

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

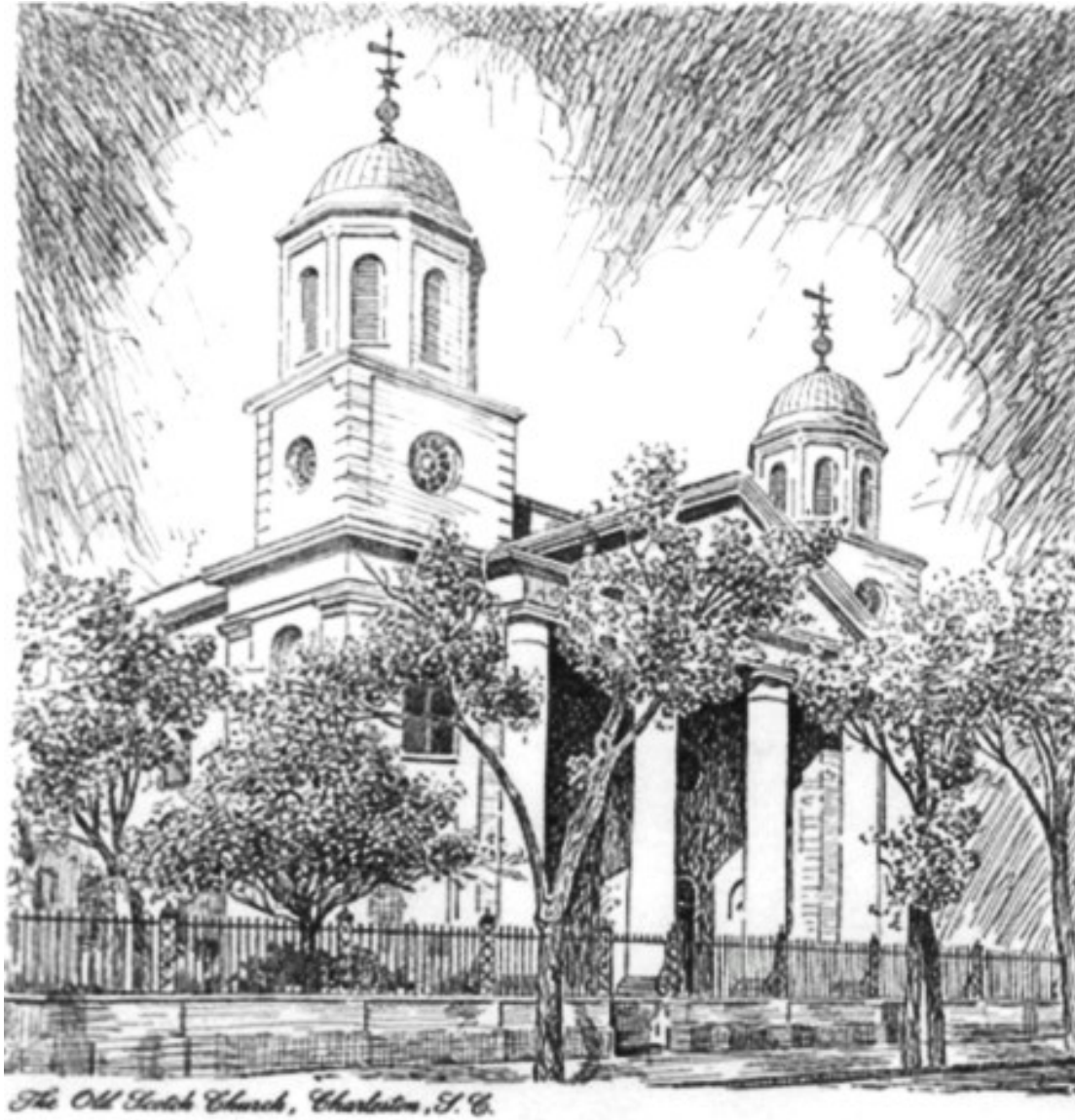
53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 AT 8:45 & 11:15 A.M.



The Old Scotch Church, Charleston, S. C.

