

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 8, 2023 AT 11:15 A.M.
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Voluntary for Double Organ”

Josef Rheinberger (8:45)

“What Wondrous Love This Is”

arr. Susan Geschke (11:15)

“Shall We Gather at the River”

arr. Michael Helman

Handbell Choir

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

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship

Scott Evans

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

“God Is In This Holy Place”

J. Brahms/arr. H.H. Hopson

Katherine Clarkson, soprano

(8:45)

Kirk Choir

(11:15)

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

One: All that we have is a gift from God;

All: **by the grace of God, we live.**

One: As Jesus gave his life for us,

All: **let us offer our lives in worship to the Lord.**

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Hymn No. 288

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. We revel in power and privilege, while many are struggling to survive. We boast of our significant contributions, while some who have little give everything. Forgive us, God of grace. Strip us of all pride and entitlement and clothe us in your mercy, that we may live our lives in joyful service to you and our neighbors; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” (verse 1) African-American spiritual

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

In-a my heart, in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

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

TIME FOR TEENS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dave Neff (8:45)

Bob Ross (11:15)

THE WORD READ

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1, 9-14

(pew Bible, page 293)

New Testament Lesson: Mark 12:41-44

(pew Bible, page 825)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"GETTING PAST ENTITLEMENT" The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†THE APOSTLES' 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

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Hymn No. 306

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

"Nun beut die flur from 'The Creation'"

Franz Joseph Haydn (8:45)

Fresh greenery has now appeared on the meadows

Offering delight to the eyes.

The lovely view is

Lifted higher by the gentle decoration of the flowers.

Herbs smell of balm here;

The cures for wounds are sprouting here.

The branches bend down under the weight of golden fruit;

The group of trees forms a vault here and offers cool protection,

The steep mountain crowns a thick forest.

"If Ye Love Me"

Thomas Tallis (11:15)

†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.

2 Kings 5:1, 9-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Mark 12:41-44

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT “God of Grace and God of Glory” Hymn No. 420

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Amen” John Stainer

†POSTLUDE “Praeludium in G Major” Johann S. Bach

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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 THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and
in loving remembrance of Anne Bruce on her birthday, October 9th, by Jamie, Mac, & Bennett.

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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.

Today's docents are Matt Spath (8:45 a.m.) and Rob Dillon (11:15 a.m.)

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ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETER (8:45 A.M.): Anne Jackson

GREETERS (11:15 A.M.): Chris Bucknam, Scott Evans

COFFEE GREETER: Michelle Parks

USHERS (8:45 A.M.): Dave Neff (Captain), David McCormack, Margaret McCormack,
Alison Beskin, Stephen Ham

USHERS (11:15 A.M.): David Warren (Captain), Keith Blake, Matt Thomas,
Chris Bucknam, Brad Morrison

DEACONS (8:45 A.M.): Mayrelle Semken (Lead Deacon), Ansley Feussner (Assist. Deacon)

DEACONS (11:15 A.M.): Ann Anderson (Lead Deacon), Cate Smith (Assist. Deacon)

BEADLE (8:45 A.M.): Andy Gowder **BEADLE (11:15 A.M.):** Janice Key

LAY READER (8:45 A.M.): Dave Neff **LAY READER (11:15 A.M.):** Bob Ross

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Bucknam

PASTOR ON CALL (October 9th - October 15th) - Mrs. Mary B. Robinson (843-872-1527)

ELDER ON CALL (October 9th - October 15th) - Elizabeth Riddle (843-718-7551)

DEACON ON CALL (October 9th - October 15th) — Emily Warr (843-708-1884)

GUEST MUSICIANS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Handbell Choir: Caroline Barnes, Brenda Dukes, Anne Lewis, Elizabeth McAnally,
Helen Reid, Anne Smith,
Christina Wilhoit, *director*



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
Lee Kohlenberg, Interim Organist
Jennifer Cromwell, Kindergarten Director
Christina Wilhoit, Handbell Choir
Nancy Hunsicker, Food Services Director
Garry Stone, Facility Maintenance Coordinator
Ian Giancursio, Youth Ministry Coordinator

