

# FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 12, 2023 AT 11:15 A.M.  
TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE VISION OF GOD

### PRELUDE

“My Heart Ever Faithful”

arr. Sharon Elery Rogers (8:45)

“Song of Assurance”

arr. Arnold B. Sherman

*Handbell Choir*

“Allegro, K 594”

Wolfgang A. Mozart (11:15)

(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

Flower Ministry

Lindsey Melville

### †PASSING OF THE PEACE

### INTROIT

“O Praise the Lord, Be Joyful”

Handel/arr. H.H. Hopson

*Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Timmi Winston, mezzo-soprano*

(8:45)

*Kirk Choir*

(11:15)

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary B. Robinson

One: Are you awake? Are you alert?

**All: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

One: Do you see opportunities for ministry? Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

**All: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

One: Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

**All: Thy Kingdom come, O Lord!**

### †PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Hymn No. 138

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, you give us life and life abundant, but we neglect that life, and we do not bear witness to a cup that overflows. We live as if parched, longing for a light, taking for granted the oil you give and our ability to shine brightly for others. Forgive our denial of you and our reckless treatment of your grace. May our profession forever testify that before we are anything else in this world, we are, first and foremost, your children; 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

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Simon Marak

*I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
No turning back, no turning back*

### THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

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

### TIME FOR TEENS

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Greg McKenzie (8:45)  
Courtney Buxton (11:15)

### THE WORD READ

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7  
New Testament Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13

(pew Bible, page 585)  
(pew Bible, page 806)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“KEEP AWAKE”

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

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Hymn No. 139

### 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)

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Martin How (11:15)

## Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honoured, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',  
and to the south, 'Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.'

## **Matthew 25:1-13**

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

†**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**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Hymn No. 151

†**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

†**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Go in Peace and Joy”

Franck/arr. Hal H. Hopson

†**POSTLUDE**

“Grand Choeur in D”

Alexander Guilmant

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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 honor of the first wedding anniversary of Evelyn & Eric Bykowsky by Paige & Kent Owens.

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**SPECIAL THANK YOU** to our wonderful Scottish Heritage Sunday volunteers who made last Sunday a memorable and meaningful event.

Every contribution, big or small, helped to make it a wonderful day!

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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 in front of the harpsichord following the service.

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

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**ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY**

