

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 AT 8:45 & 11:15 A.M.



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

THE REV. DR. JAMES T. ROGERS
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

8:45 & 11:15 A.M. SERVICES

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Adagio in E”

Frank Bridge

(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

Presbyterian Women Fall Fellowship

Karolea Lucas (8:45)

Sally Baggett (11:15)

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

“Break Forth, Into Joy”

Hughes Hufmann, Jr.

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

Kirk Choir (11:15)

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Maria Hagan

One: Come, all who thirst; come to the waters.

All: **We come, not by our own merit, but because God invites us.**

One: Come, all who hunger; come and eat.

All: **We come with empty hands, trusting in God's abundant grace.**

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and remember all God's goodness.

All: **The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: For God's ways are higher than our ways, and God's thoughts higher than our thoughts.

All: **Let us worship God, whose grace exceeds all our attempts to measure.**

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Hymn No. 420

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 confess that we often keep score of what we have done, how long we have served and what we think we deserve. Forgive us when we measure your grace by our own sense of fairness and when we resent the generosity you show to others. Teach us to receive your grace with humility and to rejoice when it is freely given to others; 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

“God Is So Good”

*God is so good. God is so good. Good is so good. He's so good to me.
I praise His name. I praise His name. I praise His name. He's so good to me.*

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

Regina Yost (8:45)

Beth Evans (11:15)

THE WORD READ

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

(pew Bible, page 598)

New Testament Reading: Matthew 20: 1-16

(pew Bible, page 801)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"I'VE BEEN HERE ALL DAY"

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

"I Cannot Tell"

Verse 1: *I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship, should set his love upon the sons of men, or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers, to bring them back, they know not how or when.*

But this I know, that he was born of Mary when Beth'lem's manger was his only home, and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured, and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

Verse 2: *I cannot tell how silently he suffered, as with his peace he graced this place of tears, or how his heart upon the cross was broken, the crown of pain to three and thirty years.*

But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear and lifts the burden from the heavy laden; for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

Verse 3: *I cannot tell how he will win the nations, how he will claim his earthly heritage, how satisfy the needs and aspirations of east and west, of sinner and of sage.*

But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory, and he shall reap the harvest he has sown, and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

Verse 4: *I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship, when at his bidding every storm is stilled, or who can say how great the jubilation when every heart with love and joy is filled.*

But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture, and myriad myriad human voices sing, and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer, 'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

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

(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

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Bradley Ellingboe

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

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Hymn No. 150

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen”

Felix Mendelssohn

†POSTLUDE

Toccata on “Old Hundredth”

Michael Burkhardt

FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Elisabeth and Edward Lilly from Edward, Lasca, and Richard.

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 tour and introduction to our church family. First-time visitors will receive a welcome bag. Today’s docents are Martha Jane Hudnall (8:45) and Karen Prewitt (11:15).

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

8:45 A.M. GREETER: Beth Evans

COFFEE GREETER: Anna Smith

8:45 A.M. USHERS:

11:15 A.M. GREETERS: Jon Carter, Harvey Mason

David Neff (Captain), David McCormack, Margaret McCormack, Chris Hawk, George Smythe, Joe Thompson

11:15 A.M. USHERS:

Grayson Liner (Captain), Ben King, David Gaston, Ann Anderson, Michael Bryan, Todd Plaxco

8:45 A.M. DEACONS:

11:15 A.M. DEACONS:

Wilson Pickren (Lead Deacon), Trish McCallister

Holly Wise (Lead Deacon), Michael Branch

8:45 A.M. BEADLE: Karolea Lucas

11:15 A.M. BEADLE: John Robinson

8:45 A.M. LAY READER: Regina Yost

11:15 A.M. LAY READER: Beth Evans

ELDER ON CALL: (September 21 - 27) - Janice Key (843) 860-4945

DEACON ON CALL: (September 21 - 27) - Anna Smith (843) 729-9241

PASTOR ON CALL: (September 21-27) - The Rev. Dr. James Rogers (843) 513-3717



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



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 21 - September 27

Monday, September 21

Worship Staff Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

All Staff Meeting, 10:30 a.m.

Prayer Group, 12 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 p.m.

Bridge, 1:30 p.m.

Handbell Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.

Diaconate Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 22

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

PW Fall Gathering - Host - Margaret Pearson, 10 a.m.

Open Door Initiative, 1 - 4 p.m.

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

PW Fall Gathering - Host - Margaret Pearson, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, September 23

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.

Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, September 24

Line Dancing, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday Tabletalk, 12 p.m.

Open Door Initiative, 1 - 4 p.m.

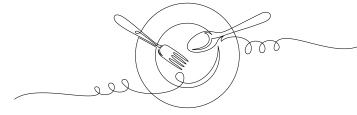


TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us each **Wednesday from 5 - 5:30 p.m.** 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!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER AT 5:30 P.M.



Menu for Wednesday, September 23:

Mixed Green Salad

Chicken Parmesan

Garlic Bread

Mixed Vegetables

Tiramisu Sheet 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.



Budgeting makes a difference.

Most families going through Financial Peace University are debt-free, except for houses, within 18 months. Budgeting is key to that success. First (Scots) again will 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, September 23 to November 18.** For more information, contact **Carol Rees** at (618) 402-9304.

HEART is a welcoming group of women who gather weekly for fellowship, and connection. We meet on Wednesdays from 4:30–5:30 p.m. upstairs in the Massie Building, while our children are in Kirk Club. All are welcome! Contact **Lindsay Marko** at (706) 564-5655.



CANCER COMPANIONS

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



Scan for more info!

The Cancer Companions support group meets Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. Sessions are led by **Mary Robinson, Commissioned Lay Pastor**, and **Holly Wise, cancer survivor**. We meet in person or via Zoom for 9 sessions, until November 18.

