

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 30, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Elegy”

George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

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

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

“Morning Has Broken”

BUNESSAN

Katherine Clarkson, soprano

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: To those who are hungry, Jesus says:

All: **“Come and eat! There’s more than enough for all!”**

One: To those who are thirsty, he says:

All: **“Come and drink! It’s free for the taking!”**

One: Stop wasting your money on food that doesn’t satisfy.

All: **Come to Me, and you will find everything you need!”**

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

Hymn No. 430

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, we remember with gratitude those people who generously sowed the seeds of faith in our lives. Above all, we recognize how you have blessed our lives with the gift of the Holy Spirit so that our faith has miraculously and mysteriously grown. We confess the times we fail to involve ourselves in planting any seeds of faith in the lives of others; the times when we have denied others the opportunity to expand their faith through our lack of interest or involvement. Lord Jesus Christ, we know that when we become disconnected from you, our lives become parched and unfruitful and our faith becomes stunted and dry. Bless and renew our lives, we pray, that we may bear the fruit of your mercy, your love, and your undying life. 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

“Seek Ye First”

Hymn No. 333

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

Slade Metcalf

THE WORD READ

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Kings 3:5-15

(pew Bible, page 266)

New Testament Lesson: John 3:1-16

(pew Bible, page 863)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED “SEEK, FOLLOW, AND SERVE THE LORD IN FAITH”

The Rev. John Murdoch

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) *from Chapter 16 of The Scots Confession of 1560*

As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of [people] chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace him by true faith in Jesus Christ, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus. The Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

COMMISSIONING OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel

†HYMN OF REFLECTION

“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

Hymn No. 426

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

“Day by Day”

Martin How

†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

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Hymn No. 210

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. John Murdoch

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Forth in the Name of Christ We Go”

Schütz/arr. Hopson

†POSTLUDE

“Voluntary in D Major”

John Stanley (1712-1786)

1 Kings 3:5-15

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” ⁶ And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?”

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you. ¹³ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. ¹⁴ If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

¹⁵ Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem, where he stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. He offered up burnt offerings and offerings of well-being and provided a feast for all his servants.

John 3:1-16

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus^[a] 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.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”^[b] ⁴ 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?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You^[c] must be born from above.’^[d] ⁸ The wind^[e] 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.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

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

¹⁶ “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.

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 loving memory of Nancy Dinwiddie Hawk from the children & grandchildren of John & Nancy Hawk.

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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 Nonie Crosby.

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ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETERS: Jane McNeill, John McNeill

COFFEE GREETER: Courtney Buxton

USHERS: Jon Bolt (Captain), Matt Thomas, Gene Childers, Brad Morrison

DEACONS: Ginger Liner (Lead Deacon), Wesley Henderson (Assist. Deacon)

BEADLE: Jan Key

LAY READER: Slade Metcalf

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Spath

PASTOR ON CALL (July 31st - August 6th) - The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel (843-640-5850)

ELDER ON CALL (July 31st - August 6th) – Greg Jones (843-729-7661)

DEACON ON CALL (July 31st - August 6th) – Gene Childers (864-490-2361)



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



Stephen Ministry

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 #430: “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

1 Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

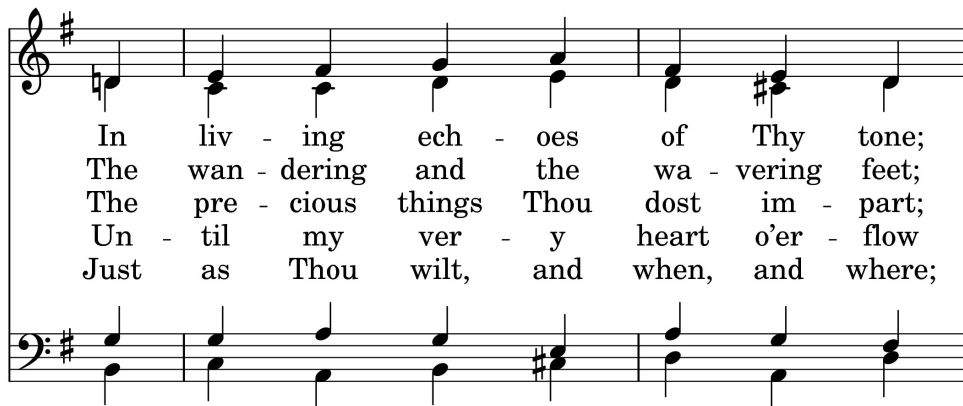
2 Long years have come and gone,
And still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

3 Let courage be our friend,
Let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

4 Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o’er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!



1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
 2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
 4. O fill me with Thy full - ness, Lord,
 5. O use me, Lord, use ev - en me,



In liv - ing ech - oes of Thy tone;
 The wan - dering and the wa - vering feet;
 The pre - cious things Thou dost im - part;
 Un - til my ver - y heart o'er - flow
 Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;



As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
 O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
 And wing my words, that they may reach
 In kin - dling thought and glow - ing word,
 Un - til Thy bless - ed face I see,

Presbyterian Hymnal 426
 Text: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872
 Music (CANONBURY, LM): Robert Schumann, 1839



Thine err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 Thy hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 The hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.
 Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glo - ry share.

