assist. Deacon)

**BEADLE (8:45 A.M.):** Mark Calhoun **BEADLE (11:15 A.M.):** Wade Davis

**LAY READER (8:45 A.M.):** Linda Stout **LAY READER (11:15 A.M.):** Todd Plaxco

**MEDIA MINISTRY:** Matt Spath

**PASTOR ON CALL** (December 12 - December 18) - The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers (843-513-3717)

**ELDER ON CALL** (December 12 - December 18) – Tom Johnson (908-295-3260)

**DEACON ON CALL** (December 12 - December 18) – Elizabeth Riddle (843-718-7551)

**MUSICIANS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:**

Handbell Choir: Caroline Barnes, Dan Daniel, Bob Dawson, Brenda Dukes, Betts Gatewood, Anne Lewis, Helen Reid, Anne Smith, Norma Wilhoit  
Christina Wilhoit, Handbell Choir Director

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

## Comfort, Comfort You My People

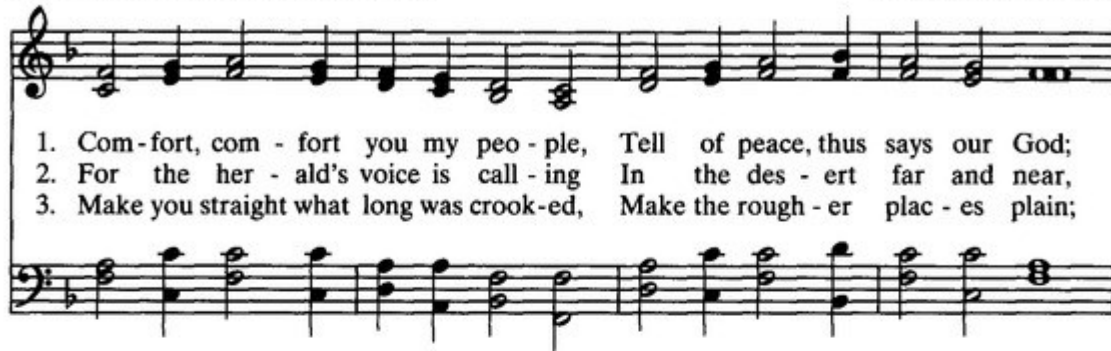
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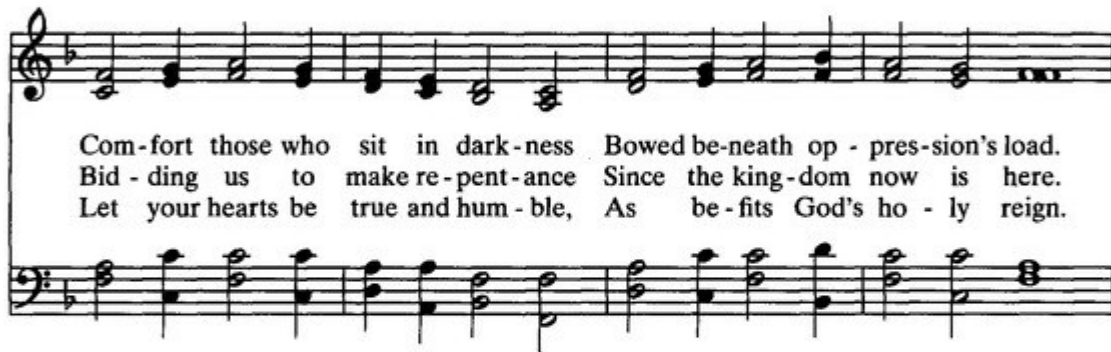
Johannes Olearius, 1671

