

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 20, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE "O Rest in the Lord" from *Elijah* transcribed by N.W.H.
(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

MINUTE FOR MISSION Kirk Club Beth Evans

†**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

INTROIT "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord" Byrd/arr. Hal H. Hopson
Summer Choir

†**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come before God as equal in God's sight.

All: **God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.**

One: None of us is perfect and without blemish.

All: **Yet God has called us children and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.**

One: We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

All: **Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours abundant love on us. Amen.**

†**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Hymn No. 464

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Dear God, we can get caught up in selfish pursuits and completely overlook the wonders of your creation. All around us are majestic reminders of the beauty you offer to us. But are we weak and easily trapped into attitudes of indifference or destructive behavior. You have not given this world to us that we should destroy it, but rather that we should cherish it and make sure that all receive from its bounty. Forgive our overwhelming greed and selfishness. Help us to let go of the petty desires for wealth, position, and power, and bring us into a ministry which proclaims your love and justice for all your people. These things we pray in the name of the Master Servant, Jesus 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** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" African-American spiritual

He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the whole world in His hands.

(continued)

*He's got you and me, brother, in His hands.
He's got you and me, sister, in His hands.
He's got everybody here in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.*

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

Linda Stout

THE TIME FOR TEENS

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carrie Simpson

THE WORD READ

Old Testament Lesson: Joel 2:23-32

(pew Bible, page 741)

New Testament Lesson: Luke 18:9-14

(pew Bible, page 853)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE!"

Mrs. Mary B. Robinson

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†THE APOSTLE'S CREED (unison)

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

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Hymn No. 276

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

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Virgil Thompson

†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

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

Hymn No. 379

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mrs. Mary B. Robinson

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen"

Danish

†POSTLUDE

"Prayer of Thanksgiving"

Dutch folk song/arr. E. Kremser

Joel 2:23-32

²³ O children of Zion, be glad,
and rejoice in the LORD your God,
for he has given the early rain^[a] for your vindication;
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴ The threshing floors shall be full of grain;
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵ I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army that I sent against you.

²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁸ ^[b]Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹ Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days I will pour out my spirit.

³⁰ I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. ³² Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Luke 18:9-14

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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 by the Beall family.

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A MEMORIAL SERVICE is planned for Jim Wilkinson on Wednesday, August 23rd at 2:00 p.m.
at First (Scots). Jim passed away on Saturday, April 15th, 2023.

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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 Michael Johnson.

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ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETERS: Chris Bucknam, Anne Jackson

COFFEE GREETERS: Legare Gresham

USHERS: Greg Robinson (Captain), Joe Thompson, John Metcalf, Anne Dukes

DEACONS: Emily Warr (Lead Deacon), Margaret Todd Truluck (Assist. Deacon)

BEADLE: Bob Baldwin

LAY READER: Carrie Simpson

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Bucknam

PASTOR ON CALL (August 21st - August 27th) - The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers (843-513-3717)

ELDER ON CALL (August 21st - August 27th) – Tod Williams (843-494-5952)

DEACON ON CALL (August 21st - August 25th) – Mayrelle Semken (843-860-6611)

DEACON ON CALL (August 26th - August 27th) – Lindsey Melville (908-803-6505)

MUSICIANS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE: Patrick Boyle, *guest pianist*



The Reverend Dr. L. Holton Siegling Jr., Senior Pastor
The Reverend Dr. James T. Rogers, 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
Martha Ann Siegling, Christian Education Assistant

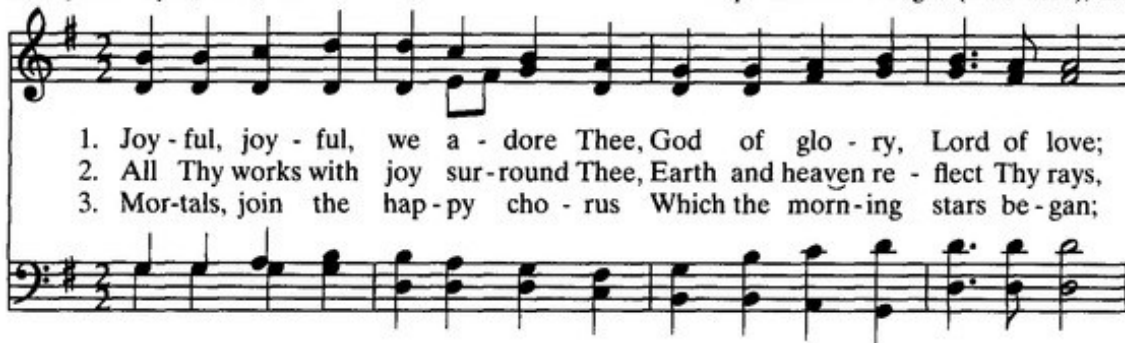
Daniel Sansone, Director of Music & Organist
Ricard Bordas, Director of Choral Music
Jennifer Cromwell, Kindergarten Director
Christina Wilhoit, Handbell Choir
Nancy Hunsicker, Food Services Director
Garry Stone, Facility Maintenance Coordinator
Ian Giancursio, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