THE REV. DR. L. HOLTON SIEGLING, JR.
SENIOR PASTOR/HEAD OF STAFF

THE REV. DR. JAMES T. ROGERS
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

PASTOR MARY B. ROBINSON
COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR

THE REV. DR. DANIEL W. MASSIE
PASTOR EMERITUS

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

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THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Impromptu in F Major”

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

(May the beginning of the prelude serve as a call to silent meditation and prayer.
You are welcome to use this time to mark your attendance in the pew friendship pads.)

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Church Directory

Ginger Liner

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

“Come, Let Us Praise the Lord”

William Byrd

Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Timmi Winston, mezzo soprano (8:45)
Kirk Choir (11:15)

arr. Hal H. Hopson

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

One: How good and pleasant it is when God's people dwell together in unity.

All: **We come to worship the Lord who gathers us from many places into one family.**

One: The Lord has been faithful from generation to generation.

All: **Let us worship God with glad and grateful hearts.**

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Hymn No. 288

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, you have called us into fellowship with one another and into communion with your Son. Yet we confess that we often choose convenience over commitment, isolation over community and busyness over worship. Forgive us for neglecting the gifts you have placed among us. Renew our desire to gather, grow and serve together; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

†CHILDREN'S HYMN

“We Are One in the Spirit”

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.*

Refrain: *And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. [Refrain]*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE TIME WITH CHILDREN

(Children through 5 years old may be dismissed to the Massie Building for Children's Church.)

THE TIME FOR TEENS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Chris Hawk (8:45)

Julie Cannell (11:15)

THE WORD READ

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

(pew Bible, page 143)

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 10:24-25

(pew Bible, page 976)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"WHY GATHERING MATTERS"

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

Pastor Mary 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

(As the offering plates are passed down each aisle, we celebrate those who contribute through various means, including electronically, by texting FIRSTSCOTS to 73256, or by scanning the QR code on the bulletin insert.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"This Is the Day"

John Rutter

Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Timmi Winston, mezzo soprano (8:45)

Kirk Choir (11:15)

†DOXOLOGY

Hymn No. 592

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*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

"Lift High the Cross"

Hymn No. 371

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Go Forth Into the World In Peace”

John Rutter

†POSTLUDE

“Finale” (from *Symphony 1*)

Louis Vierne

† † †

Large print hymnals and assisted listening devices are available upon request.

If you feel the Spirit of God moving you to affirm your faith in Jesus, please speak to a pastor following the service or contact them this week at the church.

FLOWERS: In joyful thanksgiving to God, these flowers are given by Jan and Tom Litton in celebration of Rally Day and the beginning of a new church year. As Scripture reminds us, there is blessing and purpose in gathering together - to encourage one another, grow in faith, and serve in love. May this new season in the life of our church strengthen the bonds that unite us as the family of Christ.

The red rose is in thanksgiving for the birth of Georgie Wade Snyder, born on Tuesday, September 1. Georgie is the daughter of Megan and Hudson Snyder and the granddaughter of Anne and Wade Davis.

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP EXTENDS BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE SANCTUARY

in the form of video recording and live streaming. Your presence with us today signifies consent to the possibility that your image may be included as part of our media broadcast.

FIRST (SCOTS) HISTORY TOURS

Welcome to First (Scots)! We are glad you are here. After worship, you are invited to meet our docent at the harpsichord for a brief 10-15 minute tour and introduction to our church family.

First-time visitors will receive a welcome bag. Today's docents are Rob Dillon (8:45) and Carol Rees (11:15).

