# FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 22, 2023 AT 11:15 A.M. COMMITTMENT SUNDAY

### **THE VISION OF GOD**

**PRELUDE** "Variations on "Our Father, Who Art in Heaven"

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship

Julianne Farnsworth

**†PASSING OF THE PEACE** 

**INTROIT** 

"Come, Sing with Joy to God"

David Clark Isele (8:45)

Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Timmi Winston, mezzo-soprano

"I am a Lamb"

Erik Whitehall (11:15)

Alleluia & Cherub Choir

**†C**ALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

One: Almighty God, Lord of All, you instruct us to give bountifully and cheerfully.

All: In our worship this day, we offer back you, without hesitation or pressure, a portion of the time, talent, and treasure you have generously bestowed upon us.

One: We worship you in the knowledge that our wealth is measured not by what we have but by what we give away;

All: that as the fullness of our lives is offered joyfully and even extravagantly, the world is blessed, and we are blessed.

**+**†Processional Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Hymn No. 142

PRAYER OF ADORATION

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and Everlasting God, we long to be faithful stewards of your everyday banquets of grace, to serve you and one another with glad and generous hearts. Forgive us when our thoughts, words, and deeds are offered sparingly, and when our spirit's posture is more begrudging than bountiful. Restore us again to a right spirit, lived with cheerfulness and always in joyful response to you, O Lord, the very one from whom all blessings flow. 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** 

"Give Me Oil in My Lamp"

SING HOSANNA (8:45)

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.

Give me love in my heart, I pray.

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.

Keep me serving till the break of day.

Sing Hosannah, sing Hosannah. Sing Hosannah to the King of Kings. Sing Hosannah, sing Hosannah. Sing Hosannah to the King.

"Shout with Joy!"

Mark Patterson (11:15)

Kirk Choristers

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Haylea Shuman (8:45)

Michael Johnson (11:15)

**THE WORD READ** Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 15:7-10 (pew Bible, page 150)

New Testament Lesson: 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (pew Bible, page 931)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED** "THE POWER OF POSITIVE GIVING" 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** 

"Take My Life"

Hymn No. 391

## 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.

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "Behold Now, Praise the Lord" William Harris (8:45)

"Built on the Rock, the Church Doth Stand" S. Drummond Wolff (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.

## **†LITANY OF DEDICATION**

One: Eternal God, you are our Rock and our Redeemer,

All: and Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, the very foundation upon which our lives are built.

One: Accept our profound gratitude for all of the blessings we have received from your hand, gracious God,

All: and for the time, the talents, and the earthly treasures you have entrusted to us stewards of your grace.

One: We commit ourselves afresh to building upon the foundation of Jesus Christ in our individual, family, and church relationships.

All: As we have come before you this day with our tithes and offerings, and as we consider our financial pledges for the year ahead, give us the grace of generosity that our living and giving might honor you and serve all of your children here at First (Scots) and far beyond the walls of this place; through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

# Deuteronomy 15:7-10

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbour. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, 'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near', and therefore view your needy neighbour with hostility and give nothing; your neighbour might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake.

# 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

| <b>†HYMN OF</b> | COMMITMENT |
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"Here I Am, Lord"

Hymn No. 525

(During this hymn, you are invited to place your commitment card in the basket on the Communion Table)

**†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** 

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

**†BENEDICTION RESPONSE** 

"Sevenfold Amen"

K. Lee Scott

**†Postlude** 

"Toccata on 'Our Father"

Felix Mendelssohn

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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 Bryan Dillon on his 37th birthday by Shary & Rob Dillon.

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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 Elizabeth Bernat (8:45 a.m.) & Michael Johnson (11:15 a.m.)

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#### Assisting with the Service Today

GREETER (8:45 A.M.): Julianne Farnsworth

**GREETERS (11:15 A.M.):** Scott Evans, Lynn Graves

**COFFEE GREETER:** Wesley Henderson

**USHERS (8:45 A.M.):** Greg Robinson Captain), Joe Thompson, Mayrelle Semken, Catherine Kerr, Henry Hay, IV

USHERS (11:15 A.M.): Todd Plaxco (Captain), Barbara Plaxco, Greg McKenzie, Andy Beall

**DEACONS (8:45 A.M.):** Adam Yount (Lead Deacon), Cate Smith (Assist. Deacon)

**DEACONS (11:15 A.M.):** Susan Leland (Lead Deacon), Chett McCubrey (Assist. Deacon)

BEADLE (8:45 A.M.): Henry Hay, IV BEADLE (11:15 A.M.): Jack Callahan

LAY READER (8:45 A.M.): Haylea Shuman LAY READER (11:15 A.M.): Michael Johnson

PASTOR ON CALL (October 23 - October 29) - The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. (865-456-2235)

ELDER ON CALL (October 23 - October 29) – Susan White (843-609-0294)