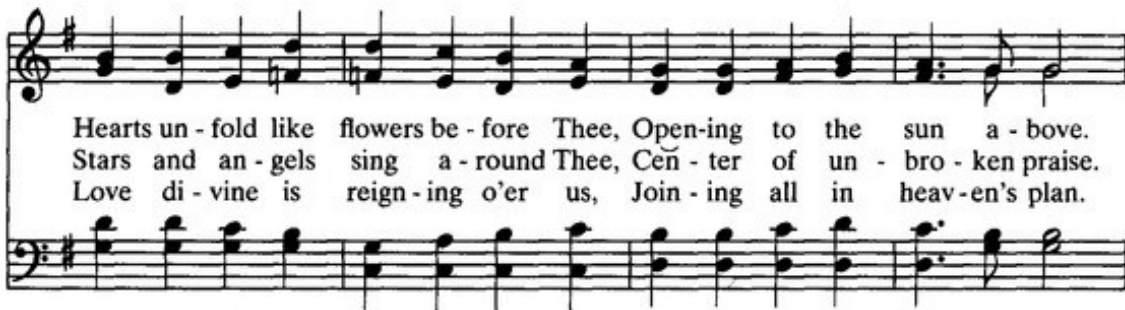
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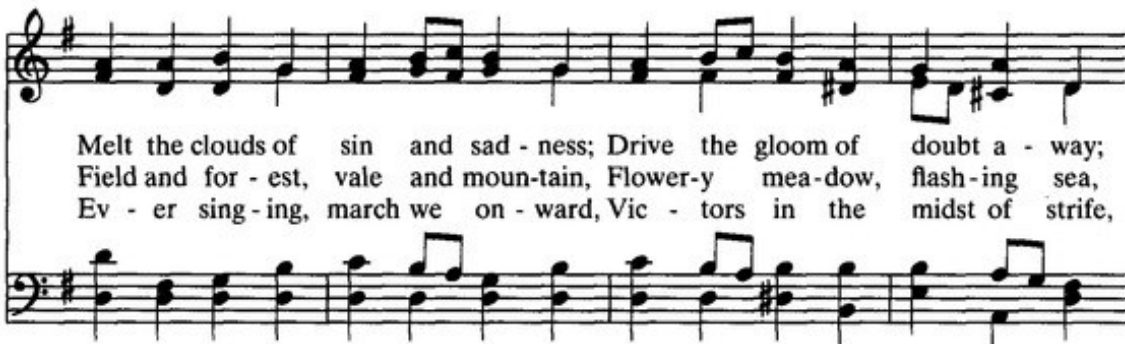
Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); alt.


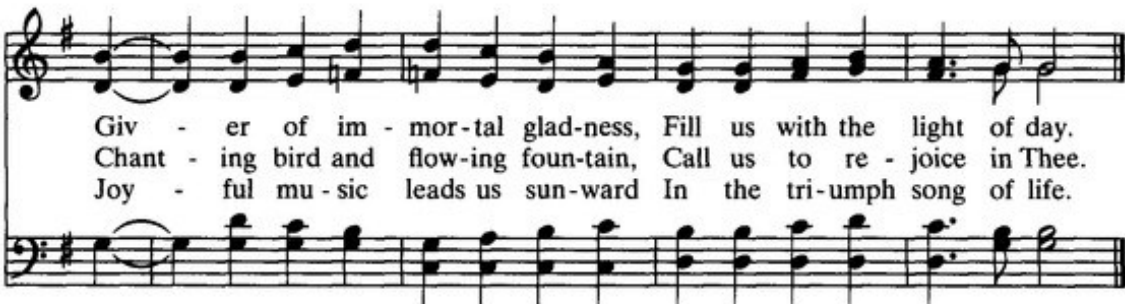
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,
3. Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho - rus Which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open-ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Love di - vine is reign-ing o'er us, Join - ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the gloom of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flower-y mea-dow, flash-ing sea,
Ev - er sing-ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward In the tri-umph song of life.