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

8:45 A.M. GREETER: Bob Baldwin

11:15 A.M. GREETERS: Margaret Bouch, Shary Dillon

8:45 A.M. USHERS:

David Hay (Captain), Henry Hay III, Henry Hay IV,
Walker Avant, Paige Owens, Willy McClintic

11:15 A.M. USHERS:

Todd Plaxco (Captain), Barb Plaxco, Andy Beall,
Jackson Beall, Jon Bolt, Daniel McClam

8:45 A.M. DEACONS:

Will DesChamps (Lead Deacon), Brad Morrison

11:15 A.M. DEACONS:

Trish McCallister (Lead Deacon), Holly Wise

8:45 A.M. BEADLE: David Hay

11:15 A.M. BEADLE: David Hay

8:45 A.M. LAY READER: Chris Hawk

11:15 A.M. LAY READER: Julie Cannell

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Bucknam

ELDER ON CALL: (September 14 - 20) - David Hay (843) 670-1557

DEACON ON CALL: (September 14 - 20) - Shelley Ashcroft (843) 300-8100

PASTOR ON CALL: (September 14 - 20) - The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. (865) 456-2235



The Reverend Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr., Senior Pastor
The Reverend Dr. James T. Rogers, Associate Pastor
Pastor Mary Robinson, Commissioned Lay Pastor
The Reverend Dr. Daniel W. Massie, Pastor Emeritus



Ricard Bordas, Director of Choral Music
Dakota Carte, Administrative Assistant
Scarlett Crawford, Church Administrator
Jennifer Cromwell, Kindergarten Director
Ashley DesChamps, Christian Education Assistant
Nathaniel Finn, Communications Coordinator
Chef Robyn Guisto, Food Services Director
Maria Massie Hagan, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Karen Kuhn, Administrative Assistant
Donna Lawson, Day Porter
Shelby Olinger, Church Accountant
Anne-Clark Peters, Communications Coordinator
Meredith Sharma, Cherub and Alleluia Choir Director
Garry Stone, Facility Maintenance Coordinator
Christina Wilhoit, Handbell Choir Director
Dr. Anthony Williams, Director of Music and Organist

Welcome to First (Scots)



If you feel called, please prayerfully consider online giving, accessible using this QR code! In addition to the offering plate, pledges may be made through the website, through Realm, and in the church office.

Calendar of Events

September 14 - September 20

Monday, September 14

Worship Staff Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

All Staff Meeting, 10:30 a.m.

Prayer Group, 12 p.m.

Kindergarten Board Meeting, 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, 7 a.m.

Open Door Initiative, 1 - 4 p.m.

Women's Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16

Ladies' Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Cancer Companions, 4 p.m.

Kirk Club, 4 p.m.

Heart Mom's Group, 4:30 pm

Taizé Worship, 5 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper, 5:30 p.m.

Kirk Adult Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, September 17

Line Dancing, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday Tabletalk, 12 p.m.

Open Door Initiative, 1 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, September 19

New Members Class, 9 a.m.

HEART is a welcoming group of women who gather weekly for fellowship, connection, and conversation. Throughout the year, we read and discuss a variety of Christian books and studies together. We meet on Wednesdays from 4:30–5:30 p.m. upstairs in the Massie Building, while our children are in Kirk Club. Whether you've been at First (Scots) for years or are new to our church or preschool community, we'd love for you to join us.

All are welcome! For more information, please contact

Lindsay Marko at (706) 564-5655.



KIRK CLUB REGISTRATION FOR 2026 - 2027



Kirk Club is an awesome opportunity for kids to learn, play, and make new friends. This group also includes membership in the children's choir. Our first day is **Wednesday, September 16** and **drop off begins at 3:30 p.m. and ends at 5:40 p.m.** The registration fee is \$100 per child. We hope to see you there!



Scan QR code to join!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER AT 5:30 P.M.

Menu for Wednesday, September 16:

Mixed Green Salad

Chicken Fajitas (Gluten-free, w/o tortilla)

Red Rice

Black Beans

Chips/Queso

Chocolate S'mores Cake

Please RSVP by Tuesday at noon by calling
the church office at (843) 722-8882
or by using the QR code below.

The cost is \$10/adult; \$25 per family
with two adults and minor children;
\$6 for children ages 6 - 18.



SEPTEMBER LINE DANCING

Line Dancing classes will take place in Molly Wier Hall on all Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. during the month of September.



Contact **Pam Arnett** at pampagearnett@gmail.com if you have any questions.



PRAYER GROUP



Mondays, 12–1 p.m.
Room 229 of the Massie Building.

All are welcome. To submit a prayer request, call the church office at (843) 722-8882 or email info@first-scots.org.

