

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 18, 2022 AT 8:45 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers (*opus 22*)”

Paul Manz

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

God’s Gift Shop

Craig Hanson

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

“Savior of the Nations Come” NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND (8:45)

Katherine Clarkson, soprano

“Come, Let Us Join”

K. Lee Scott (11:15)

Kirk Choir

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel

One: We have come to follow the light, even if it blinds us.

All: **We have come to praise God who chose vulnerability.**

One: We have come to worship Emmanuel!

All: **God-with-us: in light, in flesh, in joy!**

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Hymn No. 22

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Grace, your glory surrounds us, but we are often distracted by the world and miss the signs of your salvation. You have instructed us not to fear, but we are threatened by uncertainty and by what little control we have over our lives, and so we cling to our priorities, possessions and privilege. Forgive us, O God, and reveal to us a better way of living, that we might reflect your holiness and zeal for faith, hope and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. 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

Mikell & Dorothy Thaxton and family (8:45)

Matt & Elizabeth Riddle and family (11:15)

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDRENS HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (*verse 2*)

German folk tune

Good Christian friends, rejoice With heart, and soul, and voice;

Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!

He hath opened heaven’s door, And we are blest forevermore.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

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

TIME FOR TEENS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Tita Massie (8:45)

Julie Cannell (11:15)

THE WORD READ

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

(pew Bible, page 555)

New Testament Lesson: John 14:25-31

(pew Bible, page 877)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"HAIL THE HEAVEN-BORN PRINCE OF PEACE"

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

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Hymn No. 5

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"People, Look East"

Besançon/arr. Malcolm Archer (8:45)

"Scots Nativity"

Allan Bullard (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.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE WORD ENACTED

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

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

Communion Anthem

"Ave Verum Corpus"

W.A. Mozart (8:45)

"Bread of Heaven"

Roy Hopp (11:15)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

Isaiah 9:2-7

² [\[a\]](#) The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied exultation; [\[b\]](#)
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Great will be his authority; [\[c\]](#)
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

John 14:25-31

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate,^[a] the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

Hymn No. 31

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

John Weaver (8:45)

Paul Manz

DEACON ON CALL (December 19 - December 25) – Lindsey Melville (908-803-6505)

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

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

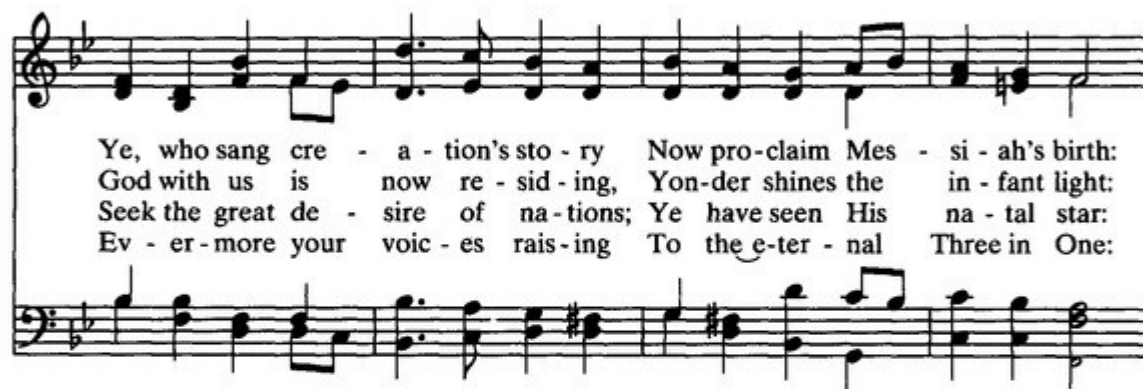
REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7

Stanzas 1-3, James Montgomery, 1816, 1825
 Stanza 4, *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857

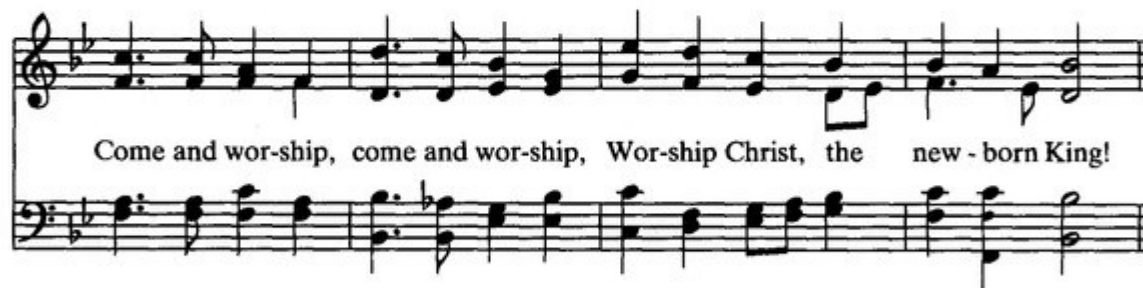
Henry Thomas Smart, 1867



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2. Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla - tions, Bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4. All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



Ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry Now pro-claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, Yon-der shines the in - fant light:
 Seek the great de - sire of na - tions; Ye have seen His na - tal star:
 Ev - er-more your voic - es rais-ing To the e - ter - nal Three in One:



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, Wor-ship Christ, the new - born King!

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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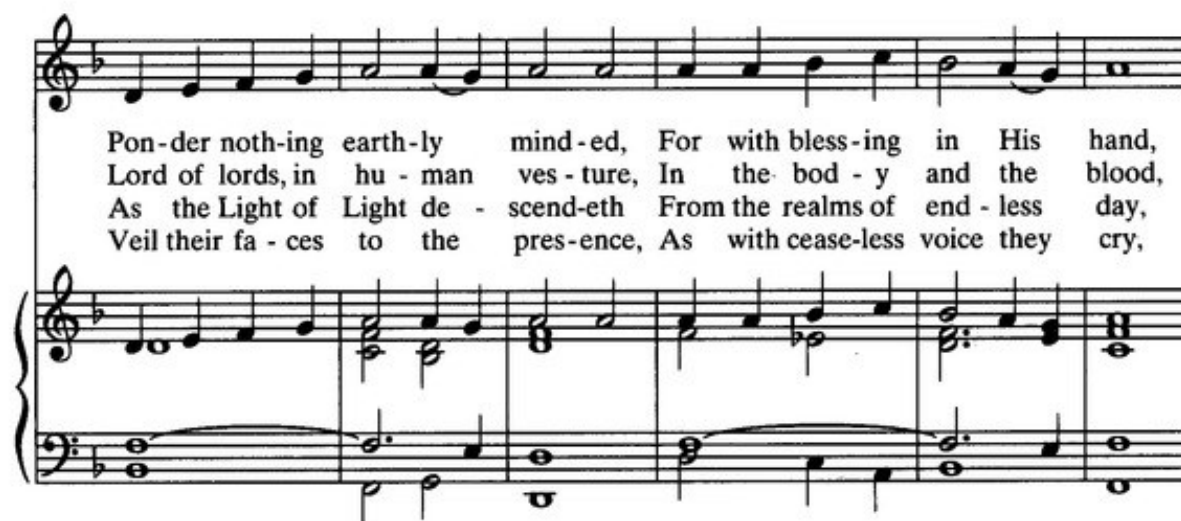
PICARDY 8.7.8.7.8.7

From Liturgy of St. James, 4th century
Trans. Gerard Moultrie, 1864

French carol
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, And with fear and trem - bling stand;
2. King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, As of old on earth He stood,
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard on the way,
4. At His feet the six - winged ser - aph; Cher - u - bim, with sleep - less eye,



Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed, For with bless - ing in His hand,
Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture, In the bod - y and the blood,
As the Light of Light de - scend - eth From the realms of end - less day,
Veil their fa - ces to the pres - ence, As with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth, Our full hom - age to de - mand.
He will give to all the faith - ful His own self for heav - en - ly food.
That the powers of hell may van - ish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!

Hymn #31 - "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time, behold Him come,
Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel.

3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die.
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.



God's Gift Shop 2022

Today is the last in-person God's Gift Shop market in Molly Wier Hall. Come enjoy the festive setting and learn about all the ways First (Scots') missions are helping around the corner and around the world! Let the Holy Spirit guide you in picking a gift that brings peace on earth through your generosity.

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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.

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Summer 2023 World Mission Trip - Chiapas, Mexico

It is soon to be a new year, and, with that, come new opportunities to serve Christ and others throughout the world! Please save the date for the following world mission trip to take place this summer:

Intergenerational Mission Trip to Chiapas, Mexico

June 17th - 24th, 2023

For more information or questions, please contact Todd Garrett.

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Directory Photo Session Pictures Have Arrived!

The FREE 8x10 photos from the Directory photo sessions have arrived in the church office. They are available for pick-up on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Please contact Mary Robinson, mrobinson@first-scots.org, or Sugar Slabaugh, to pick yours up.

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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) to review the available leadership parts and sign up. Today, 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. 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.



