

# FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

## THE VISION OF GOD

**PRELUDE**

“Fugue in G minor”

Johann S. Bach

**WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP**

The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Charleston Area Justice Ministry

Hank Martin

**†PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**INTROIT**

“God Is In This Holy Place”

Brahms/arr. Hopson (8:45)

*Timmi Winston, mezzo-soprano*

“Jubilate Deo”

Healey Willan (11:15)

*Kirk Choir*

**†CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

One: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

All: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

One: Know that God’s love is lavished upon us forever.

All: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

**†PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “All Creatures of Our God and King” (*verses 1, 3, & 6*)

Hymn No. 455

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Merciful God, we proceed in life with all that makes us who we are; carrying even those burdens we just can’t seem to lay down, the weight of all the scores we long to have settled, the justice we want to demand for the wrongs we have suffered. Yet we also know that if justice was served in our lives, we could not stand. Forgive us our wrongs, and forgive our obsession that justice be done to those who have wronged us. May our worship lead us to the place where our hunger for grace and mercy may be filled, and where we may be freed to forgive just as we have been forgiven. In Jesus’ name we pray. 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**

“Prayer of St. Francis”

St. Francis of Assisi

*Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord. And where there’s doubt, true faith in you.  
O Master grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console.  
To be understood as to understand. To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.  
Make me a channel of your peace. It is in forgiving that we’re forgiven,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying we are born to life.*

**THE TIME FOR CHILDREN**

**THE WORD ENACTED**

The Sacrament of Baptism (8:45)

**TIME FOR TEENS**

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Carrie Simpson (8:45)

Martha Hudnall (11:15)

**THE WORD READ**

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 69:1-3, 19-36

(pew Bible, page 462)

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

(pew Bible, page 800)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

"FORGIVING THE WRONG PEOPLE"

The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

### **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**

"When Peace, Like a River"

Horatio Gates Spafford

*1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul." (Refrain)*

*2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control:  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)*

*3 My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)*

*4 O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)*

*Refrain: It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul);  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

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**

"Christ Hath a Garden"

Gerald Near

## Psalm 69:1-3, 19-36

<sup>1</sup> Save me, O God,  
for the waters have come up to my neck.  
<sup>2</sup> I sink in deep mire,  
where there is no foothold;  
I have come into deep waters,  
and the flood sweeps over me.  
<sup>3</sup> I am weary with my crying;  
my throat is parched.  
My eyes grow dim  
with waiting for my God.

They gave me poison for food,  
and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

<sup>22</sup> Let their table be a trap for them,  
a snare for their allies.  
<sup>23</sup> Let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see,  
and make their loins tremble continually.  
<sup>24</sup> Pour out your indignation upon them,  
and let your burning anger overtake them.  
<sup>25</sup> May their camp be a desolation;  
let no one live in their tents.  
<sup>26</sup> For they persecute those whom you have struck down,  
and those whom you have wounded they attack still more. <sup>[b]</sup>  
<sup>27</sup> Add guilt to their guilt;  
may they have no acquittal from you.  
<sup>28</sup> Let them be blotted out of the book of the living;  
let them not be enrolled among the righteous.  
<sup>29</sup> But I am lowly and in pain;  
let your salvation, O God, protect me.

<sup>30</sup> I will praise the name of God with a song;  
I will magnify him with thanksgiving.  
<sup>31</sup> This will please the LORD more than an ox  
or a bull with horns and hoofs.  
<sup>32</sup> Let the oppressed see it and be glad;  
you who seek God, let your hearts revive.  
<sup>33</sup> For the LORD hears the needy  
and does not despise his own who are in bonds.

<sup>34</sup> Let heaven and earth praise him,  
the seas and everything that moves in them.  
<sup>35</sup> For God will save Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah,  
and his servants shall live <sup>[c]</sup> there and possess it;

## Matthew 18:21-35

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven<sup>[a]</sup> times.

<sup>23</sup> “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup> When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, <sup>25</sup> and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup> Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup> But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup> And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup> So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

## †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. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

## †BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Go in Peace and Joy”

M. Franck/arr. H.H. Hopson (8:45)

“Amen”

Felix Mendelssohn (11:15)

## †POSTLUDE

“Arrival of the Queen of Sheba to Praise God”

G.F. Handel

+ + +

## 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.

+ + +

**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY THIS MORNING** are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of their granddaughter, Ellen Sharp Hassell by Elaine & David Neff and Elizabeth & Fleetwood Hassell.

