

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 6, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE "Rhosymedre" Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
(May the beginning of the prelude serve as an invitation to silent meditation and prayer.)

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP The Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Massie

†**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

INTROIT "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" Genevan Psalter
Summer Choir

†**CALL TO WORSHIP** The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel

One: Jesus brought healing love to all people.

All: They talked and marveled about his miracles,

One: but they, like us, were slow to change their lives.

All: Keep our minds and spirits open to your life-changing words in our worship this day.

†**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" Hymn No. 482

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, the story of Jacob shows your willingness to enter the messiness of our human struggles—into fractured relationships, family differences, un-reconciled situations with people we care about. Help us to wrestle with the conflicting values, desires and pressures that confront us daily so that we can unclench our hands and open ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Only then can we fully embrace others in their pain—and be embraced—in the name of Christ. 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** "Abide with Me" Henry Francis Lyte

*I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.*

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN "This Little Light of Mine" African-American spiritual
Vacation Bible School children

THE TIME FOR TEENS

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Michael Johnson

THE WORD READ

First Lesson: Genesis 28:10-22

(pew Bible, page 22)

Second Lesson: Genesis 32:6-12, 22-32

(pew Bible, page 26)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED "BETHEL AND JABBOK: OF DREAMS AND STRUGGLES"

The Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Massie

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Mrs. Mary B. Robinson

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to Whom we must cleave, Whom alone we must serve, Whom only we must worship, and in Whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. We most surely believe that God preserved, instructed, multiplied, honored, adorned, and called from death to life His kirk in all ages since Adam until the coming of Christ Jesus in the flesh. Amen.

†HYMN OF REFLECTION

"O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand"

Hymn No. 269

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

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

African-American spiritual

†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

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Hymn No. 326

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Massie

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen"

Peter C. Luitkin

†POSTLUDE

"(Psalm 19) The Heavens Declare Thy Glory"

Benedetto Marcello

Genesis 28:10-22

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a stairway^[a] set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the LORD stood beside him^[b] and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed^[c] in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel,^[d] but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹ so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, ²² and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God’s house, and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you.”

Genesis 32:6-12, 22-32

⁶The messengers returned to Jacob, saying, “We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him.” ⁷Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed, and he divided the people who were with him and the flocks and herds and camels into two companies, ⁸thinking, “If Esau comes to the one company and destroys it, then the company that is left will escape.”

⁹And Jacob said, “O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD who said to me, ‘Return to your country and to your kindred, and I will do you good,’ ¹⁰I am not worthy of the least of all the steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two companies. ¹¹Deliver me, please, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I am afraid of him; he may come and kill us all, the mothers with the children. ¹²Yet you have said, ‘I will surely do you good and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted because of their number.’ ”

²²The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” ²⁷So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸Then the man^[a] said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel,^[b] for you have striven with God and with humans^[c] and have prevailed.” ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel,^[d] saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.” ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

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 their parents & grandparents and in honor of their children & grandchildren
by Tom & Jane Ray.

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CONGRATULATIONS & PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING for the birth of Hamilton Beaumont
Legare Stevens (Beau) on Tuesday, July 25th. He is the son of Robert & Laura Stevens.

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FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR THE REV. TRACEY DANIEL & DANIEL SANSONE
Today, August 6th, we will not have our regular lemonade and cookies on the portico following
worship. Instead, we invite you to Molly Wier Hall for the Rev. Tracey Daniel & Dan Sansone's
Farewell Reception.

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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 John Robinson.

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ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETERS: Matt Spath, Jack Callahan

USHERS: David Warren (Captain), Caroline Barnes, Gary Gildersleeve, Charles Jordan

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

BEADLE: Bob Baldwin

LAY READER: Michael Johnson

PASTOR ON CALL (August 7th - August 13th) - The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers (843-513-3717)

ELDER ON CALL (August 7th - August 13th) – Tita Massie (843-709-0780)

DEACON ON CALL (August 7th - August 13th) – Virginia Maybank (843-813-7745)



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 #482: “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration!

2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

269 O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand

Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)
John Logan, 1781; alt.

DUNDEE CM

Scottish Psalter, 1615

1. O God of Beth - el, by whose hand Thy peo - ple still are fed,
2. Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent Be - fore Thy throne of grace;
3. Through each per - plex - ing path of life Our wan - dering foot - steps guide;
4. O spread Thy cov - ering wings a - round Till all our wan - derings cease,

Who through this wea - ry pil - grim - age Hast all Thy ser - vants led,
God of past a - ges, be the God Of each suc - ceed - ing race.
Give us each day our dai - ly bread, And rai - ment fit pro - vide.
And at our God's be - loved a - bode Our souls ar - rive in peace.

270 O God, in a Mysterious Way

DUNDEE (fauxbourdon) CM

Scottish Psalter, 1615

William Cowper, 1774; alt.

Arr. Thomas Ravenscroft, 1621

1. O God, in a mys - te - rious way Great won - ders You per - form;
2. Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines Of nev - er - fail - ing skill
3. O fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The clouds you so much dread
4. Our un - be - lief is sure to err And scan Your work in vain;

You plant Your foot - steps in the sea And ride up - on the storm.
You trea - sure up Your bright de - signs, And work Your sov - ereign will.
Are big with mer - cy and shall break In bless - ings on your head.
You are Your own in - ter - pret - er, And You will make it plain.