2027 MALAWI MEDICAL MISSIONS TRIP

January 29 - February 7, 2027

Medical Missions board member **Linda-Marie Hamill** is helping coordinate the 2027 mission groups and is excited to return to Malawi to serve alongside others. She would love for you to join her team for this special experience. A trip meeting is set for **Sunday, September 27, at 10 a.m. in Molly Weir Hall.**

Please contact Linda-Marie at lindamariemedicalmissions@gmail.com or (843) 425-0116.

Scan the QR code for more info! →



WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning ladies Bible study will meet from 10 - 11:30 a.m. beginning on September 9.

We are going to follow The Bible Recap - New Testament chronological reading plan with short passages with weekly video recaps from the author, Tara-Leigh Cobble. This plan is designed to help you read, understand, and love the Bible.

Visit: www.thebiblerecap.com

Contact **Amy Shubert** at ashubert27@gmail.com or by phone (843) 810 - 4291.

KOINONIA - SIGN UP FOR FALL & WINTER

Koinonia is an opportunity for members of the church to meet with others in small groups, most often in one of the group member's homes for a meal and fellowship time. This is not a Bible study event. Groups this year range from 20 to 44 people in a group. At this time, the groups meet one time per month from October through May. **Our annual sign up day for new members is Sunday, September 13, between the first and second service and prior to the second service. This will take place at the reception desk of Molly Wier Hall.**



For more information, contact **Keith Blake** at kblakechas@gmail.com.



CANCER COMPANIONS

The Fall session of the Cancer Companions support group begins on Wednesday, September 16 at 4:00 p.m. Sessions are led by **Mary Robinson, Commissioned Lay Pastor**, and **Holly Wise, cancer survivor**.

We will meet in person or via Zoom for 9 sessions, ending on November 18.

For more information, **scan the QR code to access important details** about Cancer Companions and the course calendar, or **call the church office** at (843) 722-8882.



"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."
James 4:8

OCTOBER PW CIRCLE MEETINGS

Betty Noble Circle – **Tuesday, October 13 at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of **JoJo Mauldin**. They will be continuing their study of *"God Won't Leave you There"*– Joseph's story. For more information contact JoJo at jojomauldin@gmail.com or Laura at laurabeall77@gmail.com.

Unbroken Circle – **Tuesday, October 13 at 10 a.m.** at the home of **Joanne Zuraw**. They will be continuing from the *PW Horizons Bible Study* workbook. For more information, please contact susanbridwell@gmail.com.

Seekers Circle – **Wednesday, October 14 at 11:30 a.m.** at the home of **Barbara Plaxco**. They will be discussing lesson six from the study book. For further information, please contact pampagearnett@gmail.com.

LAMB'S PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

Join us for LAMB's
**Party With A
Purpose**
Celebrating

*The Joy of
the Lord is
my strength!*

Thursday, October 8, 2026
6pm
The Cedar Room
701 East Bay St.
Charleston, SC 29403



Thursday, October 8 at 6 p.m.

Cedar Room, 701 East Bay St., Old Cigar Factory

Join friends from the LAMB Institute to celebrate the Joy of the Lord. During the cocktail hour, visit Ministry Story Booths for a glimpse of God's work through LAMB in Honduras. A sit-down dinner follows, with speakers, a video, and remarks from **Susy McCall**.

RSVP either to **Rob Dillon**, (843) 670-8002, dillonr@fwgna.org, or to **Lisa Gehlken**, (843) 224-3106 lisa.gehlken@gmail.com by **Wednesday, Sept. 23**.



BUILD A HOME & CHANGE A LIFE!

First (Scots) is preparing to build a mini-house to the Glory of God, in memory of Bryan Dillon, son of Rob & Shary Dillon. Construction **starts October 16**, and will take place on Fridays and Saturdays through the fall and winter. Please volunteer! Your participation will help to provide a safe and stable home for an individual in need. No prior experience is necessary, just a love of the Lord and a willingness to do his work. Volunteers are also needed to provide lunch!

Scan the QR code above to volunteer,
or contact **Rob Dillon** at DillonR@fwgna.org
or by calling **843-670-8002**.