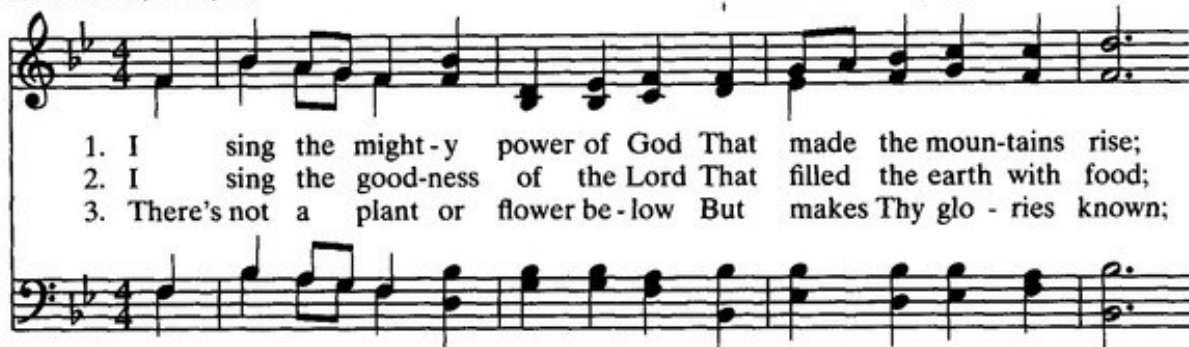
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I Sing the Mighty Power of God

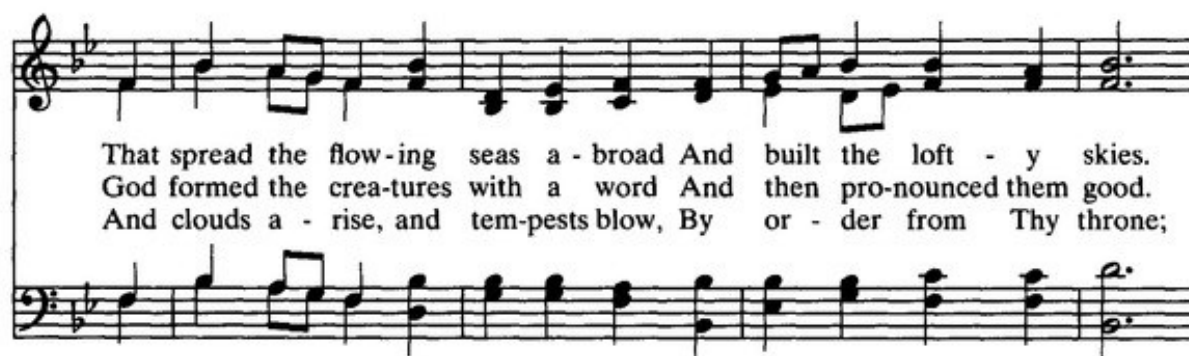
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*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Württembergischen
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*

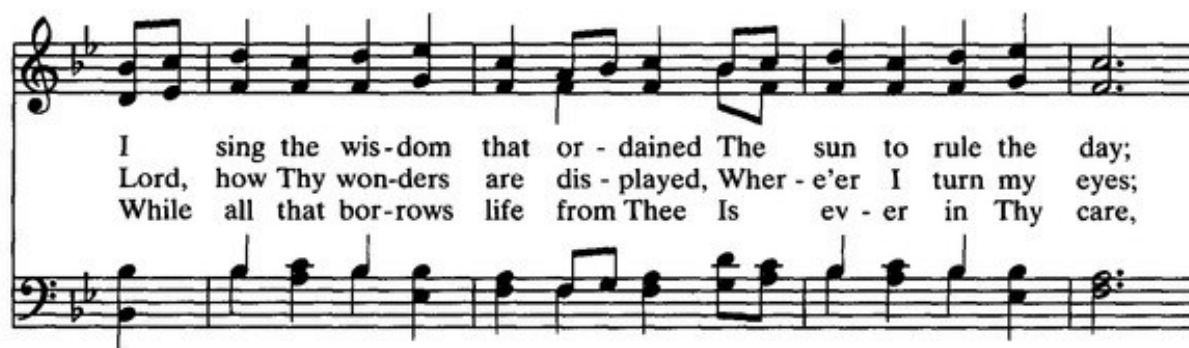
Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.



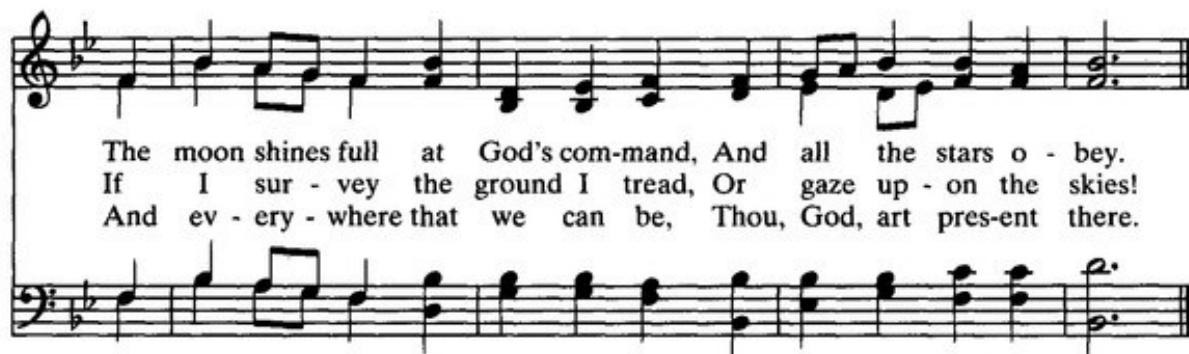
1. I sing the might-y power of God That made the moun-tains rise;
 2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
 3. There's not a plant or flower be-low But makes Thy glo-ries known;



