

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 25, 2022 AT 8:45 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Two Settings of ‘In Dulci Jubilo’”

Marcel Dupre
Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

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

†**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

INTROIT

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

African-American spiritual

Timmi Winston, alto

†**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

One: Christ is born! Give him glory!

All: **Christ has come down from heaven!**

One: Sing to the Lord, praise him in joy!

All: **Come and worship the newborn King!**

†**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Hymn No. 41

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and Everlasting God, today we celebrate the birth of your Son, our Savior! We recall that at his birth, the angels gave glory to you and offered peace on earth. Forgive us when we turn from your glory, allow darkness to overcome the light and reduce Christmas to plastic and tinsel. Have mercy on us, be born in us today; indeed, may your grace consume us! Strengthen us to join the angel's song; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “Angels We Have Heard on High” (*verse 1*)

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,

And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

THE WORD OF GOD

†**CHILDREN'S HYMN**

“What Child is This” (*verse 1*)

Hymn No. 53

What Child is this, who, laid to rest

On Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet

While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,

Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

Haste, haste to bring Him laud,

The Babe the Son of Mary!

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

TIME FOR TEENS

(Children may return to their pews.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elizabeth Riddle

THE WORD READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 52:7-10

(pew Bible, page 596)

New Testament: Luke 2:1-20

(pew Bible, page 832)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“THE DIFFERENCE CHRISTMAS MAKES” 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**

“Joy to the World!”

Hymn No. 40

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

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

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

†**A DOXOLOGY**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (*verse 2*)

Hymn No. 31

*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.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

†**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

†**HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Hymn No. 29

†**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

†**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Amen”

Danish

†**POSTLUDE**

“Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her (*BWV 606*)”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

⁸ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy,
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹ Break forth; shout together for joy,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰ The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Luke 2:1-20

2 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.^[a]

⁸Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah,^[b] the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host,^[c] praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”^[d]

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, ¹⁹and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

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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CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING for the birth of Anna Ellis Smith,
who was born on Thursday, October 27th. She is the daughter of Van & Mary Beth Smith.

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A MEMORIAL SERVICE honoring the life of Clark Remsburg, Sr. will take place at First (Scots) on
Wednesday, December 28th at 11:00 a.m.

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IN LIEU OF COFFEE FELLOWSHIP in Molly Wier Hall, please join us on the portico immediately
following today's service for hot apple cider and Christmas cookies.

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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 Harold Davis.

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ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETER: Ashley Nutley

USHERS: John Witty (Captain), Greg Robinson, Jane McNeill, Harold Davis, John McNeill

DEACONS: Elizabeth Riddle (Lead Deacon), Sugar Slabaugh (Assist. Deacon)

BEADLE: Greg Robinson

LAY READER: Elizabeth Riddle

BELL RINGER: Dan Sansone

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Bucknam

PASTOR ON CALL (December 26 - December 27) Mary B. Robinson (843-872-1527)

PASTOR ON CALL (December 28 - December 29) Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. (865-456-2235)

PASTOR ON CALL (December 30 - January 1) The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel (843-640-5850)

ELDER ON CALL (December 26 - January 1) – Jenks Bailey (843-693-7891)

DEACON ON CALL (January 3 - January 9) – Will Siegling (865-409-9997)

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

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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ADESTE FIDELES 6.6.10.5.6 with refrain

John Francis Wade (c. 1740-1743)
Trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

John Francis Wade (c. 1740-1743)
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing,
 *3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion!

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!
 Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry given;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!

Come, and be - hold Him, Born the King of an - gels!
 Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est!

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -

dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

*Alternate harmonization and descant for stanza 3, 42

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH CM with repeat

Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742
 Arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let us our
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room,
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,

And heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven and na - ture
 Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His
 And heaven and na - ture sing,

And

sing, And heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Hymn #29: "Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.

1 While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

2 The shepherds feared and trembled,
When lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angels chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.

3 Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.



Christmas Sanctuary Decoration Pick-Up

If you purchased a Christmas poinsettia memorial or honorarium, it can be picked up from the sanctuary starting on Sunday, January 1st following the 11:15 a.m. service.

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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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Reserve Sanctuary Flowers for 2023!

We are taking reservations for Sunday sanctuary flower arrangements for 2023. This is a great way to honor or remember loved ones, celebrate an anniversary or child's baptism, or even commemorate a special Sunday. The cost to sponsor sanctuary flowers is \$165.

Don't miss this special opportunity to recognize someone in your life.

Dates are as followed:

January 8th & 29th

February 12th

If interested, please contact Susan Cocallas, scocallas@first-scots.org, in the church office.

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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, sugarslabaugh@icloud.com, to pick yours up!

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Summer Youth Trips

Registration for the following summer youth trips is scheduled to open on January 5th through the First (Scots) Youth Ministry email list (tinyurl.com/FirstScotsYouth).

- Montreat High School Youth Conference: June 10th - 17th (for 8th - 12th graders)
- Thornwell Home for Children Middle School Youth Mission Trip: June 25th - June 30th (for 6th - 8th graders)
- Washington D.C. High School Youth Mission Trip: July 10th - 16th (for 9th - 12th graders)
- Middle School Youth Conference at Maryville College: July 19th - 23rd (for 5th - 8th graders)



**There is no WNS on January 4th.
Wednesday Taize Chapel Service**

Please join us for worship led by Dr. Siegling on **January 11th** in the Lilly chapel starting at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper

Please make your reservation to Susan (scocallas@first-scots.org) or call 843-722-8882 by **NOON on Monday, January 9th** to give Chef Nancy time to prepare.

When you RSVP remember to include your children.

Menu for January 11th

Shrimp with Spinach and Orzo, Salad, Rolls

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January Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings

The **Betty Noble Circle** will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 10th at the home of Anne Smith.

For more information, please contact Teresa Tarrant, teresatarrant@aol.com, Circle Leader.

The **Seekers Circle** will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 11th at the home of Betsy Martin.

They will continue their study of *Celebrating Sabbath*.

For more information, please contact Anne Dukes, dukesanne62@gmail.com, Circle Leader.

The **Unbroken Circle** will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 10th at the home of Joanne Zuraw.

They will continue their study of *Celebrating Sabbath*.

For more information, please contact Julie Cannell, jmcannell@aol.com, Circle Leader.

Presbyterian Women January Board Meeting

The Presbyterian Women January Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 3rd at 9:30 a.m. in Room 202 of the Massie Building.

For additional information, please contact Debbie Rice-Marko, dricemarko@gmail.com.

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**Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University
It's Never Too Late to Set Another Goal -- C.S. Lewis**

A budget tells your money where to go.

First (Scots) will offer Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University from January 31st to March 28th.

Classes will begin at noon each Tuesday and continue for nine weeks. Students will view videos online at home, then gather for review and discussion at the approximately one-hour noon meetings.

For more information contact Carol Rees, 843-879-3088, ables@peoplepc.com.

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Holiday Schedule Reminders

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.

There will be **one Sunday worship service at 11:15 a.m.** on Sunday January 1st.

There will be no Sunday School.

Church Office Hours:

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

Friday, December 30th: Closed

Monday, January 2nd: Closed