PARRAMORE PREACHING

As a part of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church's annual Parramore Preaching Series, the **Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell** will preach on Sunday, September 27 at both services, speak at youth group on Sunday night, and join us at the Leaders Luncheon on Monday, which begins at noon.

**RSVP for the luncheon by calling the
church office at (843) 722-8882.**

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR (DCE) NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee of First (Scots) is seeking names of persons to serve on the Director of Christian Education (DCE) Nominating Committee. Once elected, that committee will search for a permanent Director of Christian Education to be hired by the Session. Members currently serving as an Elder or Deacon are eligible. More than one person may be recommended. Please obtain the nominee's permission before submitting a name, **by using the for in the QR code below.**

Nominations are due Monday, September 28, 2026.
Submit completed forms to Scarlett at the church office.

Please contact **Scarlett Crawford** at scrawford@first-scots.org if you or someone you know would be interested in serving as our Interim (DCE).

**Scan the QR code to fill
out the nominations form!**





Youth Group
Linktree



Youth Group Kickoff Party: September 13



RSVP encouraged by
using the event QR code!



Parents and youth (grades six through twelve), please join us for our football themed Youth Group Kickoff Party on Sunday, September 13 from 5-7 p.m. in the Molly Wier Fellowship Hall. We will be enjoying food, playing fun games, and learning about upcoming youth activities! Attendees are encouraged to wear clothing in support of their favorite NFL, college, or school football team: jerseys, t-shirts, hats, and team colors. Or feel free to dress up as a coach, referee, or cheerleader. Casual clothing is also welcome.

Confirmation Class Starts September 20



Eighth graders and older youth who have not completed the program are invited to be a part of the 2027 First (Scots) Confirmation Class. Confirmation is an 8 month process that prepares youth to publicly profess faith in Jesus Christ and become adult members of the church. Confirmation class will meet most Sundays from 10-11 a.m. in the Kirk House (62 King Street; second floor classroom) from September 20 through May 2, when the class will have the opportunity to be welcomed as adult members at the 11:15 a.m. service.

Youth can register by completing the **Confirmation Class of 2027 Jotform** using the QR code and should invite an adult to serve as their personal Confirmation Mentor. Questions? Please contact **James Rogers** at jrogers@first-scots.org.

Scan QR code to register!



TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE

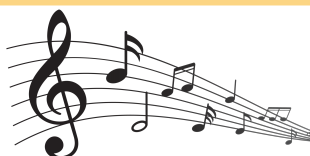
Join us each **Wednesday from 5-5:30 p.m., beginning September 16**, for a quiet and contemplative service of prayer, Scripture, silence, and simple, meditative music.

Originating in the ecumenical Taizé community in France, this form of worship invites us to slow down, listen for God's presence, and rest in the peace of Christ. Each service will also include celebration of the Lord's Supper. All are welcome!



The number one cause of divorce in North America is money fights and money problems. First (Scots) will again offer the nine week Financial Peace University class this fall. Video/discussion classes are tentatively scheduled from **6:15 - 7:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, from September 23 to November 18**. For more information, contact **Carol Rees** at (618) 402-9304.

KIRK ADULT CHOIR
REHEARSALS AT 6:15 P.M.



If you are interested in singing in the **Kirk Choir**, contact **Tony Williams** at awilliams@first-scots.org or **Ricard Bordas** at rbordas@first-scots.org.



