

# FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 25, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE VISION OF GOD

**PRELUDE** “Offertoire sur les grands jeu (*Mass for the Convents*)” François Couperin  
(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** “Come, Sing with Joy to God” David Clark Isele  
*Summer Choir*

## †**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns and yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.

**All: May our hearts be open to trust you.**

One: Look at the birds of the air; they neither study nor plan nor plot their course, and yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.

**All: May our eyes behold your amazing and providential care in our worship this day!**

†**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)

Holy God, you see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts. You have promised to be with us throughout our days. We confess that we grow anxious and have trouble trusting your promise. We forget that our lives come from you and that in life and in death we belong to you. We have not lived as your grateful children and loved as Christ loves us. We have neglected those in need and gone along with prejudice and injustice. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. Help us to trust your love which never fails and to faithfully follow Christ our Lord. 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** “Be Thou My Vision” (*verse 1*) Irish ballad

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

## **THE TIME FOR CHILDREN**

**COMMISSIONING OF THE THORNWELL YOUTH MISSION TEAM**

## Call to Discipleship

One: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ,  
a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind;

**All: The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;  
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;  
the maintenance of divine worship;  
the preservation of the truth;  
the promotion of social righteousness;  
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven in the world.**

## Commissioning Prayer

## Charge

## THE WORD ENACTED

The Sacrament of Baptism

## THE TIME FOR TEENS

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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sugar Slabaugh

## THE WORD READ

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 46:1-4

(pew Bible, page 589)

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 6:25-33

(pew Bible, page 787)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“A GOOD WORD ABOUT GRAY HAIR” The Rev. Dr. Joseph S. Harvard

*“Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”*

*Joshua 1:9*

## THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†**THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison) *from a Declaration of Faith*

God kept God's promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy, and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now He is Lord. Amen.

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Statement of Ordination and Installation

Constitutional Questions for the Church Officers and Congregation

Prayer of Dedication and Installation and the Laying on of Hands

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Welcome and Charge

## †HYMN OF REFLECTION

“Here I Am, Lord”

Hymn No. 525

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel

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.

## Isaiah 46:1-4

Bel bows down; Nebo stoops;  
their idols are on beasts and cattle;  
these things you carry are loaded  
as burdens on weary animals.

<sup>2</sup>They stoop; they bow down together;  
they cannot save the burden  
but themselves go into captivity.

<sup>3</sup>Listen to me, O house of Jacob,  
all the remnant of the house of Israel,  
who have been borne by me from your birth,  
carried from the womb;  
<sup>4</sup>even to your old age I am he;  
even when you turn gray I will carry you.  
I have made, and I will bear;  
I will carry and will save.

## Matthew 6:25-33

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,<sup>[a]</sup> or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life?<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God<sup>[c]</sup> and his <sup>[d]</sup> righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(We celebrate that some people choose to give electronically or by texting FIRSTSCOTS to 73256)

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "Immortal, Invisible" Eric Thiman

**†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. Joseph S. Harvard

**†BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "The Grace of our Lord Jesus" K. Lee Scott

**†POSTLUDE** "Dialogue sur les grands jeu (*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 loving memory of Sara Craig Kirkland Purcell by her husband James L. Purcell,  
her children, and her grandchildren.

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**TODAY WE COMMISSION OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MISSION TEAM** to ministry at the  
Thornwell Home for Children from June 25th - 30th. Mission team members include  
Oliver Bernard, Simon Ford, Charlie Gresham, Wesley Hider, Maggie Wall, Baker Wallace, and  
Elizabeth Yount (youth); John McNeill, James Rogers, and Jennifer Wallace (chaperones).

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**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** will be administered to Elizabeth Jo McEaddy Hart (Eliza)  
at the 10:00 A.M. service. She is the daughter of Alex Hart & Caroline McEaddy.  
Administered by The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers. Elder Hunter Dawson will assist.

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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 Karen Prewitt.

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## ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

**GREETERS:** Strait Fairey, Hammond Unger

**COFFEE GREETER:** Greg McKenzie

**USHERS:** Robert Hawk (Captain), Clark Truluck, Haylea Shuman, Jane McNeill

**DEACONS:** Chantal Byrne (Lead Deacon), Margaret Todd Truluck (Assist. Deacon)

**BEADLE:** Graham Heller

**LAY READER:** Sugar Slabaugh

**MEDIA MINISTRY:** Dan Daniel

**PASTOR ON CALL** (June 26 - July 1) - Mrs. Mary B. Robinson (843-872-1527)

**PASTOR ON CALL** (July 2) - The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel (843-640-5850)

**ELDER ON CALL** (June 26 - July 2) – Bob Dawson (704-999-2385)

**DEACON ON CALL** (June 26 - July 2) – Lindsey Melville (908-803-6505)

## 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 #525: “Here I Am, Lord”

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry,  
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
(Refrain) Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?  
(Refrain)

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?  
(Refrain)

## 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)



## Today's Guest Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Joseph S. Harvard

Joe Harvard served as the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Durham, North Carolina for 33 years before retiring in May, 2013. Previously he served congregations in Atlanta, GA; Tallahassee, FL; and Louisville, KY. Joe is active in the Durham community having served on numerous boards and having been involved in many organizations. Joe is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, formerly served on the Board of Trustees and was chair of the committee that called Laura Mendenhall as the 8th president of CTS. He received the Distinguished Service



Award from CTS in 2008.

He was introduced into the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by the Governor of North Carolina in 2013.

After Dr. Massie's retirement, Joe served as Interim Pastor of First (Scots).

Joe and his wife Carlisle celebrated their 50th anniversary in August 2014. She directed the International Program at Duke University for 21 years. They have two children and three granddaughters.

Joe is an avid basketball fan.

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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:**

**August 27th, September 17th, October 1st & 8th, November 19th**

If interested, please contact Karen Kuhn, [kkuhn@first-scots.org](mailto:kkuhn@first-scots.org) in the church office.

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## Youth Group Lunch, June 27th

Our fourth weekly youth lunch of the summer is this Tuesday (June 27th) from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Meet at La Carreta on James Island 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](https://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!

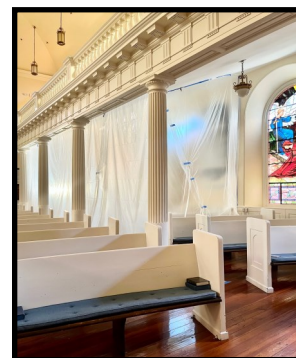
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## Ongoing Sanctuary Repairs

Our sanctuary is currently undergoing routine repairs which call for the closure of certain areas of the sanctuary

throughout the summer.

As this is ongoing, we encourage worshippers to avoid this area during worship and ask you to please sit in one of the open





### **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](mailto: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](mailto:tdaniel@first-scots.org) by the Wednesday before the Sunday class.

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### **Hands of Christ Back-To-School Program**

The mission of Hands of Christ is to provide school uniforms and school supplies to children whose families are in need of assistance.

This year First (Scots) will be donating socks and underpants for children in 4K - 5th grade.

On Saturday, August 12th from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., First (Scots) will work with Second Presbyterian Church to host an in-person distribution and MANY volunteers are needed!

If you have participated in an in-person event, you will know how rewarding and fun it is to deal with these elementary kids! If you have not, join us and help be the Hands of Christ reaching out to help each child have a positive, exciting beginning of school!

For more information, please contact Shannon Ravenel, Betsy Martin, or Anne Dukes.

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### **Church Office Schedule Update**

The First (Scots) Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Regular business hours will resume on Wednesday, July 5th.