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

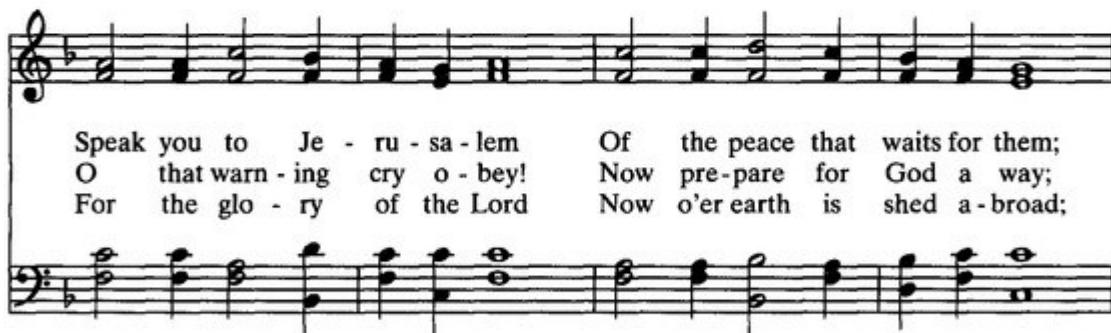
Genevan Psalter, 1551



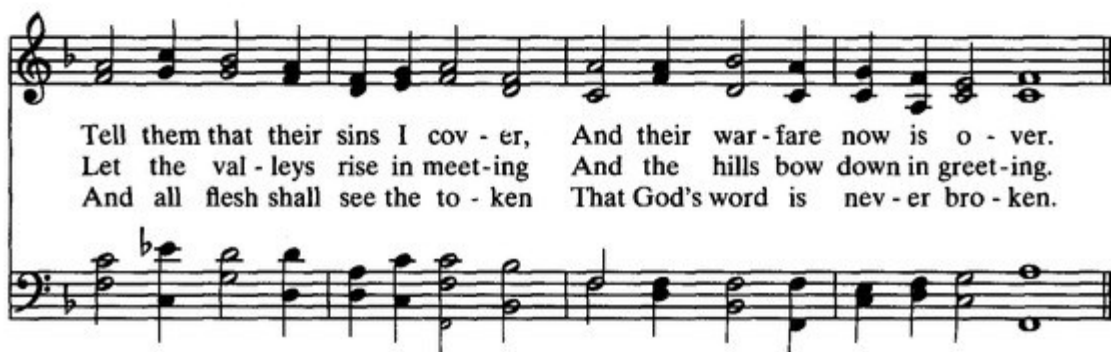
1. Com-fort, com - fort you my peo - ple, Tell of peace, thus says our God;  
 2. For the her - ald's voice is call - ing In the des - ert far and near,  
 3. Make you straight what long was crook-ed, Make the rough - er plac - es plain;



Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness Bowed be-neath op - pres-sion's load.  
 Bid - ding us to make re-pent-ance Since the king-dom now is here.  
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



Speak you to Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;  
 O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre-pare for God a way;  
 For the glo - ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



Tell them that their sins I cov - er, And their war-fare now is o - ver.  
 Let the val - leys rise in meet-ing And the hills bow down in greet-ing.  
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken That God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

## Once in Royal David's City

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Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848; alt.

Henry John Gauntlett, 1849  
Harm. Arthur Henry Mann, 1919

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a low - ly  
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is God and  
 3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by day like  
 4. And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own re -

cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her ba - by  
 Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a sta - ble,  
 us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak and help - less,  
 deem - ing love, For that Child so dear and gen - tle

In a man - ger for His bed. Ma - ry was that moth - er  
 And His cra - dle was a stall. With the poor, op - pressed, and  
 Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He feels for all our  
 Is our Lord in heaven a - bove; And He leads His chil - dren

mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
 low - ly, Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.  
 on To the place where He is gone.

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## It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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CAROL CMD

Edmund Hamilton Sears, 1849



Richard Storrs Willis, 1850





1. It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo - rious song of old,  
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace-ful wings un - furled,  
 3. And ye, be-neath life's crush-ing load, Whose forms are bend-ing low,  
 4. For lo, the days are has-tening on, By proph-et bards fore - told,


From an - gels bend - ing near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:  
 And still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world:  
 Who toil a - long the climb-ing way With pain - ful steps and slow,  
 When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Comes round the age of gold;

"Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heaven's all - gra - cious King":  
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hov - ering wing,  
 Look now! for glad and gold-en hours Come swift - ly on the wing:  
 When peace shall o - ver all the earth Its an - cient splen-dors fling,

The world in sol - emn still-ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.  
 And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless-ed an - gels sing.  
 O rest be - side the wea - ry road, And hear the an - gels sing.  
 And the whole world give back the song Which now the an - gels sing.







## God's Gift Shop 2022

God's Gift Shop's animal cracker and fairtrade chocolate reception follows today's 11:15 a.m. service. Who needs coffee when there is chocolate?? Spread the joy of giving though God's Gift Shop today!

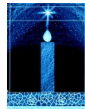
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## 2022 Stewardship Pledge

As a reminder, if you have not fulfilled your Stewardship commitment for 2022, we encourage you to do so prior to the end of the year. Pledges should be delivered to the church office by noon on Thursday, December 29th or postmarked by December 31st in order to be credited toward your 2022 contribution. If you need information on your current balance, please contact Deanna Barteet, [dbarteet@first-scots.org](mailto:dbarteet@first-scots.org).