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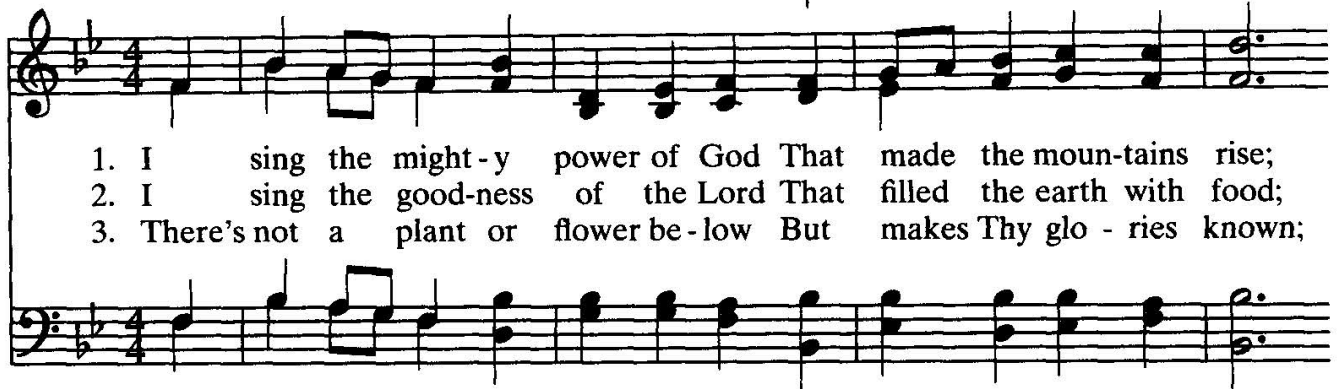
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I Sing the Mighty Power of God

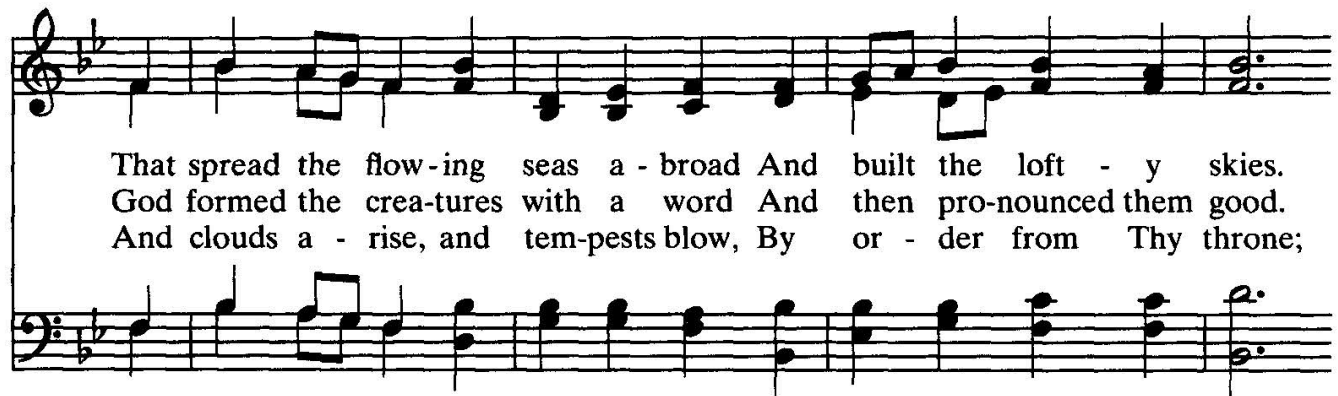
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*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*

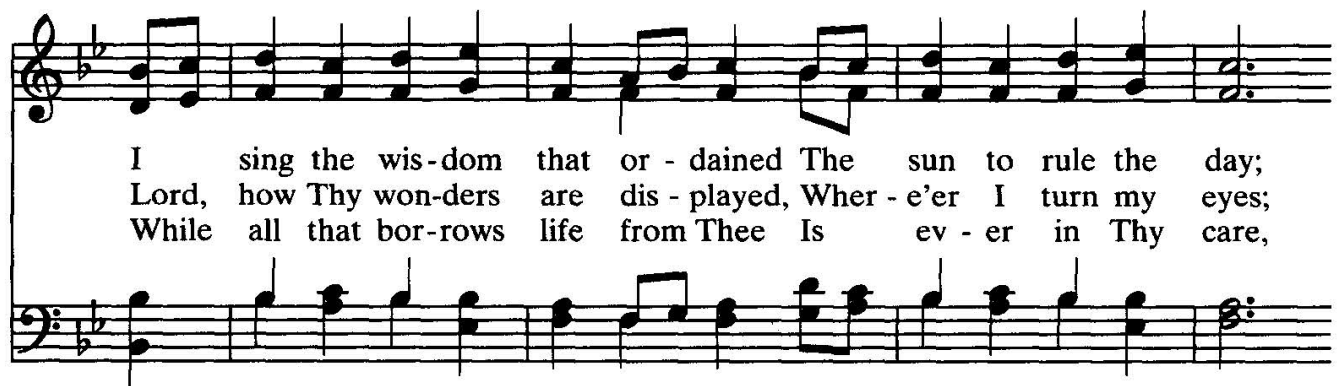
Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.