Holiday Schedule Reminders

Kirk Club, Wednesday Night Suppers, and Wednesday Chapel will resume on Wednesday, January 11th.

The last Men's Breakfast and Thursday Table Talk Bible studies of 2022 will take place on December 20th and December 22nd. Tuesday Men's Breakfast will resume on January 3rd with an off-site meeting at Saffron Bakery, and Thursday Table Talk will resume on January 5th.

The Family Christmas Eve Service will take place at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 24th.

The Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service will take place at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 24th with a musical prelude beginning at 8:30 p.m.

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. There will be no Sunday School on either date.

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



Christmas Memorial Decorations



In Memory Of

Elizabeth Anderson
Elizabeth Tarrant Anderson
Elizabeth Anderson

Elizabeth Anderson
Henry Anderson
Martha Anderson
Mr. & Mrs. Angus Baker
Charles Anthony "Buddy" Barton
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Blackwelder
Richard Lauren Booth
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Brockinton
H. Scott Cannell
Dr. & Mrs. R. L. Cashwell
Walter Cook
Al Crabtree, Jr.
Charles C. Cross
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Mary Ann Dacus
Ellen Davega

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Frances & Harold Davis
Mr. & Mrs. Maynard Davis, Sr.
Mr. John Ebinger
Esther Edgerton
Tina Edwards
David K. Farr
Debbie Farr
Suzanne L. Flynn
H.H. & Anna Dietz McKeown Ford
Dr. & Mrs. W.M. McLeod Frampton
Mr. & Mrs. Guy W. George
Mr. & Mrs. Guy Walton George
Paul Hadley
Henry Muhler Hay
Mary Ann Donaldson Hay
Mac R. Harley
Nancy & John Hawk
My parents, Robert & Betty Hill
Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Hopke
Earl & Mable Hoppers
Mr. & Mrs. James N. Jacobs
Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Johnson
The Johnson family
C. Arthur & Elizabeth G. Jolley
Robert & Twyliah H. Kerr
Dr. Lyndon Key
Melissa King
Patricia Kolbe
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Lightle
Dr. & Mrs. Edward G. Lilly
Collier Cobb Lilly
Edward & Elisabeth Lilly
Marie Lindberg

Given By

Jules & Lynda Anderson
Emily & Carl Carlson III
Josh, Natalie, Della,

Laura & Rod Moseley
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The Evans family
The Burwells & the Bartons
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Jayne & Will Shiver
Mr. & Mrs. Guy Tarrant
Julie Mays Cannell
Bill & Becky Johnson
Elizabeth (Betty) White
Jay, Amelia, & Leland White
Suzanne R. Cross
Tommy & Christine McGee
The Evans family
Josh, Natalie, Della,

Anna & Kate Smith,
Ellen Mostellar
Jane & Harold Davis
Kathy Davis
The Evans family
Jan Key & family
Elizabeth (Betty) White
Janie Farr
Janie Farr
George Flynn
Hank & Betsy Martin
Anne & Whit Smith
Bob & Dottie George
Mikell & Dorothy Thaxton
Nancy Hadley
The Hay family
The Hay family
Nancy & Laura Harley
Denny & Margaret O'Brien
Robert G. Hill, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. William R. Turner
Bob & Ashley Nutley
Kay & Charlie Wendell
Bill & Becky Johnson
Tom & Marie Johnson
C.J. & Woody Kerr
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Jan Key & family
Jay, Amelia, & Leland White
George Flynn
Mr. & Mrs. Guy Tarrant
Ed & Nancy Lilly
Ed & Nancy Lilly
Lasca & Richard Lilly
George Flynn

In Memory Of

Mr. & Mrs. Carlton Lindsey, Jr.
John McMillan Long
Ann Low
David Lee Mahrer
F. Graham Main
Jean Jenkins Martin
H. Fred & Betty Bassett Martin
David Massie

David Preston Massie
Cornelius & Winifred Matthews
Martha Lynn Matthews
Mr. Hugh Wilton McNeill
Mr. & Mrs. William Hinson Mikell
Margaret M. Mitchell
R.D. & Marianne Moseley
Sara Murray
Bill & Helen Newman
Our fathers & mother
Our parents
Our parents
Frances Martin Oxner
James Everett & Etta Picklesimer
Thomas H. Randall
Thomas H. Randall
Elizabeth McLeod Reid
Clark Remsburg
Maj. Clark Remsburg
Clark Remsburg
Clark L. Remsburg, Sr.
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Charlotte & Bud Ross
Gene Sausser
Mr. & Mrs. W.W. Simpson

Herman & Mary Lynn Speisegger

Helen Spell
Her husband, Chris & daughter,

Mr. Dane Smith

David Van Noy Smith, Sr.