Hymn #276: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)

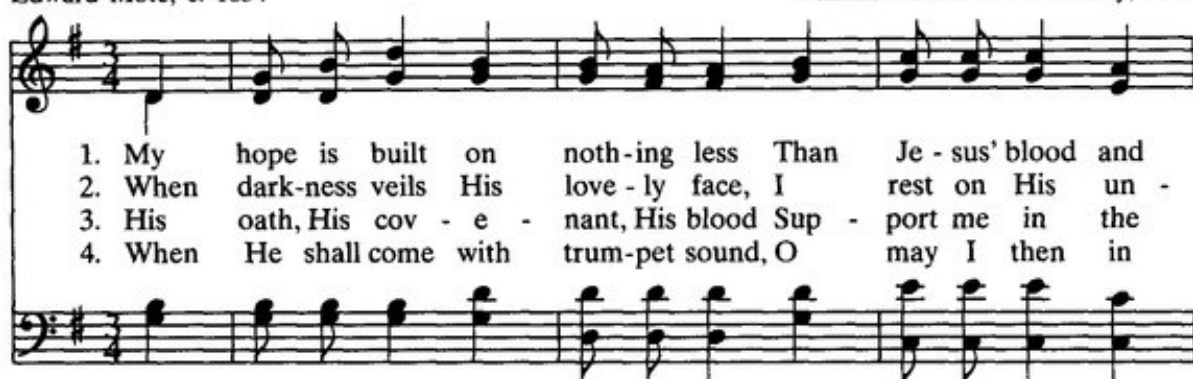
3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

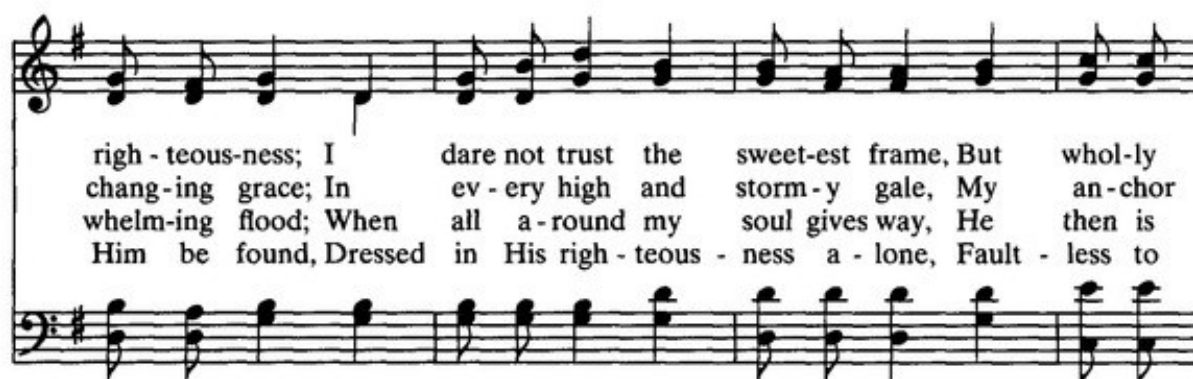
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Edward Mote, c. 1834

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863

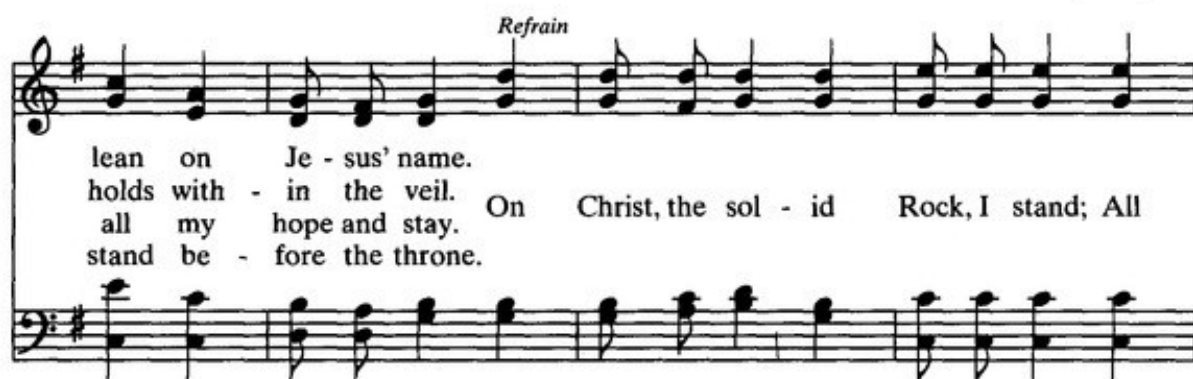


1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark-ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the
 4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