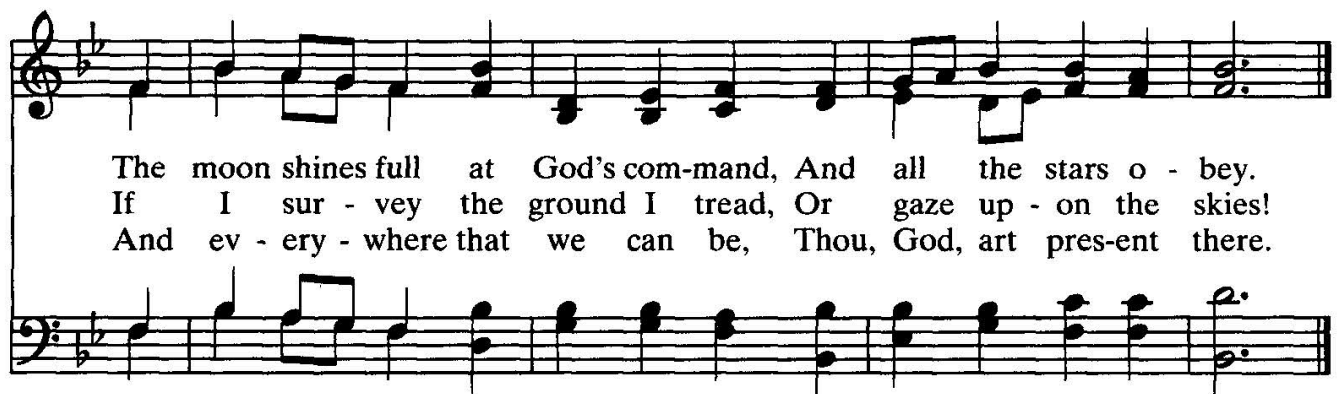
1. I sing the might-y power of God That made the moun-tains rise;
 2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
 3. There's not a plant or flower be-low But makes Thy glo - ries known;



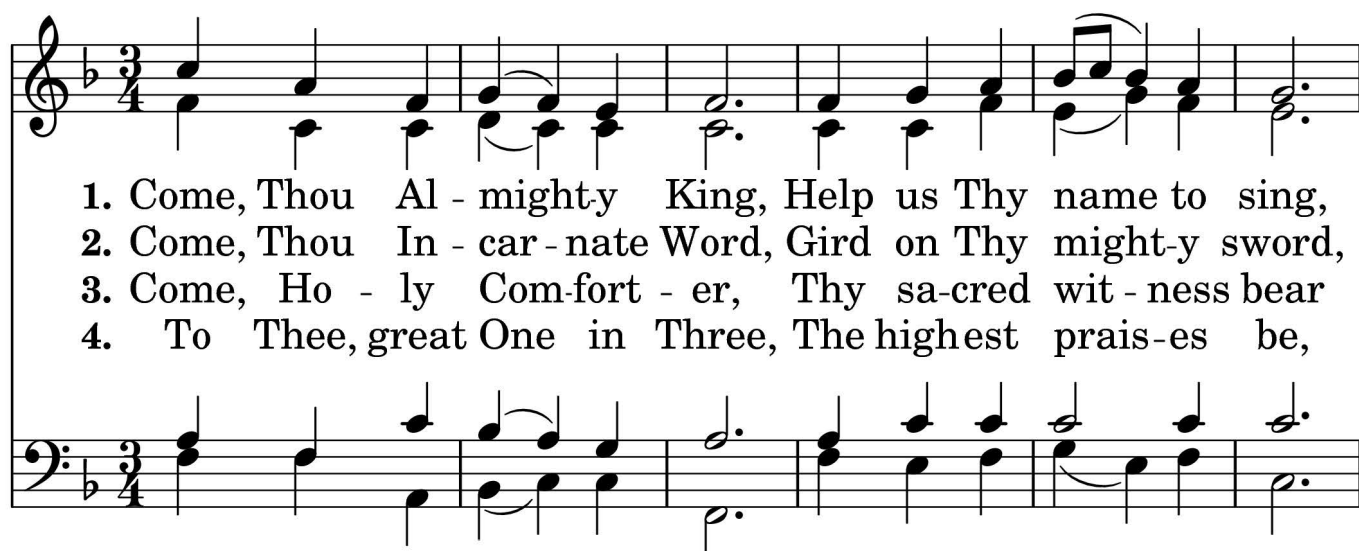
That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad And built the loft - y skies.
 God formed the crea-tures with a word And then pro-nounced them good.
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, By or - der from Thy throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or - dained The sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis - played, Wher - e'er I turn my eyes;
 While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev - er in Thy care,

