

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE “Praeludium of Praise in E Minor” Nicolaus Bruhns
(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 Stewardship Sugar Slabaugh

†**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

INTROIT “O Sing Unto the Lord” Hans Leo Hassler/arr. Hopson
Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Timmi Winston, mezzo-soprano (8:45)
Kirk Choir (11:15)

†**CALL TO WORSHIP** Mary B. Robinson

One: Come away from the valleys of misplaced loyalty.
Come, seeking to meet the God of all worlds.

All: We have come to praise God and give thanks.
We believe God’s steadfast love endures forever.

One: We come together that our faith might be strengthened.
We seek the strength to live by all we profess.

All: God’s awesome deeds saved our ancestors.
Surely God’s steadfast love continues with us.

One: God continues to deliver us in times of distress.
God’s steadfast love endures forever.

All: We rejoice that God is near and available to us.
We hear God welcoming us to this time of prayer.

†**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “How Firm a Foundation” Hymn No. 361

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, you are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. And yet our trust in you is fragile, easily crushed by our bent toward indifference—the dismissal of your faithfulness as a result of our forgetfulness. Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause—an answer to prayer not instantly given, a request for peace not immediately felt. Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making—the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost, the god of illusion, pursued in any form. Lord, have mercy on us, through 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

“Rejoice in the Lord Always”

English

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice!
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say, Rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say, Rejoice!
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice!
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice!

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

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

THE WORD ENACTED

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:15)

TIME FOR TEENS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Regina Yost (8:45)

Tita Massie (11:15)

THE WORD READ

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 23

(pew Bible, page 435)

Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

(pew Bible, page 955)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“WORRYING ABOUT EVERYTHING?”

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) *from A Brief Statement of Faith (10.4)*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

†HYMN OF REFLECTION

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

Hymn No. 345

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Mary B. Robinson

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.

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(We celebrate that some people choose to give electronically or by texting FIRSTSCOTS to 73256)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Pie Jesus”

Andrew Lloyd Webber (8:45)

“Jubilate Deo”

Peter Anglea (11:15)

Please see insert for translations

†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

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

Hymn No. 145

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen”

Luigi Boccherini

†POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”

John Cook

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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 memory of Nancy Dinwiddie Hawk from the children and grandchildren of

John & Nancy Hawk.

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be administered to Charlotte Oliver Jourdan at the 11:15 a.m. service. Charlotte is the daughter of Theo & Emily Jourdan and the granddaughter of Marvin & Sharon Infinger.

Administered by the Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers. Her grandfather, Elder Marvin Infinger, will assist.

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CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING for the birth of Marion Elizabeth Ziegler who was born on Wednesday, September 27th.

She is the daughter of Susanna & Sanford Ziegler.

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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 Nonie Crosby (8:45 a.m.) and Carol Rees (11:15 a.m.)

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ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETER (8:45 A.M.): Whit Smith

GREETERS (11:15 A.M.): Jenks Bailey, Greg Jones

COFFEE GREETER: Emily Warr

USHERS (8:45 A.M.): Robert Hawk (Captain), Haylea Shuman, Mary Peters

USHERS (11:15 A.M.): Amelia White (Captain), Jay White, John Robinson, Chris Bucknam, Matt Bucknam

DEACONS (8:45 A.M.): Danielle Hood (Lead Deacon), Debbie Rice-Marko (Assist. Deacon)

DEACONS (11:15 A.M.): Cate Smith (Lead Deacon), Susan Leland (Assist. Deacon)

BEADLE (8:45 A.M.): Stephen Carnie **BEADLE (11:15 A.M.):** Eddie McSwain

LAY READER (8:45 A.M.): Tita Massie **LAY READER (11:15 A.M.):** Bob Ross

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Bucknam

PASTOR ON CALL (October 16th - October 22nd) - The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers (843-513-3717)

ELDER ON CALL (October 16th - October 22nd) - John Robinson (843-696-9266)

DEACON ON CALL (October 16th - October 22nd) – Wesley Henderson (843-893-7825)

How Firm a Foundation

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"K" in *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787
Ed. John Rippon; alt.

FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11

American folk melody
Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,

Is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
For I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind 345

REST 8.6.8.8.6

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872

Frederick Charles Maker, 1887

1. *Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, For - give our fool - ish
 2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, Be - side the Syr - ian
 3. O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O calm of hills a -
 4. Drop Thy still dews of qui - et - ness, Till all our striv - ings

ways; Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, In
 sea, The gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, Let
 bove, Where Je - sus knelt to share with Thee The
 cease; Take from our souls the strain and stress, And

pur - er lives Thy ser - vice find, In deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 us, like them, with - out a word Rise up and fol - low Thee.
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, In - ter - pret - ed by love!
 let our or - dered lives con - fess The beau - ty of Thy peace.

*Or "Dear Lord, Creator good and kind."

5. Breathe through the heats of our desire
 Thy coolness and Thy balm;
 Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
 Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
 O still, small voice of calm!