**GREETER (8:45 A.M.):** Karen Prewitt

**GREETERS (11:15 A.M.):** Greg Jones, Bob Hurd

**COFFEE GREETER:** Lindsey Melville

**USHERS (8:45 A.M.):** Whit Smith (Captain), Anne Smith, Joe Thompson, Ryan Glenn, Walker Glenn

**USHERS (11:15 A.M.):** Slade Metcalf (Captain), Keith Blake, John McNeill, Patrick Dollason,  
Helen Ross

**DEACONS (8:45 A.M.):** Chett McCubrey (Lead Deacon), Jason Wall (Assist. Deacon)

**DEACONS (11:15 A.M.):** Emily Warr (Lead Deacon), Ann Anderson (Assist. Deacon)

**BEADLE (8:45 A.M.):** Regina Yost **BEADLE (11:15 A.M.):** John Marko, Jr.

**LAY READER (8:45 A.M.):** Greg McKenzie **LAY READER (11:15 A.M.):** Courtney Buxton

**PASTOR ON CALL** (November 13th - November 19th) - The Rev. Dr. James Rogers (843-513-3717)

**ELDER ON CALL** (November 13th - November 19th) - Bob George (843-343-7203)

**DEACON ON CALL** (November 13th - November 19th) – Debbie Rice-Marko (843-367-8089)

**GUEST MUSICIANS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:**

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

## **Hymn #138: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”**

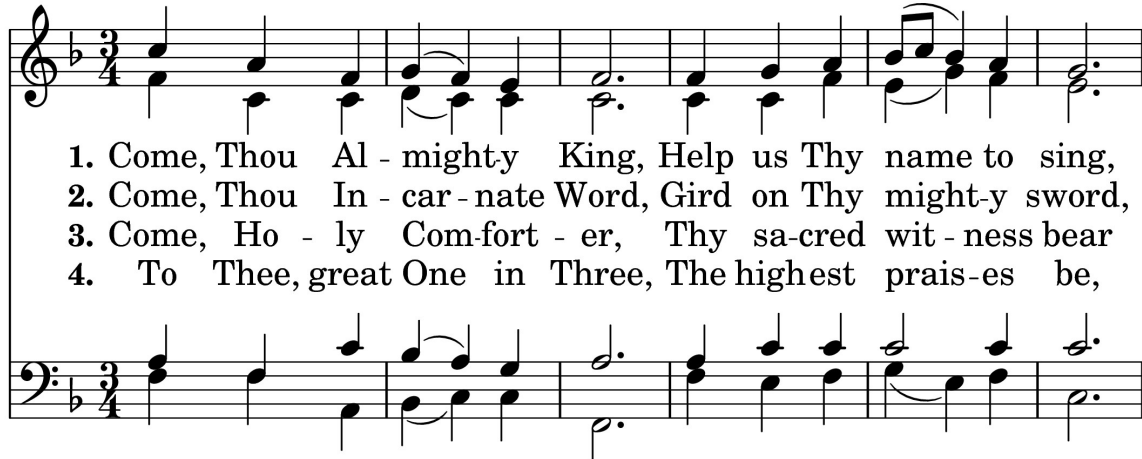
1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## Come, Thou Almighty King



1. Come, Thou Al - mighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,  
 2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy might-y sword,  
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com-fort - er, Thy sa-cred wit - ness bear  
 4. To Thee, great One in Three, The highest prais-es be,

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Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all - glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic-  
 Our prayer at - tend: Come, and Thy peo-ple bless, And give Thy  
 In this glad hour: Thou who al - mighty art, Now rule in  
 Hence ev - er-more! Thy sovereign maj-es - ty May we in

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to - ri - ous, Come, and reign o - ver us, An-cient of Days.  
 word suc-cess; Spir - it of ho - li-ness, On us de-scend.  
 ev - ery heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spir - it of power.  
 glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