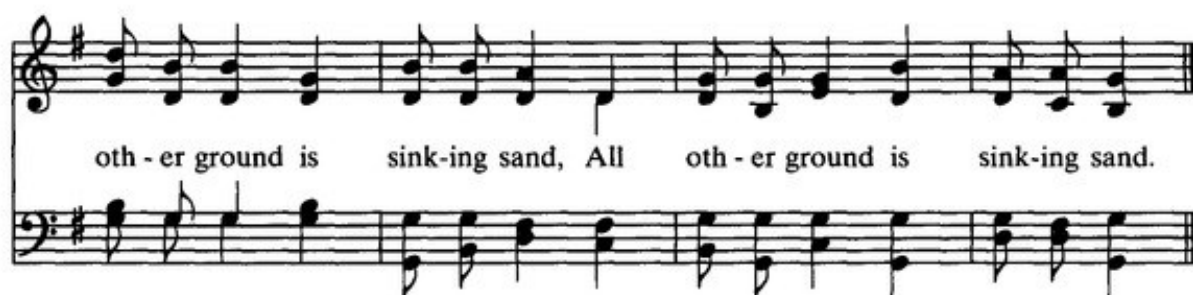


right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly
 chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm-y gale, My an - chor
 whelm-ing flood; When all a-round my soul gives way, He then is
 Him be found, Dressed in His right - teous - ness a - lone, Fault - less to

Refrain



lean on Je - sus' name.
 holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; All
 all my hope and stay.
 stand be - fore the throne.



oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

Alternate tune: MELITA, 562



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 (this gathering is for the Women of the Well Circle and those interested in joining this circle)

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

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

Presbyterian Women September Board Meeting

The Presbyterian Women September Board Meeting will take place on

Tuesday, September 5th at 9:30 a.m. in Room 202.

For additional information, please contact Debbie Rice-Marko, dricemarko@gmail.com or 843-367-8089.

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Kirk Club 2023-2024

Kirk Club has become an essential part of our ministry to children, youth, and their families here at First (Scots)

Presbyterian Church. It provides us with a proven, creative, and enjoyable way for parents and the church to

become partners in helping our children learn and experience what it means to be

children of God and disciples of Jesus Christ.

Kirk Club will begin this year on Wednesday, September 13th from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.,

and registration is now open at www.first-scots.org. The cost is \$100 per child.

We are looking for adult volunteers to assist with Kirk Club on Wednesday afternoons!

If you are able to volunteer, please contact Beth Evans, edacus@gmail.com.

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Sunday School Teachers Needed!

We are looking forward to bringing all of our friends back to K - 5th grade Sunday School in the fall, and we need your help! Please contact Martha Ann Siegling, ceassist@first-scots.org, if you would be willing to serve as

a Sunday School teacher on a rotational basis.



Youth Group Kickoff Party

All youth in grades six through twelve and their parents are invited to attend our Youth Group Kickoff Party on Sunday, September 10th at 5:00 p.m. in Molly Wier Hall!

We will be enjoying food, playing fun games, and learning about upcoming youth activities!

Please add this important event to your calendar!

Want to know more about this opportunity? Please email James Rogers, jrogers@first-scots.org.

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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, halfsouthern1@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 online: Amazon, Christian Book Distributors, the PCUSA Store, as well as other sites. The cost of the book is \$12.

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Looking Ahead - Mark Your Calendars!

This year, Rally Day will be held on Sunday, **September 10th**! Our Rally Day theme is "Living our Legacy".

We will return to two Sunday worship services at 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, **September 10th**.

Wednesday Night Suppers, Mid-Week Chapel Services, and Kirk Club will resume on Wednesday, **September 13th**.

We will resume Sunday School for all ages on Sunday, **September 17th**.

We look forward to seeing you then!

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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.