

# FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 1, 2023 AT 8:45 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

## THE VISION OF GOD

**PRELUDE**

“Das alte Jahr vergangen ist (BWV 614)”

Johann Sebastian Bach

**WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP**

The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel

**†PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**INTROIT**

“From Heaven Above”

VOM HIMMEL HOCH

*Katherine Clarkson, soprano*

**†CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Praise God!

All: With the angels and hosts, we praise.

One: With the sun and moon, we praise.

All: With the whole of creation, we praise.

One: Praise God!

**†PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“What Star is This that Beams so Bright”

Hymn No. 68

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Ever-present God, you became our Savior in all our distress, in all the ways we hurt, and all the ways we hurt others, in all the ways that we cry out, and in all the ways that we cause others to cry. You are with us, comforting us, and holding us to account. In your love, redeem us once again. Lift us up and grant us your mercy, as you have throughout the generations. 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.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

**†CHILDREN’S HYMN**

“We Three Kings of Orient Are” (verse 1)

Hymn No. 66

*We three kings of Orient are,*

*Bearing gifts we traverse afar,*

*Field and fountain, moor and mountain,*

*Following yonder star.*

*O star of wonder, star of night,*

*Star with royal beauty bright;*

*Westward leading, still proceeding,*

*Guide us to thy perfect light!*

**THE TIME FOR CHILDREN**

**TIME FOR TEENS**

(Children may return to their pews.)

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Anne Dukes

**THE WORD READ**

Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-6

(pew Bible, page 602)

New Testament: Matthew 2:1-12

(pew Bible, page 783)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

“CHRIST’S LIGHT”

The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel

### **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**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Hymn No. 411

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

Ruthie Edwards

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**

“Still, Still, Still”

German carol/arr. Phillip Ledger

**†DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymn No. 592

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**†PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**†HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

Hymn No. 63

**†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel

**†BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Amen”

Livingston Gearhart

**†POSTLUDE**

“Lob Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich (BWV 609)”

Johann Sebastian Bach

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## Isaiah 60:1-6

**60** Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup> For darkness shall cover the earth  
and thick darkness the peoples,  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

<sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together; they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.

<sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,<sup>[a]</sup>  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you;  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

## Matthew 2:1-12

**2** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi <sup>[a]</sup> from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east<sup>[b]</sup> and have come to pay him homage.” <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah<sup>[c]</sup> was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd<sup>[d]</sup> my people Israel.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the magi<sup>[e]</sup> and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east,<sup>[f]</sup> until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped,<sup>[g]</sup> they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

If you feel the Spirit of God moving you to affirm your faith in Jesus or wish to have someone pray with you, please speak to a pastor following the service or contact them this week at the church.

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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 Michael Johnson

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### **ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY**

**GREETER:** Jack Callahan

**COFFEE GREETER:** Will Siegling

**USHERS:** Amelia White (Captain), Jay White, Allison Marshall, Max Marshall, Matt Bucknam

**DEACONS:** Meredith Mason (Lead Deacon), Emmie Dawson (Assist. Deacon)

**BEADLE:** Jay White

**LAY READER:** Anne Dukes

**BELL RINGER:** Dan Sansone

**MEDIA MINISTRY:** Dan Daniel

**PASTOR ON CALL** (January 2 - January 8) -- The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. (865-456-2235)

**ELDER ON CALL** (January 2 - January 8) – Bob Dawson (704-999-2385)

**DEACON ON CALL** (January 2 - January 8) – Chantal Byrne (843-324-9819)

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

## What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright 68

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Charles Coffin, 1736

Trans. John Chandler, 1837; alt.

Trier ms., 15th century

Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609

Harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1910

1. What star is this, with beams so bright, More love - ly  
2. 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed, "From Ja - cob  
3. O Je - sus, while the star of grace Im - pels us  
4. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And Ho - ly

than the noon - day light? 'Tis sent to an - nounce a  
shall a star pro - ceed"; And lo! the East - ern  
on to seek Your face, Let not our sloth - ful  
Spir - it, Three in one, May ev - ery tongue and

new - born King, Glad tid - ings of our God to bring.  
sa - ges stand To read in heaven the Lord's com - mand.  
hearts re - fuse The guid - ance of Your light to use.  
na - tion raise An end - less song of thank - ful praise.

## Hymn #411: “Arise, Your Light Is Come”

1 Arise, your light is come!  
The Spirit's call obey:  
Show forth the glory of your God,  
Which shines on you today.

2 Arise, your light is come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captives' liberty,  
Good tidings to the poor.

3 Arise, your light is come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the broken-hearted ones  
And comfort those who mourn.

4 Arise, your light is come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing;  
God's power will make us strong.

## Hymn #63: "As with Gladness Men of Old"

1 As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most glorious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to Thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped  
To that lowly manger bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Him whom heaven and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare;  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

4 Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.





## Christmas Sanctuary Decoration Pick-Up

If you purchased a Christmas poinsettia memorial or honorarium, it can be picked up from the sanctuary following today's worship service.

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## Thornwell Home for Children Emphasis Month

November was Thornwell Home for Children Emphasis Month, a time when our Sunday offerings could be designated directly toward Thornwell Home for Children. Through your donations, First (Scots) was able to raise \$2,556.75 for Thornwell. Thank you to all who contributed!

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## New Members Class

Have you been thinking about becoming more active in the church and joining the membership? If so, a new members class has been scheduled for Saturday, February 4th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Following the class, participants are invited to join the church membership the next day, Sunday, February 5th.

If you are interested in attending this one-day Inquiry Class, please contact Susan Cocallas, [scocallas@first-scots.org](mailto:scocallas@first-scots.org)

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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](mailto:mrobinson@first-scots.org), or Sugar Slabaugh, [sugarslabaugh@icloud.com](mailto:sugarslabaugh@icloud.com), to pick yours up!

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## Summer Plans?

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](http://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)

## Help Plan Youth Sunday

On Sunday, January 8th high school and middle school youth are meeting at the Kirk House from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and planning Youth Sunday 2023 (February 12th)! We'll spend time catching up after the Christmas break, continuing our **Great Out Doors** devotion series, and enjoying dinner before brainstorming and voting on this year's Youth Sunday theme and signing up for parts.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to help lead worship for our entire congregation!



**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.

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday, January 2nd: Closed