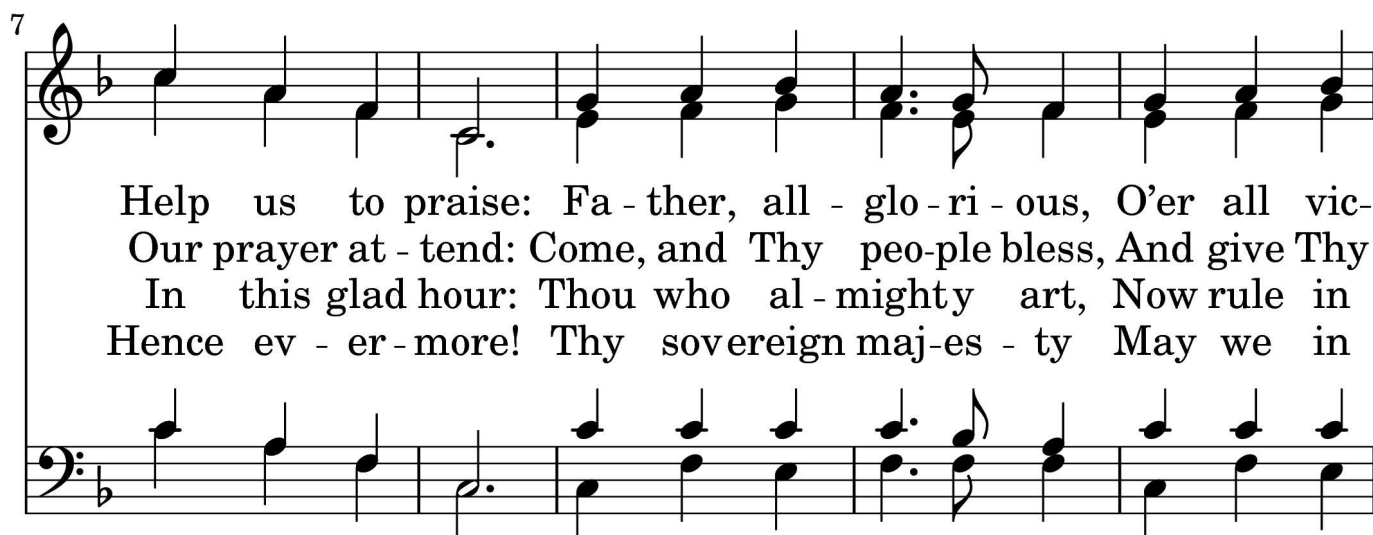


The moon shines full at God's com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.
 If I sur - vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up - on the skies!
 And ev - ery - where that we can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.



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.

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Lift High the Cross

George William Kitchin (1827-1912)
 Rev. by Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916; alt.
Refrain and Descant

CRUCIFER 10.10 with refrain

Sidney Hugo Nicholson, 1916
 Desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Till all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

Till all the world a - dore His sa - cred name. *Fine*

1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

The Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died.
 Your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.