

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 7, 2023 AT 8:45 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE “Elevation (*Mass for the Convents*)” François Couperin (1688-1733)
WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.
MINUTE FOR MISSION New Members Class Elizabeth Riddle (8:45)
Greg McKenzie (11:15)

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT “Let All the World in Every Corner Sing” Erik Routley (8:45)
Timmi Winston, alto
“Come, Let Us Praise the Lord” W. Byrd/arr. H. Hopson (11:15)
Kirk Choir

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

All: they are new every morning.

One: Great is your faithfulness!

All: “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

One: Come, let us worship God!

††PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Morning Has Broken”

Hymn No. 469

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and Everlasting God, as the prophet Isaiah proclaimed—and Jesus embodied—God’s call upon our lives is to reach out and care for those who are brokenhearted, those who are held captive by mourning and crying and pain, but we fail to entirely do our part to make changes for good in the lives of others. Too often, O Lord, we fail to lift the downtrodden and comfort those who mourn. Forgive us, we pray, and help us bear the gospel in word and deed for the sake of Christ, in whose blessed name 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

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

James M. Black

*O when the saints go marching in, O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.
And when the sun begins to shine, And when the sun begins to shine.
Oh yes, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.*

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

TIME FOR TEENS

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elizabeth Riddle (8:45)

Keith Blake (11:15)

THE WORD READ

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-2(a)

(pew Bible, page 603)

New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 3:15(b)-21

(pew Bible, page 985)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"DID JESUS GO TO HELL?"

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

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†THE APOSTLE'S 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.

BAPTISM AND REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers (11:15)

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME (unison response)

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
to share with us in the ministry of Christ,
for we are all one in him.

†HYMN OF REFLECTION

"Lord, When I Came Into This Life"

Hymn No. 522

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

"The Call"

Ralph Vaughan Williams (8:45)

"Like a River in My Soul"

Tim Osiek (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

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

Hymn No. 434

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Isaiah 61:1-2(a)

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,

1 Peter 3:15(b)-21

¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned,^[a] those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered^[b] for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you^[c] to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for^[d] a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

†**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Go in Peace and Joy”

Franck/arr. Hopson (8:45)

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

John Rutter (11:15)

†**POSTLUDE**

“Dialogue sur les grands jeux (*Mass for the Convents*)”

François Couperin

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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 FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 30th wedding anniversary of Jon & Hayley Carter on May 22nd.

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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 Matt Spath (8:45 a.m.) and Bert Hudnall (11:15 a.m.)

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ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETER (8:45 A.M.): Karen Prewitt

GREETERS (11:15 A.M.): Mark Zuraw, Hammond Unger

COFFEE GREETER: Debbie Rice-Marko

USHERS (8:45 A.M.): Robert Hawk (Captain), Clark Truluck, Michael Branch, Elizabeth Bernat, Haylea Shuman

USHERS (11:15 A.M.): Keith Blake (Captain), Matt Riddle, David Warren, Gene Childers

DEACONS (8:45 A.M.): Ann Anderson (Lead Deacon), Elizabeth Riddle (Assist. Deacon)

DEACONS (11:15 A.M.): Adam Yount (Lead Deacon), Chett McCubrey (Assist. Deacon)

BEADLE (8:45 A.M.): Tita Massie **BEADLE (11:15 A.M.):** J-Bo Wall

LAY READER (8:45 A.M.): Elizabeth Riddle **LAY READER (11:15 A.M.):** Keith Blake

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Spath

PASTOR ON CALL (May 8 - May 14) - The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. (865-456-2235)

ELDER ON CALL (May 8 - May 14) – Bob George (843-343-7203)

DEACON ON CALL (May 8 - May 14) – Dee Pridgen (843-530-5522)

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Confirmation Class of 2023

Jack Oliver Burnwell, IV

Hudson Hughes McDonald

Julian Edward Thomas Buxton

Isabelle Grace Raffle

Aubrey Ae-Young Domm

Campbell Webster Smith

Grayson Elizabeth Glenn

Susanna Hayes Smith

Lane Carrigan Hawk

Chloe Alexis Tart

Zadie Jacqueline Hawk

Margaret Dansereau Wall

Peter Hawk LeClerc

Catherine Elizabeth Warr

Special thanks to Fran Hawk and John McNeill who served as Confirmation Leaders.

Additional special thanks to Matt Bucknam, Jim Buxton, Kathleen Domm, Lisa Gehlken, Natalie Gregory,

James Hawk, Anne LeClerc, Laura Raffle, Beth Sheppard, Anna Smith, Pam Wall, and Rae Wooten

who have served as mentors.

