

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 29, 2023 AT 11:15 A.M.

WORLD MISSIONS SUNDAY

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE "Fugue on Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" J.S. Bach
(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 Scottish Heritage Sunday Anne Smith
World Missions Sunday Dr. Salvador De La Torre

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT "God Be in My Head" John Rutter
Katherine Clarkson, soprano (8:45)
Kirk Choir (11:15)

†**CALL TO WORSHIP** Mary B. Robinson

One: We are met in the presence of God, and we do not meet alone.

All: With Abraham and Sarah and the saints of every age, we gather to worship the Lord.

One: God makes us a great people. God's Holy name be praised!

All: We journey in the presence of God, and we do not travel alone.

†**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Hymn No. 417

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) *adapted from the liturgy of the Reformed Church of Zurich, 1525*

Merciful and Everlasting God, we acknowledge and confess before your divine majesty that we are poor sinners, prone to evil and ever falling short of goodness. We have transgressed your commandments and are worthy of your anger. But, O Lord, we repent and are sorry for displeasing you. We pray that your grace may help our distress and bring forth the fruits of righteousness; 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** "This Little Light of Mine" African-American spiritual

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

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

TIME FOR TEENS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Anne Smith (8:45)

Keith Blake (11:15)

THE WORD READ

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9

(pew Bible, page 8)

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 28:16-20

(pew Bible, page 812)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"YOU WILL BE A BLESSING"

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

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

Hymn No. 429

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

"O for the Wings of a Dove"

Felix Mendelssohn (8:45)

"Hallelu Yah: III"

Dan Forrest (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.*

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

Hymn No. 411

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen"

John Stainer (8:45)

"The Peace of God"

John Rutter (11:15)

†POSTLUDE

"Toccata in D Minor"

J.S. Bach

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, ‘To your offspring I will give this land.’ So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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 Libba Palmer, on her third birthday, by Page & Chris Palmer.

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A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called for today, Sunday, October 29th, for the purpose of
electing an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and for the Annual Meeting of the
Congregation/Corporation. The meeting will take place at 10:55 a.m. in the sanctuary.

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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 next to the harpsichord.

Today's docents are Graham Heller (8:45 a.m.) and Harold Davis (11:15 a.m.)

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ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

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

GREETERS (11:15 A.M.): Tom Johnson, Jenks Bailey

COFFEE GREETER: Michelle Parks

USHERS (8:45 A.M.): Matt Spath (Captain), Bob Nutley, Mary Todd Truluck, Michael Branch,
Ashley Nutley

USHERS (11:15 A.M.): Harold Davis (Captain), Gene Childers, Todd Plaxco, Adam Yount

DEACONS (8:45 A.M.): Cate Smith (Lead Deacon), Susan Leland (Assist. Deacon)

DEACONS (11:15 A.M.): Chett McCubrey (Lead Deacon), Jason Wall (Assist. Deacon)

BEADLE (8:45 A.M.): Matt Spath **BEADLE (11:15 A.M.):** Tim Bouch

LAY READER (8:45 A.M.): Anne Smith **LAY READER (11:15 A.M.):** Keith Blake

PASTOR ON CALL (October 30th - November 5th) - Mary B. Robinson (843-872-1527)

ELDER ON CALL (October 30th - November 5th) - Jack Callahan (843-696-9512)

DEACON ON CALL (October 30th - November 5th) - Courtney Buxton (843-870-2914)

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We celebrate the life and witness of those who have joined the church triumphant:

Mary Lynn Speissegger

Clark Latrobe Remsburg, Sr.

