

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Praeludium in E”

Vincent Lübeck

(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

New Members Class

Keith Blake

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

“Rejoice in the Lord Always”

K. Lee Scott

Summer Choir

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: How shall we live in the love of God?

All: **We will treat one another with fairness and dignity.**

One: How shall we witness God's forgiving love?

All: **We will reach out to others with compassion.**

One: Come, let us worship God who has always loved us.

All: **Let our worship of God be reflected in our lives of hope and peace.**

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“God is Here!”

Hymn No. 461

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we like to think that we do everything well. We pat ourselves on the back when we act with love and mercy towards others, complimenting ourselves in self-righteousness. But you know us better. You know our faults and our failings. You know when we falsely proclaim that we are truly living as you would have us. Teach us again about your forgiving and healing love. Show us the ways of merciful living that we may extend the love and mercy you have given us to others. Forgive us, we pray. For we ask these things in Jesus' name. 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

“This Is My Father's World” (*verse 1*)

Hymn No. 293

This is my Father's world,

And to my listening ears,

All nature sings and round me rings

The music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world:

I rest me in the thought

Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;

His hand the wonders wrought.

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

THE TIME FOR TEENS

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bob Ross

THE WORD READ

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 149

(pew Bible, page 508)

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20

(pew Bible, page 799)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“THE 3 R’S: REPENT! RECONCILE! RESTORE!”

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

“Though I May Speak”

Hymn No. 335

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

“Teach Me, O Lord”

Thomas Attwood

†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

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

Hymn No. 538

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mrs. Mary B. Robinson

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen”

Gabriel Fauré

†POSTLUDE

“Praeludium and Chaconne”

Dietrich Buxtehude

Psalm 149

¹ Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

² Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

³ Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

⁴ For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with victory.

⁵ Let the faithful exult in glory;

let them sing for joy on their couches.

⁶ Let the high praises of God be in their throats

and two-edged swords in their hands,

⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations

and punishment on the peoples,

⁸ to bind their kings with fetters

and their nobles with chains of iron,

⁹ to execute on them the judgment decreed.

This is glory for all his faithful ones.

Praise the LORD!

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you,^[a] go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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 Edward & Elisabeth Lilly by Nancy & Edward Lilly and Richard & Lasca Lilly.

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CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY are extended to the Guerry family on the death of
Harold Eugene Guerry who passed away on Saturday, August 26th.

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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 L.W. McAnally.

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ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETERS: Whit Smith, Joe Thompson

COFFEE GREETERS: Danielle Hood

USHERS: Todd Plaxco (Captain), John White, Sr., Max Marshall, Allison Marshall

DEACONS: Wesley Henderson (Lead Deacon), Dee Pridgen (Assist. Deacon)

BEADLE: Greg Robinson

LAY READER: Bob Ross

MEDIA MINISTRY:

PASTOR ON CALL (September 4th - September 10th) - Mrs. Mary B. Robinson (843-872-1527)

ELDER ON CALL (September 4th - September 10th) – Byron Frick (843-345-8033)

DEACON ON CALL (September 4th - September 10th) – Mayrelle Semken (843-457-7470)

GUEST MUSICIANS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE: Lee Kohlenberg, *organist*



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

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 #461: "God is Here!"

1 God is here! As we Your people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us
Of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit;
Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
Here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome
In the Shepherd's flock and fold,
Here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living
To believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel,
Help us work Your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
All we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without You,
We adore you! We believe!

Hymn #335: “Though I May Speak”

1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain;
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2 Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship and are freed.