+ + +

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** will be administered to Ellen Sharp Hassell at the 8:45 a.m. service. Sharp is the daughter of Fleetwood Sharp Hassell, Jr. & Ellen Neff Hassell and the granddaughter of Elaine & David Neff and Elizabeth & Fleetwood Hassell. Administered by the Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. Her grandfather, Elder David Neff, will assist.

+ + +

## 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.

Today's docents are Elizabeth Bernat (8:45 a.m.) and Karen Prewitt (11:15 a.m.)

++ +

## ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

**GREETER (8:45 A.M.):** Matt Spath

**GREETERS (11:15 A.M.):** Tom Johnson, Jack Callahan

**COFFEE GREETER:** Margaret Todd Truluck

**USHERS (8:45 A.M.):** Mikell Thaxton (Captain), Chad Covert, Rachel Herbert, John Metcalf, Rob Dillon

**USHERS (11:15 A.M.):** Jon Bolt (Captain), Gary Gildersleeve, Michael Bryan, Bob Ross, Helen Ross

**DEACONS (8:45 A.M.):** Michelle Parks (Lead Deacon), Ann Anderson (Assist. Deacon)

**DEACONS (11:15 A.M.):** Lindsey Melville (Lead Deacon), Mayrelle Semken (Assist. Deacon)

**BEADLE (8:45 A.M.):** Bill Prewitt **BEADLE (11:15 A.M.):** Greg Robinson

**LAY READER (8:45 A.M.):** Carrie Simpson **LAY READER (11:15 A.M.):** Martha Hudnall

**PASTOR ON CALL** (Sept. 18th - Sept. 24th) - The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers (865-513-3717)

**ELDER ON CALL** (Sept. 18th - Sept. 24th) – Julianne Farnsworth (843-469-1069)

**DEACON ON CALL** (Sept. 18th - Sept. 24th) – Lisle Henderson (678-428-1624)

**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

## 455 All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN LM with alleluias

Francis of Assisi, 1225

Trans. and para. William Henry Draper, c. 1910; alt.

*Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; alt.

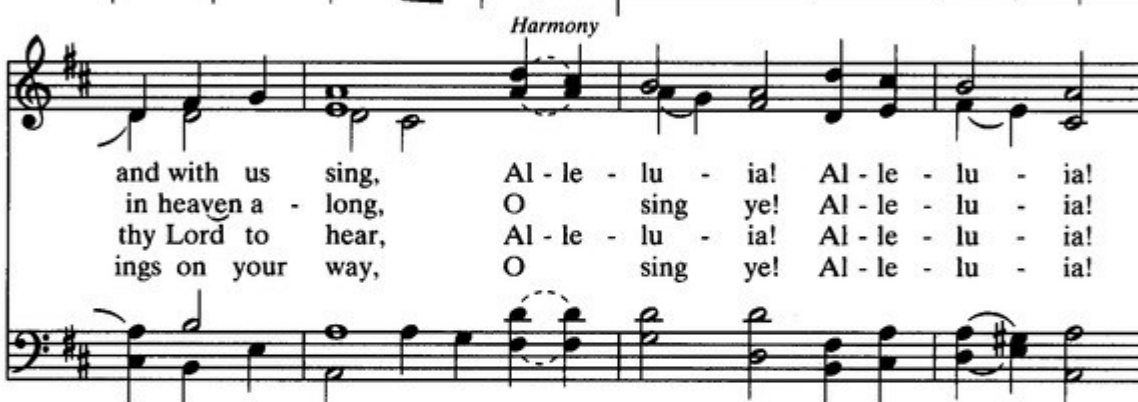
Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

*Unison*



1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice  
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail  
 3. Thou flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for  
 4. Thou fer - tile earth, that day by day Un - fold - est bless -

*Harmony*



and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 in heaven a - long, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 thy Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ings on your way, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*



Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, Thou sil - ver moon with  
 Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, Ye lights of eve - ning,  
 Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, That giv - est us both  
 The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them God's glo - ry

*Harmony*



soft - er gleam,  
 find a voice!  
 warmth and light, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 al - so show!

*Text:* Copyright © 1926 (Renewed) J. Curwen & Sons Ltd. International copyright secured. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission of G. Schirmer, Inc.

*Music:* From the *English Hymnal*, 1906. Used by permission of Oxford University Press.

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 356

Robert Robinson, c. 1758

1. 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!
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.
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.
- Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

Tune: NETTLETON, opposite.

# O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 357

Washington Gladden, 1879

MARYTON LM

Henry Percy Smith, 1874

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The music features a variety of note values, including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are as follows:

1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with Thee In low - ly  
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,  
 3. Teach me Thy pa - tience; still with Thee In clos - er,  
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the

paths of ser - vice free; Tell me Thy se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - ening way; In peace that on - ly

help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, And guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
 Thou canst give, With Thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.