Alternate tune: REPTON, 419



ev - ery na - tion Hath re - deemed us by His blood.
 get His prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 Priest and Vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

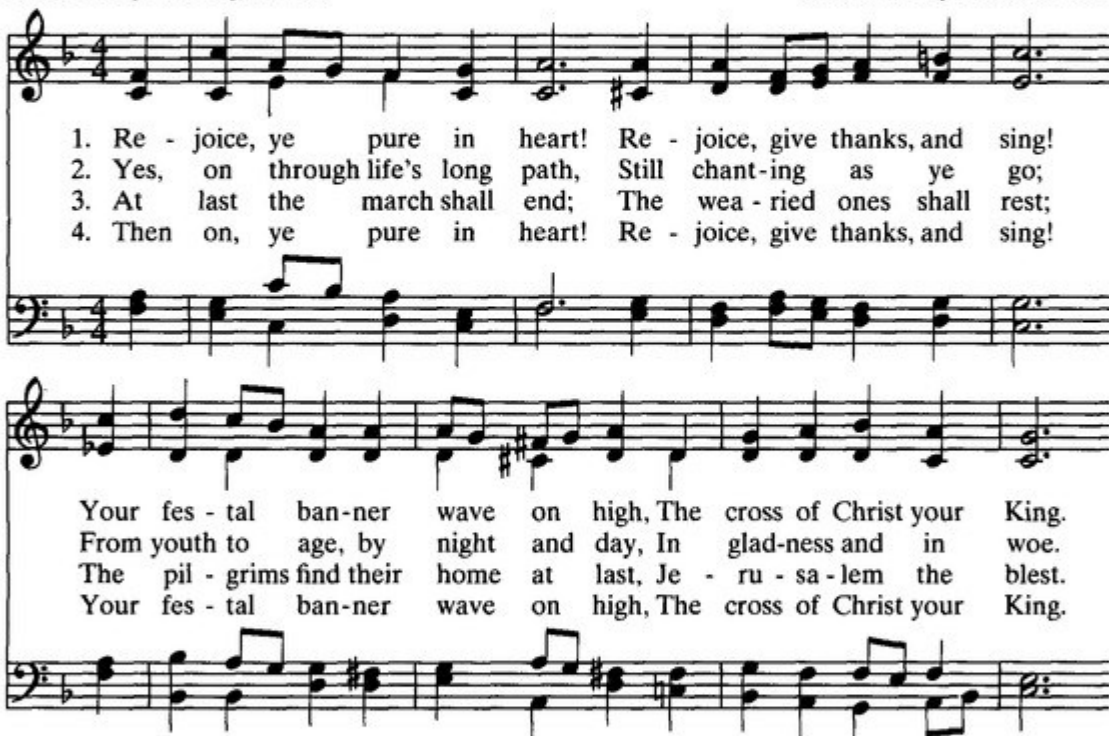
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

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MARION SM with refrain

Edward Hayes Plumptre, 1865

Arthur Henry Messiter, 1883



1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2. Yes, on through life's long path, Still chant-ing as ye go;
 3. At last the march shall end; The wea - ried ones shall rest;
 4. Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Your fes - tal ban-ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.
 From youth to age, by night and day, In glad-ness and in woe.
 The pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban-ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.

Refrain



Re - joice! re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Re - joice! re - joice!

Alternate tune: VINEYARD HAVEN, 146



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

Plan to worship next Sunday, October 22nd, on Celebration Sunday! We will come together as a church family to make our financial commitments to First (Scots) during both services of worship. Following the 11:15 a.m. service, please plan to join us for a church-wide luncheon. All are welcome and no RSVP is required! This year we also have pledge cards for children. These are available in the back of the sanctuary during both worship services; please take one for the children in your family.

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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Scottish Heritage Sunday

On Sunday, November 5th we will celebrate our 51st Kirkin' o' the Tartan.

As usual, we are looking for church members to assist preparation and execution of the event, as well as providing donations of shortbread, oatmeal cookies, Scotch eggs, and all things Scottish.

If you are able to assist, please use the SignUpGenius linked in the Kirk News, as well as recipes for Molly Wier's shortbread, Scotch Eggs and scones (also linked in Kirk News).

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Smith, anwsmith@bellsouth.net.

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Congregational Meeting - Sunday, October 29th

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, October 29th for the purpose of electing an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. This meeting will take place at 10:55 a.m. in the sanctuary.

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Join Us for the Annual Fall Festival!

Sunday, October 29th

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Kirk House Courtyard & Massie Building Terrace

Fun and games for all ages like cupcake walk, mini-basketball, bowling, and so much more!

Costumes are encouraged and parents are asked to accompany their children.

Candy donations (unopened bags) accepted at the Massie Building Reception Area.

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Missing Listening Devices

Several listening devices are currently missing from the sanctuary. If you might have accidentally taken one home with you, please make sure that it is returned to the sanctuary.

Thank you!



Wednesday Chapel Service

Please join us for worship on Wednesday, October 18th 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 16th** to give Chef Nancy time to prepare.

Menu for October 18th:

Salmon, Quinoa, Vegetable

Kids: Hot Dog (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 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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Frankie's Fun Park

Today (Sunday, October 15th) from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., the high school and middle school youth are enjoying Frankie's Fun Park. Please meet at the park (5000 Ashley Phosphate Road, North Charleston, SC 29418) and don't be surprised if you see James playing the coin pusher. Bring \$20 to the event to receive a Fun

Card with \$27.50 in value which can be used toward the various attractions

(go carts, mini golf, bumper boats, arcade games, and more).

A light supper is also provided (slice of cheese or pepperoni pizza or a hot dog and a small fountain drink that is refillable).

Planning to attend?

- Please sign up using our Frankie's Fun Park SignUpGenius (tinyurl.com/FSYouthFrankies23).
- Have a parent complete our Youth Permission and Release Statement 2023-2024 (if you haven't turned one in this year) at tinyurl.com/FSYouthPermission
- A limited number of rides are available from the Kirk House, departing at 4:15p.m. sharp and returning at 7:45 p.m. You can sign up for a ride on the Frankie's Fun Park SignUpGenius (tinyurl.com/FSYouthFrankies23).

As always, friends are welcome, but be sure to reserve their spot and have their parent complete our Youth Permission and Release Statement 2023-2024 (tinyurl.com/FSYouthPermission).