FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 16, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M. SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

"Sheep May Safely Graze"

J.S. Bach

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

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Mrs. Mary B. Robinson

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Flower Guild

Julianne Farnsworth

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

"Praise the Lord, Be Joyful"

F.J. Haydn/arr. Hopson

Margaret Cook, soprano

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lift up the gates of your soul, open the closed doors of your mind,

All: that the King of Glory may come in!

One: Who is this king of glory?

All: The God of countless hosts, this is the King of Glory!

+†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"From All That Dwells Below the Skies"

Hymn No. 229

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, we confess to Thee the wrong ideals and sinful living which have cut us off from you. We have been greedy. We have sought to hide behind barricades of selfishness. We have tried to isolate ourselves from the wounds of the world. In our self-sufficiency, we have not sought your help. We have wasted time while the world bled. We have sought to solve our differences only through self-interest. Lord God of Hosts, forgive us, we pray. O God, by Thy guidance and Thy power, may we be keenly sensitive to all the unresolved injustice and wrong still in our midst. Hear this our prayer, and grant that we may confidently expect to see it answered in our time; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.¹

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

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Simon Marak

I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus;

I have decided to follow Jesus;

No turning back, no turning back.

(Sing $\times 2$)

¹ From a prayer by Peter Marshall (b. Scotland 1902), originator of the service of the Kirkin' o' Tartan in the United States

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

The Rev. John Murdoch

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

THE TIME FOR TEENS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Martha Jane Hudnall

THE WORD READ Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 24

(pew Bible, page 436)

New Testament Lesson: Luke 10:25-37

(pew Bible, page 844)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"BLESSINGS, VOWS, DECISIONS"

The Rev. John Murdoch

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

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Hymn No. 438

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

"Simple Gifts"

Shaker Tune/arr. Aaron Copland

†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

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Hymn No. 356

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. John Murdoch

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Christ Now Go Before Us"

Schubert/arr. Hopson

†Postlude

"Hornpipe"

G.F. Handel

Psalm 24

- ¹ The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it,
- ² for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.
 - ³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?
 - ⁴Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully.
 - ⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from the God of their salvation.
 - ⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. [a] Selah
- ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!
- ⁸ Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.
- ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!
- Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. [a] "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend." ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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 TODAY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Suzanne Cross' 98th birthday on July 14th from Christine & Tommy McGee.

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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 Martha Jane Hudnall.

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ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETERS: Chris Bucknam, Anne Jackson

COFFEE GREETER: John Marko, Sr., Debbie Rice-Marko

USHERS: Harold Davis (Captain), Greg Robinson, Michael Johnson, John Metcalf **DEACONS:** Debbie Rice-Marko (Lead Deacon), Ansley Feussner (Assist. Deacon)

BEADLE: Stephen Carnie

LAY READER: Martha Jane Hudnall **MEDIA MINISTRY:** Matt Bucknam

PASTOR ON CALL (July 17 - July 21) - Mrs. Mary B. Robinson (843-872-1527)

PASTOR ON CALL (July 22 - July 23) - The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel (843-640-5850)

ELDER ON CALL (July 17 - July 23) - Scott Evans (843-860-4884)

DEACON ON CALL (July 17 - July 23) – Karen Danielowski (843-557-3203)



The Reverend Dr. L. Holton Siegling Jr., Senior Pastor The Reverend Dr. James T. Rogers, Associate Pastor The Reverend Tracey W. Daniel, Associate Pastor Mrs. Mary B. Robinson, Parish Associate



Deanna Barteet, Church Administrator
Shelby Olinger, Church Accountant
Karen Kuhn, Administrative Assistant
Rebecca McNeill, Communications and Volunteer Coordinator
Linda Deeter, Administrative Assistant to the Pastors
Alex Birrueta, Sexton
Martha Ann Siegling, Christian Education Assistant

Daniel Sansone, Director of Music & Organist Ricard Bordas, Director of Choral Music Jennifer Cromwell, Kindergarten Director Christina Wilhoit, Handbell Choir Nancy Hunsicker, Food Services Director Garry Stone, Facility Maintenance Coordinator Ian Giancursio, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Hymn #229: "From All That Dwells Below the Skies"

1 From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through every land, by every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 In every land begin the song,
To every land the strains belong:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sounds all voices raise
And fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word: Alleluia! Alleluia! Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, Till suns rise and set no more. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn #438: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear, And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

4 From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free; And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 356

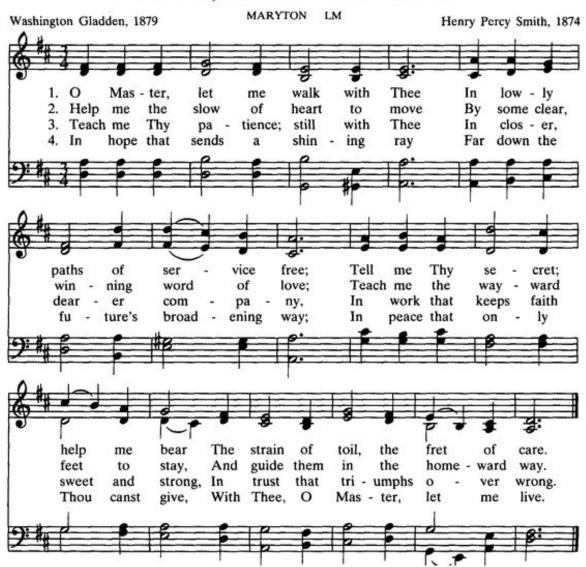
Robert Robinson, c. 1758

- Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
 Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!
- Here I raise my Ebenezer,
 Hither by Thy help I'm come;
 And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
 Safely to arrive at home.

Tune: NETTLETON, opposite.

- Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.
- 3. O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 357



July's 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 serve as our Pastor-in-Residence. From the west of Scotland, Rev. Murdoch was educated at the Universities of Durham, Edinburgh and St. Andrews. Ordained in Edinburgh in 1979 as a Minister of the Church of Scotland, he became an Army Chaplain for six years, serving in London, Northern Ireland, Germany, Hong Kong, and Cyprus. This was followed by some years in School Chaplaincy in UK and Switzerland before becoming a Parish Minister on east and west Scottish coasts in Argyll, Angus, and Fife. John and his wife Diana share six children and several grandchildren.





Farewell Reception for Tracey Daniel and Dan Sansone

We hope you will join us in Molly Wier Hall on Sunday, August 6th for a farewell reception for the Rev. Tracey Daniel and Dan Sansone immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service.

In the weeks prior to the reception, cards will be available in the church office and in the reception area of the Massie Building for those who wish to share a message with Tracey or Dan.

For any questions, please contact Dave Neff, Karen Prewitt, Jane McNeill, Kathy Davis, or Linda Stout.



Vacation Bible School Payments

We are so excited for Vacation Bible School which will take place from July 31st - August 4th! If you have registered your child, but have not yet submitted your payment of \$50 per child, please make sure to do so. Payment can be made online via E-giving, www.abundant.co/firstscots/give, designating payment to "Vacation Bible School".

For any questions, please contact the Rev. Tracey Daniel, tdaniel@first-scots.org.



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 23rd – Reformed Church Roots: Church of Scotland July 30th - Ecumenism Today.

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.



Youth Summer Lunch - July 18th

Our sixth weekly youth lunch of the summer is Tuesday, July 18th from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Meet at Huey Magoo's in North Charleston 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.

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.



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 of 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.



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.



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 sections of the sanctuary.

For further questions, please contact Whit Smith, wsmith@charlestonpilots.com.

