

# FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 5, 2023 AT 8:45 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

## THE VISION OF GOD

**PRELUDE** “O Mensch, bewien dein’ Sünde gross (BWV 622)” Johann Sebastian Bach

**WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP** The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling Jr.

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** Local Missions Hank Martin

## **†PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**INTROIT** “Father, Who, the Light this Day” Curt Oliver

*Katherine Clarkson, soprano (8:45)*

*Kirk Choir (11:15)*

**†CALL TO WORSHIP** The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel

One: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son

All: that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

One: Let those who know they are redeemed celebrate!

All: We praise the Living God who makes us alive with the grace of Jesus.

**†PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Lead On, O King Eternal” Hymn No. 447

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Almighty and Everlasting God, we confess that we are an impatient and selfish people. When you offer us the promise of a new future, we complain that we don’t get there fast enough. When you provide for our needs, we complain that it isn’t enough. When our bad attitudes and negative outlooks cause us to stumble, we blame you. Holy God, forgive our sinful ways! Teach us to be patient. Instruct us to be grateful. Guide us to be responsible and humble. As we turn ourselves around and look to the cross, let us experience your grace and your gift of new life. In the name of Christ our Savior, 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.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

**†CHILDRENS HYMN** “To God Be the Glory” Hymn No. 485

## **THE TIME FOR CHILDREN**

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

## TIME FOR TEENS

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John Metcalf (8:45)

Charlotte Crabtree (11:15)

### THE WORD READ

Old Testament Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

(pew Bible, page 122)

New Testament Lesson: John 3:1-21

(pew Bible, page 863)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“SIN’S ANTIVENOM”

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

### THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to Whom alone we must cleave, Whom alone we must serve, Whom only we must worship, and in Whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By Whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by His providence, and to the manifestation of His own glory.<sup>1</sup>

#### †HYMN OF REFLECTION

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hymn No. 376

### 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

“A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester”

L.J. White (8:45)

“Thou Knowest, Lord”

Henry Purcell (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

#### †HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Lift High the Cross”

Hymn No. 371

#### †CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

#### †BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen”

Gabriel Fauré (8:45)

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

arr. Hal H. Hopson (11:15)

#### †POSTLUDE

“Herzliebster Jesu (*opus 122, no.2*)”

Johannes Brahms

<sup>1</sup> From *The Scots Confession of 1560*

## Numbers 21:4-9

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea,<sup>[a]</sup> to go around the land of Edom, but the people became discouraged on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous<sup>[b]</sup> serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous<sup>[c]</sup> serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

## John 3:1-21

**3** Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You<sup>[c]</sup> must be born from above.’<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>8</sup> The wind<sup>[e]</sup> blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you<sup>[f]</sup> do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.<sup>[g]</sup> <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.<sup>[h]</sup>

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”<sup>[i]</sup>

**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 loving memory of John Chrisman Hawk, Jr. from the children and grandchildren of  
John & Nancy Hawk.

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**CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY** are extended to the family of Ernest Bainbridge Lipscomb, III  
(Lip) who passed away on Sunday, February 26th.  
A memorial service will be held at First (Scots) on Tuesday, March 7th at 3:00 p.m.  
in the Lilly Chapel.

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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 docents are Graham Heller (8:45 a.m.) & L.W. McAnally (11:15 a.m.)

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

**GREETER (8:45 A.M.):** Steve Harth

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

**COFFEE GREETER:** Margaret Todd Truluck

**USHERS (8:45 A.M.):** Mikell Thaxton (Captain), Ryan Glenn, Walker Glenn, Chad Covert,  
Rachel Herbert

**USHERS (11:15 A.M.):** Amelia White (Captain), Jay White, Jane McNeill, Keith Blake, John Robinson

**DEACONS (8:45 A.M.):** Ansley Feussner (Lead Deacon), Elizabeth Riddle (Assist. Deacon)

**DEACONS (11:15 A.M.):** Chett McCubrey (Lead Deacon), Lindsey Melville (Assist. Deacon)

**BEADLE (8:45 A.M.):** Tim Bouch **BEADLE (11:15 A.M.):** Jay White

**LAY READER (8:45 A.M.):** John Metcalf **LAY READER (11:15 A.M.):** Charlotte Crabtree

**MEDIA MINISTRY:** Dan Daniel

**PASTOR ON CALL** (March 6 - March 12) - Mrs. Mary B. Robinson (843-872-1527)

**ELDER ON CALL** (March 6 - March 10) – Scott Evans (843-860-4884)

**ELDER ON CALL** (March 11 - March 12) – Ashley Nutley (843-363-2474)

**DEACON ON CALL** (March 6 - March 12) – Emmie Dawson (704-618-2773)

Deanna Barteet, Church Administrator  
Shelby Olinger, Church Accountant  
Susan Cocallas, Administrative Assistant  
Rebecca McNeill, Communications and Volunteer Coordinator  
Alex Birrueta, Sexton  
Martha Ann Siegling, Christian Education Assistant