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## The Longest Night Service - Wednesday, December 14th at 5:30 p.m. in the Lilly Chapel

The holidays are a time when memories come flooding back. Sometimes our memories fill us with joy and appreciation for the good times from the past. Our memories can also remind us of those we love who are no longer with us, and fill us with sadness and longings for days gone by. The Longest Night Service is an annual First (Scots) tradition where we honor the reality that Christmas is not the happiest time of year for everyone. If you are missing someone this Christmas, or have experienced a loss, please come to this worship service that is designed to remind us of the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

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## Christmas Party for 1st - 5th Graders

Today, December 11th, the youth are hosting Christmas parties for our 1st-5th graders from 5:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. at the church. This event will include games, dinner, and a telling of the Christmas story. High school youth are hosting our 3rd-5th graders; middle school youth are hosting our 1st and 2nd graders. Youth should arrive by 5:00 p.m. to set up for the event and should plan to stay until 7:00 p.m. for cleanup. Parents of 1st-5th graders can reserve a spot for their children using the Christmas Party SignUpGenius ([tinyurl.com/FSYouthChristmas22](https://tinyurl.com/FSYouthChristmas22)). Questions about the event? Please contact James Rogers, [jrogers@first-scots.org](mailto:jrogers@first-scots.org).

## Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Service

The annual Christmas Eve Family Service will be on Saturday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m. and we need high school and middle school youth to serve as leaders. Please use our Christmas Eve Service Leadership SignUpGenius ([tinyurl.com/FSYouthChristmasEve22](https://tinyurl.com/FSYouthChristmasEve22)) to review the available leadership parts and sign up. Next Sunday, December 18th, rehearsal will begin in the sanctuary at 12:15 p.m. and conclude in Molly Wier Hall at 1:30 p.m. where lunch will be served. Questions? Please contact James Rogers, [jrogers@first-scots.org](mailto:jrogers@first-scots.org). Parents, Pageant Costume Leaders Betsy Martin and Tita Massie would like your help preparing and assisting with the costumes at rehearsal and worship service. If you are interested in helping, please text Betsy or Tita. Thank you for considering!

## Children are Invited to Participate in the Christmas Story

All children are invited to participate in our 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service as a shepherd, animal, wise man, or angel. This family-friendly service is about thirty minutes in length and tells the Christmas story through Scripture and Christmas hymns. Our high school and middle school youth will guide costumed children forward during the service. A limited number of costumes will be available on the portico for children to pick up as they enter the sanctuary or children may already arrive in costume.



### Wednesday Night Supper!

Please make your reservation to Susan Cocallas (843-722-8882) in the church office by **NOON on Monday, December 12th** to give Chef Nancy time to prepare.

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

#### Menu for December 14th:

Ham, Mac & Cheese, Vegetable

Kids: Grilled Cheese (please specify if needed when making reservation)

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### Presbyterian Women December Circle Meetings

The **Betty Noble Circle** will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 13th at the home of Margaret McCormack. Dr. Siegling will be speaking.

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

The **Seekers Circle** will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14th at the home of Marilyn Johnson for a holiday gathering.

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

The **Unbroken Circle** will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 13th at the home of Jane Davis for a Christmas luncheon.

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

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### Reserve Sanctuary Flowers for 2023

We are taking reservations for Sunday sanctuary flower arrangements for 2023. This is a wonderful way to honor or remember loved ones, celebrate an anniversary or child's baptism, or even commemorate a special Sunday.

The cost to sponsor flowers is \$165. Don't miss this opportunity to recognize someone in your life!

Available dates:

January 8th & 29th    February 12th & 19th

If interested, please contact Susan Cocallas, [scocallas@first-scots.org](mailto:scocallas@first-scots.org), in the church office.

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*Merry Christmas*

### Holiday Schedule Reminders

The last Kirk Club of 2022 was on Wednesday, December 7th. Kirk Club will resume on Wednesday, January 11th.

The last Wednesday Night Supper of 2022 will be on Wednesday, December 14th. Suppers will resume on Wednesday, January 11th.

Wednesday Night Chapel for 2022 will conclude with the Longest Night Service on Wednesday, December 14th at 5:30 p.m. Chapel will resume on Wednesday, January 11th.

There will be **one Sunday worship service at 11:15 a.m.** on both Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th and New Year's Day, Sunday January 1st.

#### Church Office Hours:

Friday, December 23rd: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Monday, December 26th: Closed

Tuesday, December 27th - Thursday, December 29th: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Friday, December 30th: Closed

Monday, January 2nd: Closed