326 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart


MORECAMBE 10.10.10

George Croly, 1854

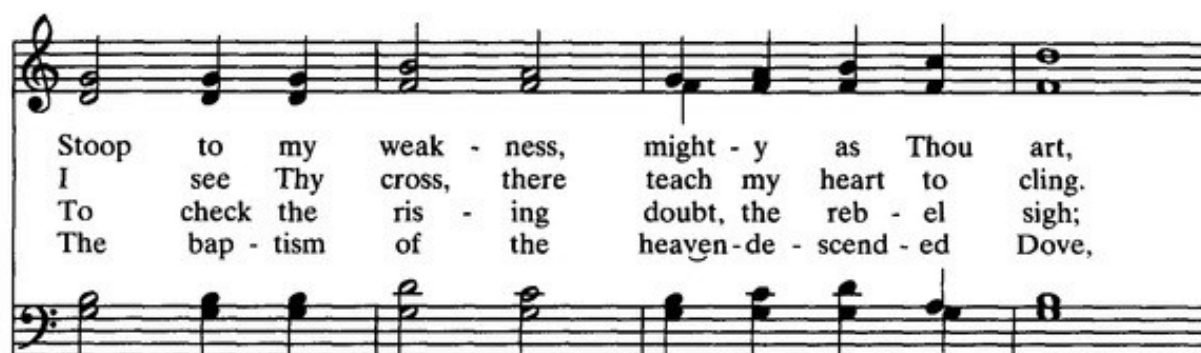
Frederick Cook Atkinson, 1870



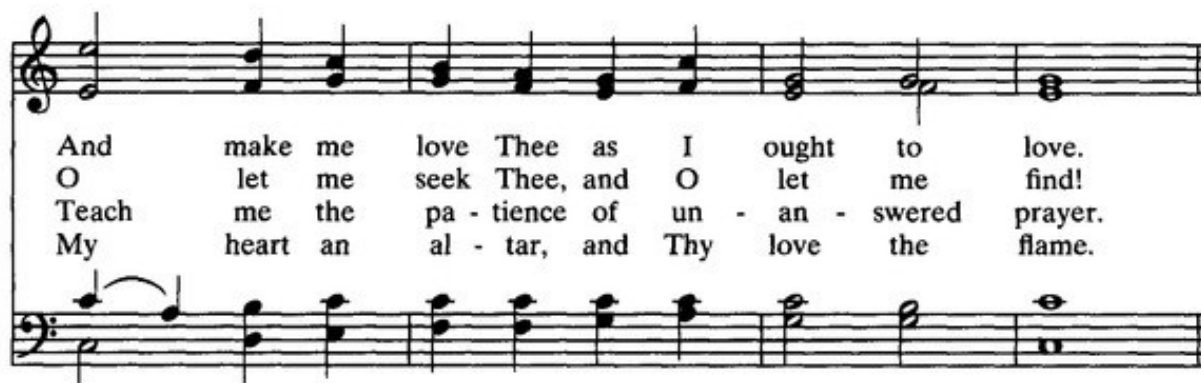
1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2. Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;
 3. Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh;
 4. Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love,



Wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;



Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as Thou art,
 I see Thy cross, there teach my heart to cling.
 To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
 The bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,



And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
 O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 My heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame.

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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Sing with the Summer Choir!

Do you love to sing but haven't been able to commit to the Kirk Choir Wednesday rehearsals?

Join the Summer Choir!

No choir robes needed and no Wednesday rehearsal!

We will sing a very easy repertoire! You do not have to commit to every Sunday, just come to the choir room at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday for a short rehearsal.

The Summer choir will sing **from August 6th until September 3rd.**

We hope to see you there!

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Presbyterian Women Annual Fall Gathering

All Presbyterian Women are invited to attend the First (Scots) Presbyterian Women Annual Fall Gathering.

There will be two opportunities to attend on Tuesday, September 12th:

12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. in the Kirk House

6:30 p.m. at the home of Anne Jackson

Drop by to either or both to reconnect with your friends!

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

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Financial Peace University

Imagine your kids never knowing debt.

The average American household spends 24 percent of take-home pay on consumer debt. It doesn't have to be that way. 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.



RSVP for Carowinds

On Monday, August 14th we're meeting at the Kirk House (62 King Street) at 8:30 a.m., traveling to Carowinds amusement park in Charlotte, NC, spending the day experiencing the rides and water park, and returning to the Kirk House at 11:00 p.m.

Participants will need to pack a bag lunch to enjoy on the ride to Carowinds, bring money for dinner at Chickfila on the way home, and submit a Youth Permission and Release Statement (if one isn't already on file at the church). Those that want to experience the waterpark should pack a bag that includes a swimsuit, sunscreen, towel, and money to share a locker (\$5).

Reserve your spot by using our Carowinds SignUpGenius and turning in \$40 through First (Scots) E-giving (designating the payment to the Youth Group Activity Fund and adding the youth name to the memo line).

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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.