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

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## Lead On, O King Eternal

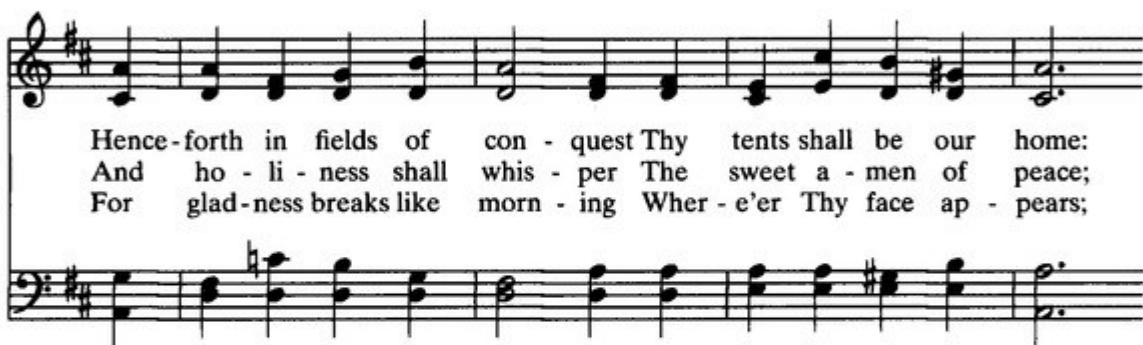
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Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888

Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835



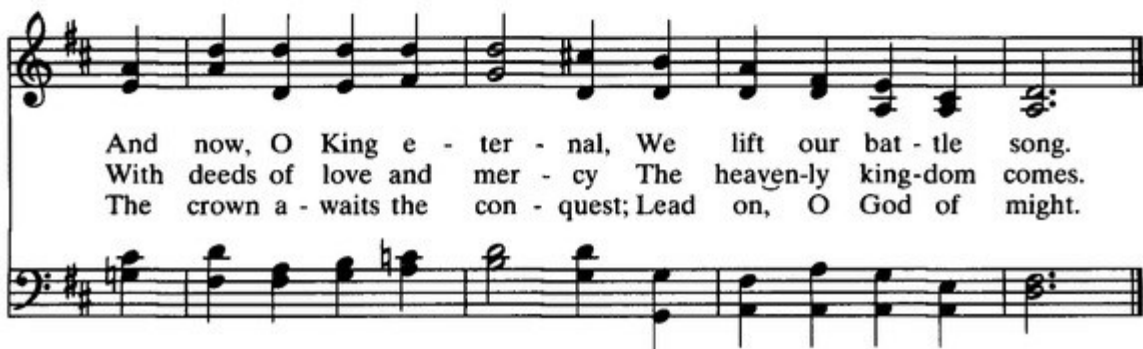
1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, The day of march has come;  
 2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: We fol - low, not with fears;



Hence - forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home:  
 And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet a - men of peace;  
 For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing Wher - e'er Thy face ap - pears;



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong,  
 For not with swords' loud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums;  
 Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; We jour - ney in its light:



And now, O King e - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.  
 With deeds of love and mer - cy The heav - en - ly king - dom comes.  
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; Lead on, O God of might.

## Hymn #485: “To God Be the Glory”

1 To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done.

2 Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

## Hymn #376: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit,  
Let us find that second rest;  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, Thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.



## Hymn #371: “Lift High the Cross”

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)

2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
Your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)

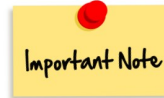
4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)



## 2023 Pictorial Directory

The Congregational Care Committee is happy to announce that our new 2023 Pictorial Directories are here! Thank you for your incredible patience. They are available for pickup on the Portico prior to the 11:15 a.m. service or as you exit the sanctuary this morning. If you had your picture taken as a "selfie" please make sure you have paid (\$25.00) for your copy of the directory. If your picture was taken by the company (Re:Member) you do not have to pay for your directory.

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## Important Information Regarding Online Pictorial Directory and ChurchLife App

We have been made aware that an online version of the new Pictorial Directory has been shared with some of our members via email. To clarify, this is not a replacement of the ChurchLife app and is simply an online version of the 2023 Pictorial Directory that has been recently created for print and distribution to our members. The ChurchLife app will continue to be a resource to our members and is updated regularly, while we are unable to change the new Pictorial Directory.

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## Water Mission Walk for Water 2023

Millions of women and children walk more than three miles to collect water each day for their families.

Often, the water collected is unsafe to drink. But there is hope.

Join us for the 2023 Walk for Water. Together, we will walk to bring clean, safe water to 10,000 people in need around the world.

