

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 18, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Terra Beata”

arr. Dorothy Howell Sheets

(May the beginning of the prelude serve as an invitation to silent meditation and prayer.)

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

“Worship the Lord, Rejoice and Sing” V. Leisring/arr. H.H. Hopson
Summer Choir

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Unless you strengthen our spirits and create our hearts anew,

All: **we cannot make the journey home.**

One: Guide us to your welcoming arms; to the music and the dancing,

All: **for we are easily lost, and only you, our Father, can find us!**

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“This Is My Father’s World”

Hymn No. 293

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) *adapted from Scottish Reformer John Knox’s Liturgy of 1560*

Almighty God, we do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you to show mercy to us. Forgive the sins of our youth and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts so that not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. 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

“Praise Him, All Ye Little Children”

Carey Bonner

Praise Him, praise him, all ye little children

God is love, God is love;

Praise Him, praise him, all ye little children

God is love, God is love.

Love Him, praise him, all ye little children

God is love, God is love;

Love Him, praise him, all ye little children

God is love, God is love.

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

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

THE TIME FOR TEENS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Tita Massie

THE WORD READ

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 103

(pew Bible, page 482)

New Testament Lesson: Luke 15:11-32

(pew Bible, page 850)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"THE UNPARALLELED PARABLE"

The Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Massie

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†THE APOSTLES' CREED (unison)

Mrs. Mary B. Robinson

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

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

Hymn No. 310

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Maurice Bevan

†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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE WORD ENACTED

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

"Become to Us the Living Bread"

French melody

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Psalm 103

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
- ² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- ⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live^a
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- ⁶ The LORD works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
- ⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
- ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.
- ¹⁴ For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.
- ¹⁵ As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;
- ¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.
- ¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
- ¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.
- ¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.
- ²⁰ Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.
- ²¹ Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers who do his will.
- ²² Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Luke 15:11-32

¹¹ Then Jesus^[a] said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled his stomach^[b] with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.” ’ ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’^[c] ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father^[d] said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” Hymn No. 281

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Massie

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Amen” McNeil Robinson II

†POSTLUDE “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” arr. Don Hustad

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LEADING WORSHIP TODAY is our Pastor Emeritus, The Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Massie.

The Rev. Joseph Harvard will lead worship on June 25th.

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Chaney will lead worship on July 2nd.

The Rev. John Murdoch will lead worship from July 9th - July 30th

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THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of John & Nancy Hawk by their children and grandchildren.

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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 L.W. McAnally.

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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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ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETERS: Tod Williams, Anne Jackson

COFFEE GREETER: Susan Leland

USHERS: Slade Metcalf (Captain), Harvey Mason, Anne Dukes, Greg McKenzie, Meredith Mason

DEACONS: Karen Danielowski (Lead Deacon), Chantal Byrne (Assist. Deacon)

BEADLE: Janice Key

LAY READER: Tita Massie

MEDIA MINISTRY: Bob Dawson

PASTOR ON CALL (June 19 - June 24) - The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers (843-513-3717)

PASTOR ON CALL (June 25) - Mrs. Mary B. Robinson (843-872-1527)

ELDER ON CALL (June 19 - June 25) – Hayley Carter (843-801-2071)

DEACON ON CALL (June 19 - June 25) – Greg McKenzie (843-834-4157)

GUEST MUSICIANS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE: Nancy Lefter, organist

Hymn #293: "This Is My Father's World"

1 This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world.
Oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one.

Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee 310

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Attr. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153)

Trans. Edward Caswall, 1849; alt. 1987

John Bacchus Dykes, 1866

1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of Thee With sweet-ness fills my breast;
2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can the mind re - call
3. O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart, O joy of all the meek,
4. But what to those who find? Ah, this Nor tongue nor pen can show:

But sweet-er far Thy face to see, And in Thy pres - ence rest.
 A sweet-er sound than Thy blest name, O Sav - ior of us all.
 To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!
 The love of Je - sus, what it is None but His loved ones know.