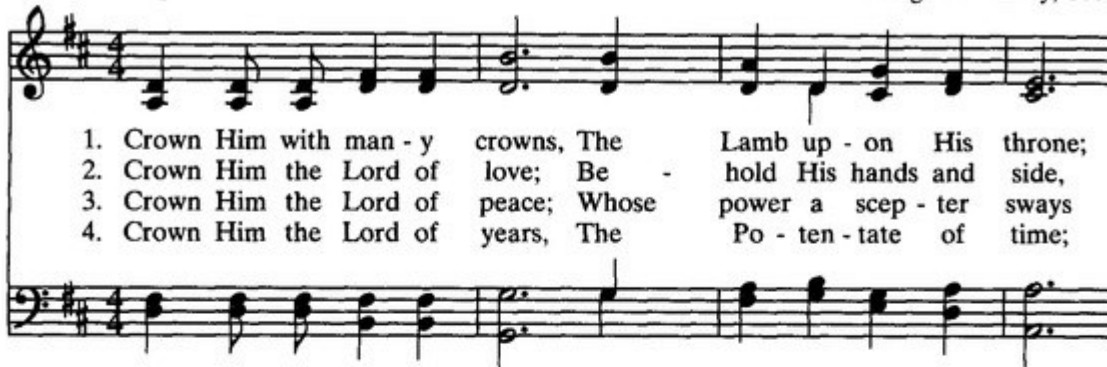
## Crown Him with Many Crowns

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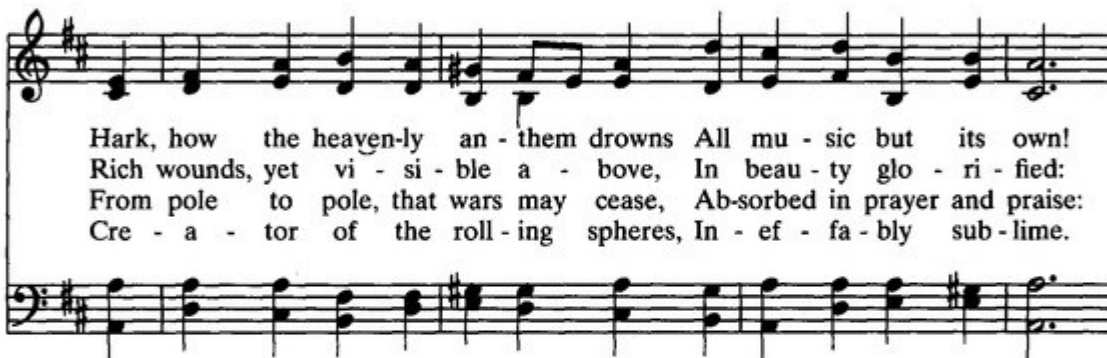
DIADEMATA SMD

Matthew Bridges, 1851

George Job Elvey, 1868



1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
 2. Crown Him the Lord of love; Be - hold His hands and side,  
 3. Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scep - ter sways  
 4. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Po - ten - tate of time;



Hark, how the heav - en - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!  
 Rich wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:  
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
 No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His reign shall know no end; And round His pierc - ed feet  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me;



And hail Him as thy match - less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 But down - ward bends his burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 Fair flowers of Par - a - dise ex - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 Thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.





## 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 will be 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 will be 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 fifteen 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](mailto: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 [lizziehamilton@outlook.com](mailto:lizziehamilton@outlook.com) or 843-276-3466.



### **Wednesday Chapel Service**

Please join us for worship on Wednesday, November 15th in the chapel at 5:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday Night Supper!**

Please make your reservation to Karen Kuhn ([kkuhn@first-scots.org](mailto:kkuhn@first-scots.org) or 843-722-8882) in the church office by **NOON on Monday, November 13th** to give Chef Nancy time to prepare.

### **Menu for November 15th**

Turkey, Potatoes, Beans

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

November 15th Program: My Sister's House Information Session

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### **Middle School Youth Presbytery Retreat (November 10th - 12th)**

Please keep the following youth and adults in your prayers as they return home today from the "Consider the Birds" Middle School Youth Presbytery Retreat at Camp Bethelwoods: Hazel Bello, Scout Bolt, Ellie Brooks, Wooten Burwell, Gretchen Dawson, Simon Ford, Charlie Gresham, Burns Hamilton, Stella Hider, Wesley Hider, Patrick Moore, Mary Caroline Siegling, Kitty Mack Smith, Wit Thaxton, Seraphina Wood, and Elizabeth Yount (middle school youth); Matt Bucknam, Tita Massie, James Rogers, and Dorothy Thaxton (chaperones); Will LeClerc and Susanna Woodward (high school youth).

Will, Susanna, and James serve on the Presbytery Youth Council which led the retreat.

### **High School Youth Group, November 12th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

The High School Youth Group is participating in an escape room event at Escape in 60 in downtown Charleston. Please meet at Escape in 60 (45 S Market St, Charleston, SC 29401) at 4:45 p.m., in preparation for our 5:00 p.m. game time. Participants will experience one of two games: After Hours or Roulette Me Out. Afterwards the group will enjoy a free ice cream treat from Off Track (6 Beaufain Street). Reserve your spot by using our Escape Room SignUpGenius (see the Weekly Youth Ministry Email at [tinyurl.com/FirstScotsYouth](https://tinyurl.com/FirstScotsYouth)) and paying your \$20 fee through E-Giving, designating the payment to "Youth Group Activity."

If you have any questions, please contact James Rogers ([jrogers@first-scots.org](mailto:jrogers@first-scots.org) or 843-513-3717).

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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](mailto:kkuhn@first-scots.org), in the church office.

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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.