Sidney J. Smith
Mr. & Mrs. W.S. (Buddy) Smith, Jr.
Ellsworth G. Stanton, Jr., MBE, KStJ
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas C. Stevenson
Gail Stout

Gail Stout
May Templeton
Mr. G. Harris Thaxton
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas B. Thaxton

Given By

Jane & John McNeill
Marilyn Long
Calvin Low
Kate, James, & Henry Rogers
Dallas Main
Jenks & Steve Bailey
Hank & Betsy Martin
Josh, Natalie, Della,

Danny & Tita Massie
Bob & Ashley Nutley
Martha Tucker
Jane & John McNeill
Mikell & Dorothy Thaxton
Karen M. Pinson
Laura & Rod Moseley
Elizabeth (Betty) White
Mary & Ian McEachern
Dave & Elaine Neff
Bert & Martha Jane Hudnall
Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Litton
Suanne & Kevin Trimmer
Jenks & Steve Bailey
Mark Zuraw
Suzanne R. Cross
Tommy & Christine McGee
Anne & Whit Smith
2nd Saturday Koinonia
The Evans family
Dallas Main
Clark & Marilyn Remsburg
Joyce Remsburg
Jay, Amelia, & Leland White
Helen & Bob Ross
His family
Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Hess

Their daughters, grandchildren,

Jules & Lynda Anderson
Julie Smith

Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Hess

Elise, David, Seabrook,

Joan Smith
Anne & Whit Smith
C.J. & Woody Kerr
Dr. & Mrs. William R. Turner
David, Denée,

Elizabeth (Betty) White
Joanne Zuraw
Mikell & Dorothy Thaxton
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Christmas Memorial Decorations

In Memory Of

Emily & G.A. Thompson
Clarke Douglas Thornton

The Torres family
Raymond L. Tumbleston,
my father

Dr. William Redd Turner, Sr.
Jane & Charlie Ward
Katherine Moffat Watson
Mr. & Mrs. Houston T. Wendell
Richard G. Wendell
John Seabrook Whaley, Jr.
Patricia L. White
Wm. Jerry White
Ms. Tommie Jo Williams
Mr. & Mrs. George W. Witham
Mr. & Mrs. George W. Witham
Mr. G. Sims Witham
Charlotte Weatherly Yokley

John Hale Yokley

Nina Glenn Yokley

Raymond Young

Given By

Jane & Harold Davis
Sarah, Mitchell, Anne Clarke,

Tom & Marie Johnson
Deanna Barteet

Dr. & Mrs. William R. Turner
Sharon & David Ward
Helen & Wyly Watson
Charlie & Kay Wendell
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Heidi Whaley
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The Evans family
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Allyson Ferguson & family,

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Sharon & David Ward

Christmas Honorarium Decora-

In Honor Of

Martha Anderson
Sharon & Joel Bateman
Robert & Bill Bondurant
Evie & Eric Bykowski
Suzanne R. Cross
The Rev. Tracey Daniel
Maria Darby
Avie McQueen Davis
Myrtle Ann & Patrick Dennis
Dr. & Mrs. Patrick Dennis
Ansley Sade Feussner
The First (Scots) Staff
The First (Scots) Ministers &

To the Glory of God
Catherine Green
Grayson Hatcher
Landon Hatcher
Jesus Christ
My children & grandchildren
My grandchildren
Our 60th wedding anniversary
Our children & grandchildren
Our church staff
Our grandparents
Our ministers & church staff
Our parents & children
Joyce Remsburg
Joyce D. Remsburg

Teresa Tarrant

Bill Tucker & Judson Matthews Martha Tucker

Given By

Laura & Rod Moseley
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Linda & Gordon Bondurant
Paige & Kent Owens
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Jenks & Steve Bailey
Quinn, Jarvis, Reese, & Santos
Jane & Harold Davis
Linda & Gordon Bondurant
The Evans family
Her mom, Rinne Sade
Deanna Barteet
Jane & John McNeill

Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Litton
Grayson & Ginger Liner
Jimmy & Carol Hatcher
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Victoria Evans
Suzanne R. Cross
Dale Poulnot
Marilyn & Edwin Johnson
Strait & Charlotte Fairey
Julie Smith
Grayson & Ginger Liner
Patrick & Myrtle Ann Dennis
Elizabeth & Ollie Burwell
Dallas Main
Clark & Marilyn Remsburg
Her grateful Betty Noble