Following the 11:15 a.m. service, everyone is invited to the sanctuary portico for refreshments and a time to greet the Confirmation Class of 2023, coordinated by our Fellowship Committee.

Hymn 469: “Morning Has Broken”

1. Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Hymn 522: “Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

1 Lord, when I came into this life
You called me by my name;
Today I come, commit myself,
Responding to Your claim.

2 Within the circle of the faith
As member of Your cast,
I take my place with all the saints
Of future, present, past.

3 In all the tensions of my life,
Between my faith and doubt,
Let Your great Spirit give me hope,
Sustain me, lead me out.

4 So, help me in my unbelief
And let my life be true:
Feet firmly planted on the earth,
My sights set high on You.

Hymn 434: "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

1 Today we all are called to be Disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of the sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

2 God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud, we sow not peace but strife,
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

3 Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for a harmony of peace.

4 May we in service to our God act out living Word,
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be Disciples of the Lord.



Let's Go Out to the Ballgame!

Join us on Wednesday, May 31st for a night of food, fun, and fellowship at

First (Scots) Friends Night at the Joe!

First (Scots) will have their own block of seats behind the third base line along with a covered picnic area. Tickets are \$20 per person includes hamburgers, hot dogs, watermelon, potato salad, sodas, and bottle water!

First (Scots) has 50 seats reserved.

Tickets can be purchased online via E-giving (abundant.co/firstscots.give), designating payment to "C.E. Riverdogs Tickets") or directly from Beth Evans (843-860-4882 or edacus@comcast.net).

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Congregational Meeting - Sunday, May 14th

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, May 14th for the purpose of presenting the budget and approving the Pastors' Terms of Call.

The meeting will be held in the sanctuary at 10:55 a.m. prior to the 11:15 a.m. worship service.

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Vacation Bible School 2023

Get ready to launch into outer space as we learn all about letting Jesus' light shine through the universe! Join us for an out-of-this-world fun week at Vacation Bible School, filled with singing, Bible time, crafts, imagination experiments and all sorts of exciting games and activities. Snacks and lunch will be served daily.

Sign up using the VBS Registration Form (www.tinyurl.com/FSPCvbs) in order to hold your spot.

Please also fill out the Child Permission and Release Form (www.tinyurl.com/FSChildRelease)

Please note that both this form and the VBS Registration form, as well as payment, **must** be submitted for your child's registration to be considered complete.

What: First (Scots) Vacation Bible School

When: July 31st - August 4th, 2023 ; 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Who: Rising 4K - Rising 5th Grade

Cost: \$50 (can be paid online via E-giving, designating payment to "Vacation Bible School")

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Graduates



Evan Biles

Graduating from MUSC
Internship at Madigan Army
Medical Center - Tacoma, WA



Hugh Werber

Graduating from Lucy Beckham
Attending the University of
Colorado at Boulder



Wednesday Chapel Service

Please join us for Taize worship on Wednesday, May 10th in the chapel at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper!

Please make your reservation to Karen Kuhn (kkuhn@first-scots.org or 843-722-8882) in the church office by **NOON on Monday, May 8th** to give Chef Nancy time to prepare.

When you RSVP remember to include your children.

Menu for May 10th:

Burgers, Fries, Vegetable

Donations for Dinner - \$10 for adults, \$6 for ages 6 - college, free for ages 5 & under, \$25 for a family. Can be paid at the door, through the First (Scots) online giving, or mailed to the office.

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May 7th Youth Group Events

The **High 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. Spots are available on a first come, first served basis and can be reserved using our Topgolf SignUpGenius and paying your \$20 fee through E-Giving, designating the payment to "Youth Group Activity" (all links are available at tinyurl.com/FSYouth4-30-23).

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

The **Middle 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. Spots are available on a first come, first served basis and can be reserved using our Escape Room SignUpGenius and paying your \$20 fee through E-Giving, designating the payment to "Youth Group Activity" (all links are available at tinyurl.com/FSYouth4-30-23).

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

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Presbyterian Women - May Circle Meetings

The **Seekers Circle** will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10th at the home of Christy Siegling. They will continue their study of *Celebrating Sabbath*.

For more information, please contact Anne Dukes, dukesanne62@gmail.com or 843-577-0479, Circle Co-Leader.

The **Women at the Well Circle** will meet on Thursday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Tori Bohren. Please RSVP at (843) 592-2800.