The 2023 Water Mission Walk for Water will take place on Saturday, March 25th beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Riverfront Park!

You can register online at [www.watermission.org](http://www.watermission.org). When registering, please make sure to select the "First (Scots) Presbyterian Church" team under the "Join a Team" section. The registration fee is \$25 per walker. Please contact Rebecca McNeill with any questions or if you might be interested in donating to the team.

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## Presbyterian Women March Circle Meetings

The **Betty Noble Circle** will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14th at the home of Ann Anderson.

They will have a business meeting to discuss their goals and mission.

For more information, please contact Teresa Tarrant, [teresatarrant@aol.com](mailto:teresatarrant@aol.com), Circle Leader.

The **Seekers Circle** will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8th on the second floor of the Massie Building. Mary Robinson will lead their continuing study of Celebrating Sabbath.

For more information, please contact Anne Dukes, [dukesanne62@gmail.com](mailto:dukesanne62@gmail.com), Circle Co-Leader.

The **Unbroken Circle** will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14th at the home of Myrtle Ann Dennis.

They will continue their study of Celebrating Sabbath.

For more information, please contact Julie Cannell, [jmcannell@aol.com](mailto:jmcannell@aol.com), Circle Leader.

**The Presbyterian Women March Board Meeting** will take place on Tuesday, March 7th at 9:30 a.m. in Room 202 of the Massie Building.

## Community Lenten Services 2023

The second of the Charleston Community Lenten Services will take place at noon on Wednesday, March 8th at St. Michael's Anglican Church. The Rev. Dr. Holton Siegling will lead worship focusing on the theme of "stones". All are welcome to a complimentary lunch following the service at the host church.

### Wednesday Night Supper

Please make your reservation to Susan Cocallas ([scocallas@first-scots.org](mailto:scocallas@first-scots.org)) in the church office by

**NOON on Monday, March 6th** to give Chef Nancy time to prepare.

When you RSVP remember to include your children.

### Menu for March 8th:

Stuffed Pork Chops, Rice, Vegetable

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

Donations for Dinner - \$10 for adults, \$6 for ages 6 - college, free for ages 5 & under, \$25 for a family.

All donations can be paid at the door, through First (Scots) E-giving, or mailed to the church office.

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### Youth Group, Sunday March 5th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The **High School youth and Washington DC Mission Team** are gathering canned goods and non-perishable food items for the Lowcountry Food Bank. Youth and adults are invited to review the Lowcountry Food Bank Most Needed Items SignUpGenius ([tinyurl.com/Lowcountry23](https://tinyurl.com/Lowcountry23)) and select two to four items to bring on March 5th. Feel free to share this SignUpGenius with others and invite them to join in this effort.

Following the service project, the Washington DC Mission Team will continue to meet until 7:30 p.m.

The **Middle School youth, Confirmation Class, and Thornwell Mission Team** are gathering toys and making cards for the children receiving care at MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital. Both youth and adults are invited to review the MUSC Children's Toy Wish List SignUpGenius ([tinyurl.com/MUSCKids23](https://tinyurl.com/MUSCKids23)) and select one or two toys to bring on March 5th. Feel free to share this SignUpGenius with others and invite them to join in this effort.

Following the service project, the Thornwell Mission Team will continue to meet until 7:30 p.m.

### Please RSVP By Monday for March 12th Events

The **High School Youth Group** is participating in an escape room event at Elite Escape Games in Mount Pleasant. Meet at Baskin Robbins (280 W Coleman Blvd, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464) at 5:00 p.m. for a free treat before walking over to Elite Games (966 Houston Northcutt Blvd, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464) at 5:30 p.m. Participants will experience one of three games: Expedition Yeti, Derailed, or Dinosauria. Please reserve your spot no later than Monday, March 6th by using our Escape Room SignUpGenius ([tinyurl.com/FSYouthEscape23](https://tinyurl.com/FSYouthEscape23)) and paying your \$20 fee through E-Giving, designating the payment to "Youth Group Activity."

If you have any questions, please contact James Rogers ([jrogers@first-scots.org](mailto:jrogers@first-scots.org) or 843-722-8882).

The **Middle School Youth Group** is experiencing the brand new Topgolf Charleston. Meet at Topgolf (4878 Tanger Outlet Blvd, North Charleston, SC 29418) by 4:45 p.m., so you can register before game play starts at 5:00 p.m. Food and drinks are available for purchase, but cost extra. Please reserve your spot by using our Topgolf SignUpGenius ([tinyurl.com/FSYouthTopgolf23](https://tinyurl.com/FSYouthTopgolf23)) and paying your \$20 fee through E-Giving, designating the payment to "Youth Group Activity."

If you have any questions, please contact Ian Giancursio ([igiancursio@first-scots.org](mailto:igiancursio@first-scots.org) or 585-794-3724).