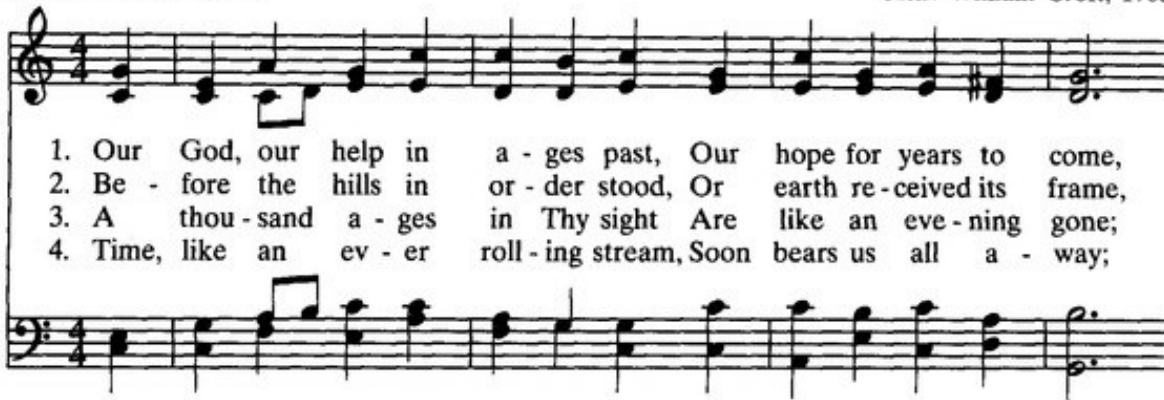
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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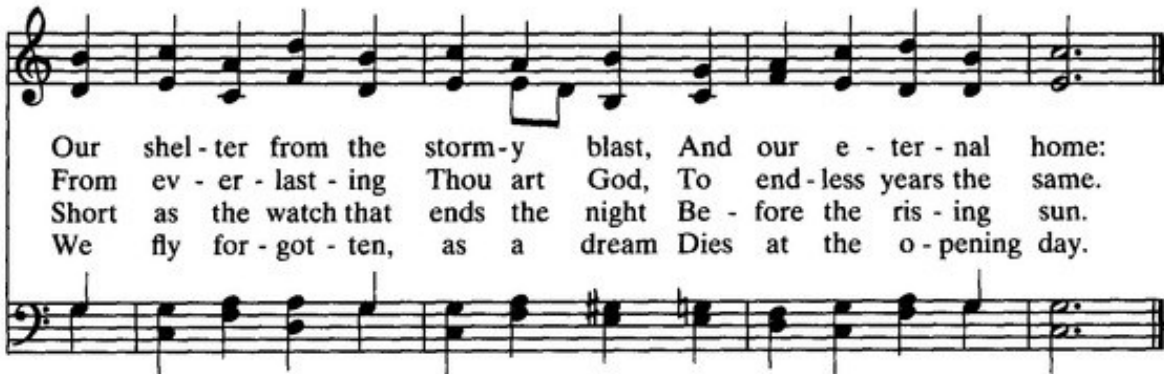
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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Attr. William Croft, 1708



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived its frame,
 3. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
 4. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;



Our shel - ter from the storm-y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - pening day.

5. Our God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
 And our eternal home.

July's Guest Pastor: The Rev. John Murdoch

Today is our last Sunday with our July Pastor-in-Residence, the Rev. John Murdoch. We have been so blessed to have him with us and thank him for the time he has spent with First (Scots)! 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.



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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.

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Charleston Atlantic Presbytery Event: S.T.E.P.S. 2023

What is this S.T.E.P.S. thing anyway? The acronym stands for Studying, Teaching, Equipping, Praying, and Serving and is the annual faith formation and leader development event sponsored by Charleston Atlantic Presbytery for all members of the 47 churches and two worshipping communities that make up our presbytery. Participants have an opportunity to participate in workshop sessions and worship together.

Registration information may be found on the Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery website or ask your pastor and clerk of session about getting a copy of the brochure.

We hope you will join us on August 26th at the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church!

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Presbyterian Women Annual Fall Gathering

All Presbyterian Women are invited to attend....

First (Scots) Presbyterian Women Annual Fall Gathering

Tuesday, September 12th at the home of Anne Jackson

6:30 p.m.

Drop by to reconnect with your friends!

Please RSVP to Laura Beall, l.beall@icloud.com.



It's never too late to set a new goal or dream a new dream. – C. S. Lewis

Only 32% of Americans could cover a \$5,000 emergency without borrowing. Are you one of those?

First (Scots) again will offer the nine-week Financial Peace University class this fall.

Video/discussion classes are tentatively scheduled from 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, September 20th – November 15th.

For more information contact Carol Rees, 618-402-9304.

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Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study

WHAT: *The Bible: Six Themes Everyone Should Know* by Barry Ensign-George

WHEN: Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. September 12th through October 24th

WHERE: Room 203 in the Massie Building

RSVP: Ruthie Edwards, halvesouthern1@gmail.com

Martha Jane Hudnall and Ruthie Edwards will lead this study which focuses on six major Biblical themes. This foundational framework begins in the early chapters of Genesis, spans the chapters of the Bible, and ends in the book of Revelation. We will consider: What do these themes mean? What is the meaning of each Biblical theme for the life of faith? What do these Biblical themes mean for the church today?

This book is available on-line: Amazon, Christian Book Distributors, the PCUSA Store, as well as other sites.

The cost of the book is \$12.

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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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Vacation Bible School

We are so excited for Vacation Bible School which will start THIS MONDAY from July 31st - August 4th! Vacation Bible School will begin each day in the Massie Building at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at 1:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to a STELLAR week!

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