

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 26TH, 2023 AT 11:15 A.M.

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Fugue in D Minor”

Johann S. Bach

Lee Kohlenberg, Interim Organist

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

“Come Let Us Join In”

K. Lee Scott

Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Timmi Winston, mezzo soprano

(8:45)

Kirk Choir

(11:15)

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary B. Robinson

One: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

All: where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life’s water.

One: We come, for God welcomes us here, into that home called grace:

All: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.

One: We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:

All: where the imprisoned are set free, where the sick are cradled in God’s peace.

†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)

We stock the food pantries, but brush aside those who hunger for friendship. We give our hand-me-downs away, but overlook those whose hopes have been stripped away. We glad-hand those just like us, but turn a deaf ear to our neighbors who “talk funny.” Forgive us, Hope of the ages. You persistently search for us in the side streets of the world, gathering us up and bringing us home, so we may be drenched in the waters of your bottomless pool of forgiveness, watched over by your Child, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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

“Be Thou My Vision” (verses 1 & 2)

Irish Ballad

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art –
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
Riches I need not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD READ

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 100

(pew Bible, page 481)

New Testament Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

(pew Bible, page 949)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED “WILL THE REAL JESUS PLEASE STAND UP?” Pastor Mary Robinson

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

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Hymn No. 139

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Day By Day”

Martin How

†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.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE WORD ENACTED

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

The Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Words of Institution

Communion Anthem

"Bread Of The World"

Allan Bullard

Prayer of Thanksgiving

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Hymn No. 150

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mary B. Robinson

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Forth In The Name Of Christ We Go"

Schütz/ Arr. By Hal H. Hopson

†POSTLUDE

"Now Thank The All Our God"

Sigfried Karg-Elert

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ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

8:45 am GREETER: **Julianne Farnsworth**

11:15 am GREETERS: **Strait Fairey, Scott Evans**

COFFEE GREETER: **Catie Smith**

8:45 am USHERS: **Robert Hawk (Captain), Lane Hawk, Zadie Hawk, Haylea Shuman, Mary Peters**

11:15 am USHERS: **David Warren (Captain) Andy Beall, Matt Thomas, Chris Bucknam, Matt Bucknam**

8:45 am DEACONS: **Emily Warr (Lead Deacon), Ann Anderson**

11:15 am DEACONS: **Michelle Parks (Lead Deacon), Heidi Whaley**

8:45 am DOCENT: **Elizabeth Bernat** 8:45 am BEADLE: **Matt Spath**

11:15 am DOCENT: **David Warren** 11:15 am BEADLE: **Bob Baldwin**

8:45 am LAY READER: **Matt Spath**

11:15 am LAY READER: **Anne Dukes**

ELDER ON CALL (Nov 27 – Dec 3) – **Whit Smith** 843-514-2948

DEACON ON CALL (Nov 27 – Dec 3) – **Susan Leland** 843-637-6996



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

Psalm 100

¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

² Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

³ Know that the LORD is God.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit^[a] of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Hymn #150: “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

1 Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia, Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King,
Alleluia, Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
before His throne rejoice;
praise is His gracious choice,
Alleluia, Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia, Amen!
Let praises fill the sky,
Alleluia, Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend,
to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end,
Alleluia, Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia, Amen!
Life shall not end the strain,
Alleluia, Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore,
"Alleluia, Amen!"

Hymn #139: “Come, Thou Almighty King ”

1 Come, Thou Almighty King,
help us Thy name to sing;
help us to praise:
Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

2 Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
gird on Thy mighty sword,
our pray'r attend:
come, and Thy people bless,
and give Thy Word success:
Spirit of holiness,
on us descend.

3 Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

4 To Thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be
hence, evermore.
His sov'reign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore!

Hymn #417: “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation ”

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

3 To this temple, where we call You,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with accustomed lovingkindness,
hear Your servants as they pray;
and Your fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.

4 Lord, here grant to all Your servants
what they ask of You to gain,
what they gain from You, forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in Your glory
evermore with You to reign.

5 Praise and honor to the Father,
praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
one in might, and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

Welcome to First (Scots)

Thornwell Home for Children Emphasis Month

It's turkey time again, which means that it is time for Thornwell Emphasis Month! For more than 145 years Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, SC, has carried out its mission to walk alongside children and families in need. The very familiar turkey coin holders have been given out in Kirk Club and Sunday School classes. There are slots in the turkeys for coins to be inserted and the money is used to help buy clothes and shoes, as well as pay for school supplies for the children of Thornwell. During the month of November, we also invite you to prayerfully consider making a financial gift to Thornwell Home for Children. Should you choose to do so, Thornwell will receive 100% of your donation which could have a significant positive impact on the life of a child.