### 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](mailto:kkuhn@first-scots.org) or call the church office at 843-722-8882.

+ + +



### 2023 Parramore Preaching Series

First (Scots) will host our annual Parramore Preaching series on Sunday, September 24th.

This year's Parramore preacher is the Rev. Todd Jones, and he will lead worship for both the 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship services.

Please join us on Monday, September 25th for our Leader's Luncheon which will be held in Molly Wier Hall.

Lunch will be provided and the Rev. Todd Jones will host a brief talk with time after for a Q&A.

Please RSVP for the luncheon to Rebecca McNeill, [rmcneill@first-scots.org](mailto:rmcneill@first-scots.org), by Thursday, September 21st.

+ + +



### 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 starts today at 10:00 a.m. in room 227/228 of the Massie Building.

To register for confirmation, please complete the Confirmation Class of 2024 Jotform ([tinyurl.com/FSConfirmation24](https://tinyurl.com/FSConfirmation24)). Questions about the program? Please contact James Rogers ([jrogers@first-scots.org](mailto:jrogers@first-scots.org)).

### Youth Group, September 17th from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Today, all high school and middle school youth and their families are invited to join the congregation for an ice cream social on Sullivan's Island. Meet at 2262 Atlantic Avenue. Feel free to wear swimsuits and bring footballs, frisbees, games, and chairs for time on the beach.

+ + +

### Bible Study



### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

A new Disciple Class is beginning on Wednesday, September 20th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in Room 203 of the Massie Building. This class will be lead by Rev. Danny Massie and Greg Robinson. Workbooks are \$16 apiece and will cover Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts. You do not need to have taken Disciple I to join this class. No need to register—just come to the first class!

If you would like to have dinner at 6:00 p.m., please call the church office (843-722-8882) by noon on Monday, September 18th to get your name on this list for dinner.





### Wednesday Chapel Service

Please join us for worship on Wednesday, September 20th in the chapel at 5:30 p.m.

### Wednesday Night Supper!

Please make your reservation to Karen Kuhn (kkuhn@first-scots.org or 843-722-8882) in the church office by **NOON on Monday, September 18th** to give Chef Nancy time to prepare.

When you RSVP remember to include your children.

### Menu for September 20th:

Hamburgers, Grilled Vegetables, Israeli Couscous

Kids: None (please specify if needed when making reservation)

Donations for Dinner - \$10 for adults, \$6 for ages 6 - college, free for ages 5 & under,

\$25 for a family. All donations can be paid at the door, through the

First (Scots) giving app or mailed to the church office. Hope to see you there!

+ + +



### Charleston Area Justice Ministry (CAJM)

First (Scots) House Meetings initiate the year of work of the Charleston Area Justice Ministry. At the House Meetings members of First (Scots) consider the stark realities faced by many of our diverse community and how, as people of faith, we can work to build a community in which each of its citizens has access to the necessities of life. First (Scots) members are invited to attend one of the House Meetings and share our concerns about the needs around us and how CAJM can help.

**Tuesday, September 19th, 7:00 p.m.:** Hosted by Roy Hutchinson & Julia Eichelberger.

Call 843-276-2945 or email mrhutch123@bellsouth.net

**Thursday, September 21st, 6:30 p.m.:** Hosted by Betsy & Hank Martin.

Call 843-670-3281 or email martin@muscd.edu

**Tuesday, September 26th, 4:00 p.m.:** Hosted by Blakely Adair & Elizabeth McAnally.

Call 919-606-1025 or 843-795-0112 or email badair71@yahoo.com

**Monday, October 2nd, 6:30 p.m.:** Hosted by Betsy & Hank Martin.

Call 843-670-3281 or email martin@muscd.edu

+ + +



### Fall Koinonia

The Fall Kickoff for Koinonia is under way. Sunday's sign up after both services resulted in many new people joining in the excitement to become involved in a group.

During September, you may still register with Keith Blake, kblakechas@gmail.com,

for any of the following groups:

Second Friday Evening, Second Saturday Afternoon, Second Sunday Afternoon, Third Thursday Evening, Fabulous and Flexible (mostly first Friday evenings) and the new group for young singles and couples, Spares and Pairs.

Spares and Pairs will meet on a Sunday afternoon in October for the purpose of learning what the group would like to do regarding their events.

Koinonia kicks off in October and runs through May.

+ + +



### Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Please see the included insert regarding nominations for the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.