**DEACON ON CALL** (October 23 - October 29) – Michelle Parks (843-300-8865)

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#### CHERUB & ALLELUIA CHOIRS AND KIRK CHORISTERS

#### DIRECTED BY KATHERINE CLARKSON, LAURA MITCHELL, AND ELIZABETH RIDDLE

Elly Becker, Phillip Cagle, Sam Cagle, Charlie Darby, Reese Darby, Cora Feussner, Marion Greaver, Mills Henderson, Tuck Leatherman, Van Marko, Rani Sharma, Harriet Shiver, Davis Smith, Marshall Truluck, Anne McLean Ware, Kit Wheeler, Theo Williams, Bedford Armstrong, Harry Blount, Tait Coates, Miles Feussner, William Henderson, Gray Lee, Sawyer Smith, Louise Greaver, Elizabeth Kunes, Hicks Leatherman, Charlotte Marko, Lily McGann, Eva Riddle, Gaurav Sharma, Jayne Fraser Shiver, Lilla Truluck, Turner Wilkins, Eloise Williams, Bethan Calhoun, Davis Feussner, Fulton Greaver, Frank Johnson, Devereux Stoddard, Anna Clarke Thornton, Ella Coates, Beatrice Evans, Anderson Freeman, Thomas Jackson, William Jackson, Naisy Marko, Henry Rogers, Cole Ware, Rose Williams, Reagan Calhoun, Gus Gresham, McKenzie Warren,

Zoe Wheeler, Victoria Evans, Mary Lou Johnson, Oliver Riddle

# Hymn 142: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all! Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!

3 Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball, To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all! To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!

4 O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!

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# Take My Life

HENDON 7.7.7.7



- Take my will, and make it Thine;
   It shall be no longer mine.
   Take my heart, it is Thine own;
   It shall be Thy royal throne,
   It shall be Thy royal throne.
- Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

# Hymn #525 - "Here I Am, Lord"

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

### Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night I will go, Lord,
If You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain, I have wept for love of them, They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)



# 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

Thank you for worshipping with us today on Celebration Sunday! Beginning at noon we will have a church-wide luncheon in Molly Wier Hall which is open to everyone! Chef Nancy has prepared a family-friendly fried chicken meal, complete with delicious sides. No RSVP is needed.

During both services of worship, we will take time to recognize Celebration Sunday. As we have done in the past, there will be a time during the worship service to come forward and place your 2024 Pledge Card at the front of the church. There will be extra pledge cards available in the pews, as well as additional cards which indicate that you have already given. If you would prefer to pledge online, you may do so at www.first-scots.org/stewardship. Thank you for your continued support of First (Scots)!



# 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.



# 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 and conducting the business of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation. This meeting will take place at 10:55 a.m. in the sanctuary.



# 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.

Sign up to lead a game or pass out candy using our Fall Festival Leaders SignUpGenius:

(tinyurl.com/FSFallFestival23)



# 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 25th 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 23rd** to give Chef Nancy time to prepare.

#### Menu for October 25th:

Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread Kids: None (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 25th: Game Night

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### October 29th is World Missions Sunday

On Sunday, October 29th the World Missions Committee will be hosting Dr. Salvador and Irma De La Torre! Dr. Salvador will speak in Molly Wier Hall at 10:00 a.m., and all are welcome to join! Dr. Salvador will speak again during the World Missions dinner on Monday, October 30th at 6:00 p.m. in Molly Wier Hall.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required. Please RSVP to Karen Kuhn, kkuhn@first-scots.org, in the church office by Wednesday, October 25th to reserve your place.

Our speaker, Dr. Salvador De La Torre, is a physician with extensive teaching and clinical experience at hospitals and universities in Mexico, Haiti, Kenya, Zambia and Malawi. Salvador currently serves as Medical Director at Nkhoma Mission Hospital in Malawi. He helps medical institutions improve their management systems. Salvador has also served as project manager for the US government sponsored assistance program for people with HIV/AIDS, making sure that patients received the drugs and equipment necessary for anti-retroviral therapy. Salvador is now coordinating Presbyterian mission teams who work alongside Mayans in Chiapas, Mexico, building Presbyterian churches, teaching Bible School, and providing medical care.



## Youth Group, October 22nd from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The **High School Youth** are meeting on Sullivan's Island (meet at the beach in front of Station 18 1/2) 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/FSYouthRide10-22-23).

The **Middle School Youth** are "Booing" families in the church. We'll be putting together small containers of Halloween-themed candy and gifts and hand-delivering them to houses.

Questions about this event? Please contact Youth Advisor Clarissa McKenzie, ccmac11@gmail.com, or Youth Leadership Team Member Simon Ford.

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# Presbyterian Women October Circle Meeting and November Board Meeting

The **Women at the Well Circle** 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 on *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*.

For more information, please contact Clarissa McKenzie, ccmac11@gmail.com.

The **Presbyterian Women November Board Meeting** will take place on Tuesday, November 7th at 9:30 a.m. in Room 202 of the Massie Building.

For additional information, please contact Debbie Rice-Marko, 843-367-8089.