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HALOS Angel Tree

The HALOS Angel Tree was set up in Molly Wier Hall on November 12th!

HALOS is a local organization that supports kinship care - relatives or other loved ones caring for a child when the parents are unable to do so, in an effort to keep the child in familiar surroundings rather than foster care placement.

Please stop by and pick out a name or two from the tree and complete the spreadsheet on the table with your name and email address.

Unwrapped, labeled gifts are due to the church Sunday, December 10th.

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Farewell Reception Honoring Deanna Barteet

Please join us on December 3rd for a farewell reception in Molly Wier Hall honoring Deanna Barteet's 15 years of service to First (Scots).

The reception will take place in Molly Wier Hall following the 11:15 a.m. service.

Prior to the luncheon, cards will be available for those who wish to write Deanna a personal message.

Questions? Contact Jane McNeill, janeonguerard@comcast.net.

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2023 Progressive Dinner

'Tis the season once again! The annual Progressive Dinner is Thursday, December 14th, starting at 6:00 p.m. We have three festively beautiful host homes that are all in close vicinity of First (Scots) this year! A huge thank you to our hosts for opening their homes! Address information will be provided to attendees closer to the event. This year Chef Nancy will again offer light bites at our first home, heavier passed hors d'oeuvres at the second home, and an array of desserts at the third. The cost is \$35 per person and **space is limited** so reserve your spot today! To RSVP, please call Karen in the church office with your family headcount AND submit payment online through E-Giving (<https://abundant.co/firstscots/give>) or turn a check in to the office. Please note your registration is not complete until payment is received.

Please direct any questions to Lizzie Hamilton at lizziehilton@outlook.com or 843-276-3466.

Wednesday Chapel Service

Please join us for worship on Wednesday, November 29th in the chapel at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper 6 p.m.

Please make your reservation to Karen Kuhn (kkuhn@first-scots.org or 843-722-8882) in the church office by **NOON on Monday, November 27th** to give Chef Nancy time to prepare.

Please join us for a delicious supper and then see the wonderful opportunities at God's Gift Shop.

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Christmas is Coming! Keep Calm and Visit God's Gift Shop!

There's plenty of time to shop our adult or children's catalogs. Whether choosing one or more from dozens of specific items, or simply a "most needed" gift targeted to one of this year's 14 charities, your choices can change lives through God's love. Don't forget to pick up a catalog on the portico this morning. Our first market will be at Wednesday Night Supper (November 29), continuing through December 24.

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RSVP for Bowling and Arcade Games at Stars & Strikes

Today from 4-7:30pm, high school and middle school youth are invited to go bowling and play arcade games at Stars and Strikes. The group will meet at the Kirk House before enjoying one hour of bowling, one hour of unlimited arcade games (no tickets or instant prizes), and a pizza dinner. It's going to be a lot of fun! Interested in playing? If space is available, please reserve it using our Stars and Strikes SignUpGenius (tinyurl.com/FSYouthStars23) and pay your \$20 fee using E-Giving, designating your payment to "Youth Group Activity." Also, have a parent complete a Youth Permission and Release Statement (tinyurl.com/FSYouthPermission), if you haven't turned one in for 2023-2024.

Children's Advent Workshop

K-5th graders, please join our Youth Group for an Advent Workshop and pizza dinner on Sunday December 10th from 5:30-6:30 in Molly Wier Hall! We will have several stations of activities (including cookie decorating), as well as your favorite Christmas Carols. Please mark your calendars and look for a sign-up genius soon!

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Presbyterian Women December Circle Meetings

The Women at the Well Circle will meet for a holiday social at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, at Little Palm, 237 Meeting St. For more information, please contact Tori Bohren, Circle Co-Leader at vs.bohren@gmail.com.

The Betty Noble Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, at the Kirk House to make Christmas gift bags for ladies at the Women's Shelter. For more information, including a list of needs for the gift bags, please contact Teresa Tarrant, teresatarrant@aol.com, Circle Leader.

The Unbroken Circle will meet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, at the home of Jane Davis for a Christmas Potluck Luncheon. For more information, please contact Julie Cannell, jmcannell@aol.com, Circle Leader.

The Seekers Circle will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 13, at the home of Marilyn Johnson for a holiday gathering with refreshments and caroling. For more information, please contact Anne Dukes, dukesanne62@gmail.com or [843-577-0479](tel:843-577-0479), Circle Co-Leader, Marilyn Johnson.