Margo Maher Gray

June 7, 1929 - November 21, 2022

February 3, 1932 - November 21, 2022

April 14, 1957 - November 22, 2022

Frank Leon Brigman, III

Nancy Smith Guerry

Shirley Anne Dillane Stevens

September 20, 1942 - December 15, 2022

October 23, 1941 - January 1, 2023

July 17, 1929 - January 12, 2023

Ernest Bainbridge Lipscomb, III

Anne McAlister Bruce

Joel M. Bateman

July 17, 1941 - February 26, 2023

October 9, 1969 - March 15, 2023

July 28, 1939 - March 16, 2023

Bertram Carlos Finch, III

Elizabeth (Libba) Blanding Palmer

Barbara A. Gates

January 17, 1945 - March 22, 2023

October 29, 2020 - March 30, 2023

March 9, 1936 - April 4, 2023

James C. Wilkinson

Bryan Thomas Dillon

William Bonner Thomason

February 28, 1936 - April 15, 2023

October 20, 1986 - April 29, 2023

May 22, 1936 - July 15, 2023

David Gordon Wallace

Harold Eugene Guerry

December 27, 1936 - August 2, 2023 March 28, 1934 - August 26, 2023

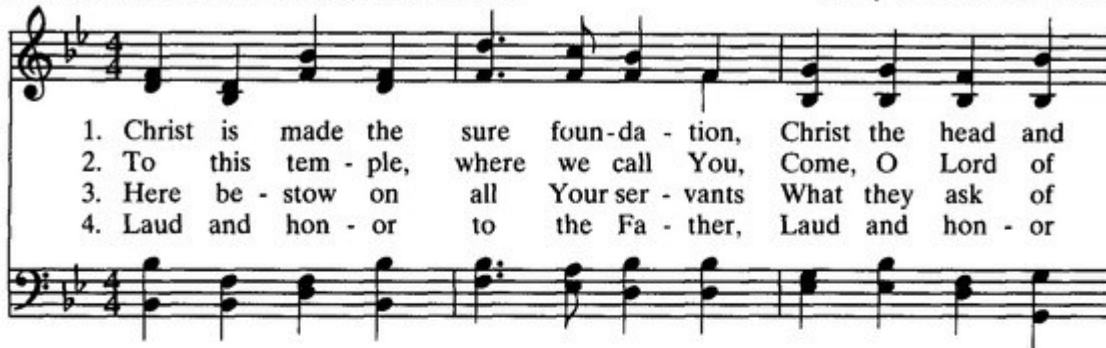
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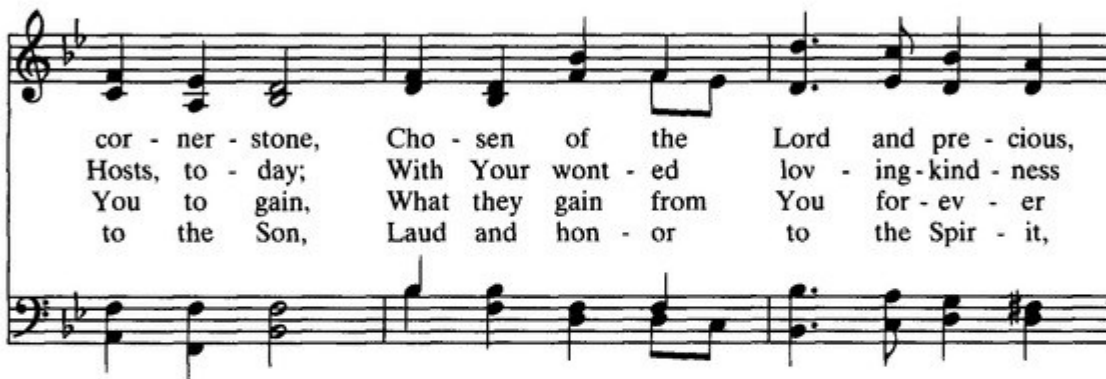
7th century, Latin

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972

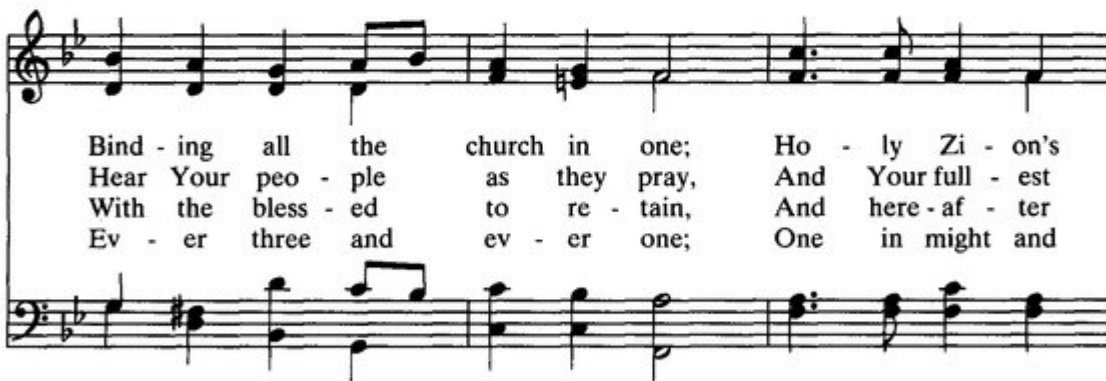
Henry Thomas Smart, 1867



1. Christ is made the sure foun-da - tion, Christ the head and
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
 3. Here be - stow on all Your ser - vants What they ask of
 4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 Hosts, to - day; With Your wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 You to gain, What they gain from You for - ev - er
 to the Son, Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
 Hear Your peo - ple as they pray, And Your full - est
 With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter
 Ev - er three and ev - er one; One in might and



help for - ev - er, And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run.