That spread the flow-ing seas a-broad And built the loft-y skies.
 God formed the crea-tures with a word And then pro-nounced them good.
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, By or-der from Thy throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis-played, Wher-e'er I turn my eyes;
 While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev-er in Thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, And all the stars o-bey.
 If I sur-vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up-on the skies!
 And ev-ery-where that we can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.

E \flat A \flat E \flat A \flat B \flat E \flat A \flat Fm E \flat B \flat E \flat

By Your pa - tience and Your cour-age You have taught us work is good.
 You, the Bread of heaven, are bro-ken In the sac - ra - ment of life.

Fairest Lord Jesus

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CRUSADERS' HYMN 5.6.8.5.5.8

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677

Trans. Church Chorals and Choir Studies, 1850; alt.

Silesian folk melody

In Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,

O Thou of God to earth come down, Thee will I cher - ish,
 Robed in the bloom-ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 And all the twin - kling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

Thee will I hon - or, Thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, Who makes the woe-ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an-gels heaven can boast.

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God of Grace and God of Glory

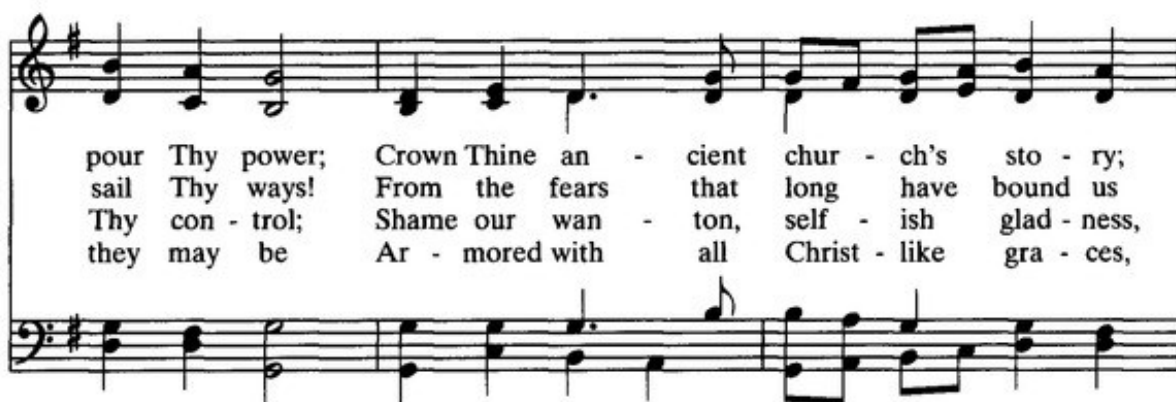
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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

John Hughes, 1907



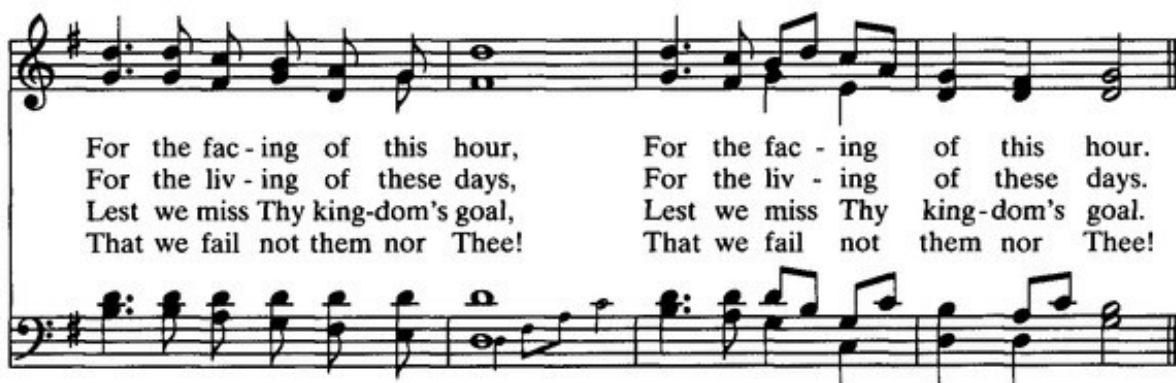
1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that



pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,



Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
 That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!



2024 Stewardship Campaign

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

-2 Corinthians 9:6-7

It's Stewardship season and we need your support! Please check your mailbox for the 2024 pledge card, which you can bring to worship on Celebration Sunday, October 22nd. This year we also have pledge cards for children. These will be available to children during their Sunday School classes.