538 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS 8.7.8.7.8.7

Attr. John Fawcett, 1773

Stanza 1, line 6, alt. 1774, Conyer's *Collection of Psalms*

Stanza 3 alt. Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)

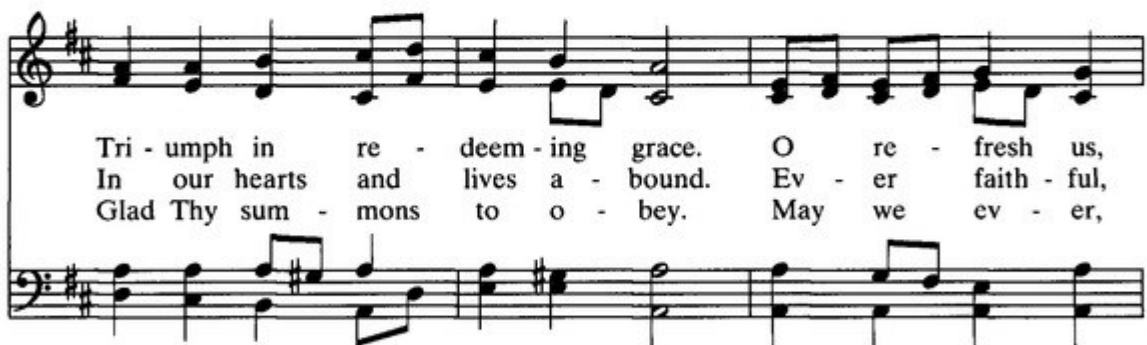
Sicilian melody



1. Lord, dis - miss us with Thy bless - ing; Fill our hearts with
 2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Thy gos - pel's
 3. So that when Thy love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the



joy and peace; Let us each, Thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; May the fruits of Thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, Let no fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad Thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 Ev - er faith - ful To the truth may we be found;
 May we ev - er Reign with Thee in end - less day.



New Members Class

Have you been thinking about becoming more active in the church and joining the membership? If so, a new members class has been scheduled for Saturday, September 30th beginning at 9:00 a.m.

In just a couple of hours, you will have the opportunity to learn more about our church history and member engagement.

Following the class, participants are invited to join the church membership the next day, Sunday, October 1st.

If you are interested in attending this half-day Inquiry Class, please contact Karen Kuhn, kkuhn@first-scots.org or call the church office at 843-722-8882.

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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.

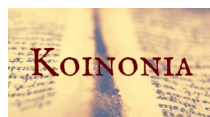
Kirk Club will begin this year on Wednesday, September 13th from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.,

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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Fall Koinonia

Following each of the services on Sunday, September 10th members of the Koinonia program will have tables on the portico for those wishing to join one of the five Koinonia groups this fall.

New members are encouraged to stop by and discover the world of Koinonia.

Please contact Keith Blake, kblakechas@gmail.com, for any questions.



Youth Group Kickoff Party on September 10th

Parents and youth (grades six through twelve), please join us for our country versus country club themed Youth Group Kickoff Party on Sunday, September 10th at 5:00 p.m. in Molly Wier Fellowship Hall.

We will be enjoying food, playing fun games, and learning about upcoming youth activities. Feel free to wear your favorite country or country club themed clothing. Casual clothing is also welcome.

Please RSVP (tinyurl.com/FSYouthKickoff23) by Wednesday, September 6th, so Chef Nancy can prepare a delicious meal for you. Hope to see you there!

Confirmation Class Starts on September 17th

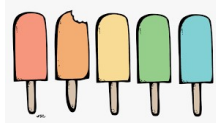
Confirmation at First (Scots) is an eight-month process that prepares youth to publicly profess faith in Jesus Christ and become adult members of the church. Confirmation typically occurs during the eighth-grade year, however older students who have not completed the program are able to participate as well.

Confirmation Class will begin on Sunday, September 17th at 10:00 a.m.

To register for confirmation, please complete the Confirmation Class of 2024 Jotform (tinyurl.com/FSConfirmation24).

Questions about the program? Please contact James Rogers, jrogers@first-scots.org.

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Ice Cream Back-to-School Party

Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship with church friends young and old on Sunday, September 17th from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at 2262 Atlantic Avenue on Sullivan's Island!

Everyone is encouraged to wear their swimsuits and bring chairs to head out to the beach after they eat!

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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.

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Looking Ahead - Mark Your Calendars!

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, **September 4th** in honor of Labor Day.

Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, September 5th.

The Tuesday Morning Men's Breakfast Group will not meet on Tuesday, September 5th.

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**.

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