Hymn #429 - "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

1 Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
And the gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose
With renewed integrity'
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the word may trust your promise,
Life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervor,
Draw us closer in community;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

3 Lord, you make the common holy:
"This is my body, this is my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
Daily lift life heavenward,
Asking that the world around us
Share your children's liberty:
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
All that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
To a just society;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
May we serve as you intend,
And, amid the cares that claim us,
Hold in mind eternity;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Hymn #411 - "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

1 Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God,
Which shines on you today.

2 Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives' liberty,
Good tidings to the poor.

3 Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born;
Bind up the broken-hearted ones
And comfort those who mourn.

4 Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.



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

Sunday, October 22nd was Commitment Sunday! Thank you also to the Stewardship Committee, our church staff, and volunteers for all their work preparing for Commitment Sunday and providing a delicious lunch afterward! Thank you also to those who have already determined to support the ministries of First (Scots) for the coming year.

If you are still prayerfully discerning your commitment for next year, you can still mail your pledge card back to the church office or visit www.first-scots.org/stewardship to make your pledge online.

Thank you for your continued support of First (Scots)!

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Scottish Heritage Sunday

Next 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 the recipes for Molly Wier's shortbread, Scotch Eggs and scones (available at the back of the sanctuary and linked in Kirk News).

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

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Join Us Today for the Annual Fall Festival!

Today, 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)

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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!

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Reserve Sanctuary Flowers for 2024

We are taking reservations for Sunday sanctuary flower arrangements for 2024. This is a wonderful way to honor or remember loved ones, celebrate an anniversary or child's baptism, or even commemorate a special Sunday.

The cost to sponsor sanctuary flowers is \$165.

Don't miss this special opportunity to recognize someone in your life.

If interested, please contact Karen Kuhn, kkuhn@first-scots.org, in the church office.



Wednesday Chapel Service

Please join us for worship on Wednesday, November 1st 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 30th** to give Chef Nancy time to prepare.

Menu for November 1st:

Pork Chops, Rice, Vegetable

Kids: Chicken Nuggets (please specify if needed when making reservation)

November 1st Program: Scottish Heritage Night

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We're Hosting a Fall Festival!

Today from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., we're hosting a Fall Festival for the children of the church with game booths like go fish, cupcake walk, mini-basketball, and more. Please sign up to lead an outdoor game booth (using our Fall Festival SignUpGenius: tinyurl.com/FSFallFestival23). Game leaders should prepare their game and bring any supplies needed. The church property will be open by 3:00 p.m. so those leading games can set up game booths before the event begins at 3:30 p.m. The event will end at 4:30 p.m., so clean up and departure can happen by 5:00 p.m. Costumes are welcome. We'll have candy and toys for you to give out as prizes, if needed. Questions about this youth group event? Contact James Rogers (jrogers@first-scots.org).

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Presbyterian Women November Circle Meetings and Board Meeting

The **Women at the Well Circle** will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 9th at the home of Jessica Hudson. For more information, please contact Tori Bohren, vs.bohren@gmail.com, Circle Co-Leader.

The **Betty Noble Circle** will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 14th at the home of Margaret McCormack. LallaLee Campsen will speak on prayer. For more information, please contact Teresa Tarrant, teresatar-rant@aol.com, Circle Leader.

The **Seekers Circle** will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8th at the home of Ginny Thaxton. Betsy Martin will lead their continued study of *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. For more information, please contact Anne Dukes, 843-577-0479, Circle Co-Leader.

The **Unbroken Circle** will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 14th at the home of Linda Stout. They will continue 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 **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, dricemarko@gmail.com, 843-367-8089.

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Four Week Advent Study

WHAT: *Heaven and Earth - Advent and the Incarnation* by William H. Willimon

WHEN: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. on November 14th & 28th, December 5th, 12th
(We will not meet November 21st - Thanksgiving Week)

WHERE: Massie Building, Room 203

RSVP: Ruthie Edwards, halfsouthern1@gmail.com

It's not within our own power to make a fresh start. If we're to have a future different from the past, it must come as a gift, something not of our devising. What we need is a God who refuses to be trapped in eternity, a God who not only cares about us but is willing to show up among us and do something with us, here, now. In *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation*, Will Willimon introduces you to the God who does just that, bringing heaven to earth and changing everything. In Advent we celebrate and anticipate the earth-shaking, life-transforming good news that God is coming to us.
Get ready. God is on the way.