Plan to join us following the 11:15 a.m. service on October 22nd for a church-wide luncheon to celebrate our commitments to our church and each other.

Can't make it on October 22nd? You can mail your pledge card to the church office or make your 2024 pledge online at www.first-scots.org/stewardship. Thank you for your continued support.

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We're Sending Care Packages!

Are you or is someone in your family in boarding school, college, or graduate school this year? If so, please complete our College/Boarding School Student Address Request Jotform (tinyurl.com/FSCarePackages23).

We will be sending care packages and mailings throughout the year and want to make sure all of our First (Scots) students are included.

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Do You Attend Our Many Activities on Wednesdays?

Check out the new questionnaire that is provided by the Worship, Fellowship, Christian Education, and Congregational Care committees, working together to provide the most meaningful Wednesday evenings possible for our members and friends. You can find the survey online or pick one up at the entrances to the Massie Building and Sanctuary. Surveys are to be returned by October 16th and we will share the results with all of you. For those of you who prefer to send your comments online, please go to www.tinyurl.com/WNSSurvey.

Questions? Feel free to contact Linda Deeter, ldeter@first-scots.org, or 843-722-8882.

We welcome your participation!

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Presbyterian Women October Circle Meetings & Board Meeting

The **Betty Noble Circle** will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 10th at the home of Teresa Tarrant who will lead a discussion on discerning the voice of God and listening to the Holy Spirit.

For more information, please contact Teresa Tarrant, teresatarrant@aol.com, Circle Leader.

The **Seekers Circle** will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11th at the home of Anne Dukes.

They will begin their study of *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*.

For more information, please contact Anne Dukes, dukesanne62@gmail.com, Circle Co-Leader.

The **Unbroken Circle** will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 10th at the home of Joanne Zuraw.

They will begin their study of *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*.

For more information, please contact Julie Cannell, jmcannell@aol.com, Circle Leader.

The **Women at the Well** will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 19th at the home of Clarissa McKenzie. They will enjoy fellowship and a brief discussion of *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. For more information, please contact Clarissa McKenzie, ccmac11@gmail.com.



Wednesday Chapel Service

Please join us for worship on Wednesday, October 11th 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, October 9th** to give Chef Nancy time to prepare.

Menu for October 11th:

Pork Tenderloin, Rice, Vegetable

Kids: Grilled Cheese (please specify if needed when making reservation)

WNS After-Dinner Programming

In addition to our regular Wednesday Night Suppers, we will also be offering a series of after-dinner programming!

October 11th: World Missions - Water Mission's John Lane will provide an update and more information on this year's Walk for Water.

October 18th: Stewardship Night

October 25th: Game Night

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Join the First (Scots) Senior Birthday Club!

You are invited to join the First (Scots) Senior Birthday Club which is open to all First (Scots) members age 80 years and older!

For those who join, Chef Nancy will bake a cake especially for you during the week of your birthday. The Fellowship Committee will then make arrangements to deliver the cake to you in a convenient manner.

We respect your personal information and will not share it; participation is voluntary.

If you would like to join the Birthday Club, please contact Michelle Parks, mcparks6@aol.com.

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Youth Group, October 8th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The **High School Youth** are preparing care packages for our college and boarding school students. It is certainly not required, but feel free to bring food items, Bible verses, and school supplies to include in the forty or so boxes. Individually wrapped items that can easily travel work best. Use your imagination: what would you like to receive in your care package if you were a college or boarding school student?

Meet at the Kirk House.

The **Middle School Youth** are meeting at Breach Inlet (meet at Thomson Park, near the intersection of Jasper Blvd. and Middle St., Sullivan's Island) for a sunset worship service and dinner around the campfire. Footballs, frisbees, guitars, drums, and beach toys are welcome! All participating youth should have a completed Youth Permission and Release Form (tinyurl.com/FSYouthPermission) on file for the 2023-2024 school year. A limited number of rides are available from the Kirk House, departing at 4:30 p.m. sharp and returning at 7:30 p.m., but must be reserved using our Youth Group Transportation SignUpGenius (tinyurl.com/FSYouthRide10-8-23).

An Update on Ian Giancursio

Ian has recently taken on a new position as Chaplain at Star Gospel Mission; however, this isn't goodbye! His position at Star Gospel has uniquely positioned him to provide the First (Scots) youth with insight into the homeless and underprivileged community. Ian will be starting a new group for First (Scots) high school youth that will meet once a month on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. This group will focus on hearing the stories of the men at Star Gospel Mission through their own testimonials. They will also discuss Biblical applications for how we are called to serve those around us who are facing homelessness.

To hear more from Ian, please see his letter in the Kirk News!