5. Jesus, our only joy be Thou,
 As Thou our prize wilt be;
 Jesus, be Thou our glory now,
 And through eternity.

GOD

281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

William Williams, 1745

Stanza 1 trans. Peter Williams, 1771

Stanzas 2-3 trans. William Williams, 1772

John Hughes, 1907

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me

with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through; Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.



Summer Sunday Refreshments

This summer, in lieu coffee hour, lemonade and cookies will be served on the portico following the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the duration of the summer (June 4th - September 3rd).

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July Guest Pastor: The Rev. John Murdoch

For the month of July, The Rev. John Murdoch, Minister of the Parish of Colvend, Southwick, and Kirkbean, Scotland, will be working and visiting with us. Members of the congregation are encouraged to meet John for a cup of coffee, invite him to join you for a meal, accompany you to a sporting activity or visit a museum or historic site.

If you have some ideas or would like to help assure John's visit is a fun, meaningful time for all of us, please contact Linda Deeter in the church office at ldeter@first-scots.org or 843-722-8882.

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July Sunday School Forum

Everyone is invited to join us in Molly Wier Hall for a July Sunday School Forum! Our theologian-in-residence the Reverend John Murdoch, will be leading the class. Please come to one or all of these classes if you are in town.

We will gather with coffee and doughnuts at 9:00 a.m.

The topics are as follows:

July 16th -Biblical Families and their Foundations

July 23rd – Reformed Church Roots: Church of Scotland

July 30th- Ecumenism Today.

We have nursery care for children ages birth through preschool. If childcare is needed for children in first through fifth grade, please email the Rev. Tracey Daniel, tdaniel@first-scots.org by the Wednesday before the Sunday class.

We hope to see you here!

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Seeking Volunteers for Media Ministry

The First (Scots) Media Ministry is looking for volunteers to assist with live streaming on Sundays.

This is a vital ministry for First (Scots), and we rely on volunteers to help facilitate our live streams.

Training is available for those interested.

You do not have to be an electronic guru, and the time commitment is minimal!

Questions or interested in volunteering? Please contact Rebecca McNeill, rmcneill@first-scots.org.



Sing with the Summer Choir!

Love to sing but haven't been able to commit to the Kirk Choir Wednesdays rehearsals? Join the Summer Choir!

No choir robes needed, no Wednesday rehearsal, and a very easy repertoire! You do not have to commit to come every Sunday! Just come to the choir room at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday for a short rehearsal.

The Summer Choir meets during the months of **June and August** until Labor Day weekend.

We hope to see you there!

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Reserve Sanctuary Flowers

We are taking reservations for Sunday sanctuary flower arrangements for 2023. This is a wonderful 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.

Available dates:

July 2nd & 23rd

August 13th & 27th

September 3rd & 17th

October 1st, 8th, 22nd, & 29th

November 19th

If interested, please contact Karen Kuhn, kkuhn@first-scots.org in the church office.

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Youth Group Lunch, June 20th

Our third weekly youth lunch of the summer is this Tuesday (June 20th) from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Meet at Hugh-Baby's BBQ and Burger Shop in West Ashley and bring \$ for lunch. This summer each Tuesday youth lunch will feature a First (Scots) college student who will join us for the meal, tell us about themselves, share about their experience at college, and let us know their favorite Bible story or verse.

Since eating out can get expensive, join us when you can, but don't feel obligated to come every week. The summer schedule (tinyurl.com/FSYouthSummer23) includes the meeting location and links to each restaurant's website, so you can view the menu and prices. And know that you don't have to buy a meal.

We always welcome those that want to hang out and eat a few fries off Ian Giancursio's plate!

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Sabbatical Update from Dr. Siegling

Dear friends,

We are presently visiting the cities in Germany where Martin Luther looms especially large. Thank you for this sabbatical opportunity! It is a rare and special blessing!

In Christ's Service,

Holton