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



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 our neighbors. Linda would love for you to join the team for this special experience. A trip meeting is set for **Sunday, September 27, at 10 a.m. in Molly Wier 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 meets at 10 - 11:30 a.m. We are following 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.

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



JOIN OUR BRIDGE CLUB!

If you play bridge and would like to enjoy some fun and fellowship, join our bridge group on **Mondays from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. in Room 203 of the Massie building**. Men and women are welcome!

If you are interested, please contact **Nonie Crosby** at (843) 425-3669 or nonie7@bellsouth.net.

2026-2027 KIRK CLUB REGISTRATION



Scan QR code to join!



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. Kirk Club is

**on Wednesdays 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!



CHURCH BELLS OPPORTUNITY

If you or someone you know would be interested in helping ring our church bell **on Sunday mornings**, we'd love to have you join us! It simply involves being placed on a schedule, giving about 10-12 minutes before the service and pushing a button. It's an easy way to help us make a joyful noise unto the Lord as we gather for worship! If you're interested, please contact **Debbie Rice-Marko** at dricemarko@gmail.com.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Appointments are available on the following dates:

Tuesday, September 29 from 2 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 30 from 2 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 1 from 2 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, October 2 from 2 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 3 from 10 a.m. - 3:50 p.m.

Use the QR below to schedule your session. If you have any issues registering online, please call the church office at (843) 722-8882, and we can help register you for a session.



Church Code: SC345

Church Password: scots

*Please use this exact capitalization for Code & Password.

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 **Suzu 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 **843-670-8002**.

PARRAMORE PREACHING



Scan to RSVP
to luncheon!

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.



Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell

Preacher in Residence & Pastoral Residency Advisor

Tom and Suzanne Tewell met at Muskingum College in Ohio where they married in their college chapel 50 years ago! Tom attended Princeton Seminary for his Master of Divinity Degree and earned a Doctor of Ministry at Drew Theological School in NJ, before serving congregations in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Texas, and New York.

Tom served as Sr. Pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian in NYC. on 9/11. Tom has received two Honorary Doctoral Degrees, numerous awards for social justice ministry, and served as a Trustee of Princeton Seminary for 15 years. An entrepreneur at heart, Tom founded Macedonian Ministry to resource congregations in changing times as well as the Zick Preacher Scholar Program to assist young preachers who want to hone the craft of preaching.

The Tewell's have two grown sons, Ryan, married to Holly, and Toby, married to Katie, and 7 grandchildren between the ages of 3 and 21! They moved to Claremont in 2018 to live close to their three youngest grandchildren under the age of 6.

RSVP for the luncheon by scanning the QR code above or by calling the church office at (843) 722-8882.

Youth Kickoff Party was a Great Success!



Almost 100 youth, advisors, and parents attended the football themed kickoff party last Sunday. Highlights from the night included the carnival style water balloon splash tower, freshly popped popcorn, and lots of team spirit! **Special thanks to Chef Robyn** for our football theme inspired meal with burger sliders, pigs in a blanket, and nachos. In addition, the 2026-2027 Youth Group Calendars were presented and include dates and locations for next summer's youth conferences and mission trips. It's going to be a great year!



**Youth Group
Linktree**

RSVP for Sunday, September 20 Youth Group Events



Scan to reserve
your spot!

The **High School Youth Group** is going to Trophy Lakes Aqua Park today from 12:15-3:15 p.m. Meet at the Kirk House (62 King Street) at 12:15 p.m., or immediately after the 11:15 a.m. worship service, for lunch before we leave for Johns Island. Bring a swimsuit (or wear it under casual, worship-appropriate clothing), sunscreen, a towel, a water bottle pre-filled with water, and a change of clothes for the ride home if desired. From 1:40-2:25 p.m. we'll be on the Aqua Park, a giant floating inflatable obstacle course anchored in Trophy Lakes, walking, jumping, climbing, sliding, and splashing across slides, monkey bars, climbing walls, bounce platforms, and balance obstacles on a private 40-acre freshwater lake. We return to the Kirk House at 3:15 p.m. **Reserve your spot through Realm or by scanning the QR code above.** Parents, please complete a Youth Permission and Release Statement if one is not already on file for 2026-2027. Friends are also invited to RSVP!



Scan to
RSVP!

The **Middle School Youth Group** is heading to Sea Island Mini Golf today from 12:15-3:15 p.m. Gather at the Kirk House (62 King Street) at 12:15 p.m., or right after 11:15 a.m. worship, for lunch, then we'll travel to Johns Island. Wear comfortable, appropriate clothes (or keep on what you wore to worship), and bring sunscreen, a water bottle pre-filled with water, plus a hat or sunglasses if desired. We'll play one of two brand-new, fun, challenging 18-hole courses, Swampville or Alligator Alley, before returning to the Kirk House at 3:15 p.m. **Sign up in Realm or with the QR code above.** If a Youth Permission and Release Statement has not been turned in for 2026-2027, please have a parent complete one. Friends are also welcome to reserve a spot!

Parramore Youth Event



Scan to sign up!

As a part of our annual Parramore Preaching Series, the **Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell** will speak at youth group Sunday, September 27 from 5 to 7 p.m., sharing *"The Missing Piece of the Puzzle: How to Discover God's Will for your Life."* He was pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church on September 11, 2001, when his congregation offered a message of Christian hope to New York City and beyond. He has received numerous awards for his social justice ministry, particularly with the homeless in NYC, where he led his congregation to know the homeless who slept on their steps by name. Meet in Molly Wier Fellowship Hall. Dinner is served as a part of the program at no cost. Please sign up to be a part of this special event **using the SignUpGenius QR code on the left.**



@firstscots1731 and @firstscotsyouth



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God of Grace and God of Glory

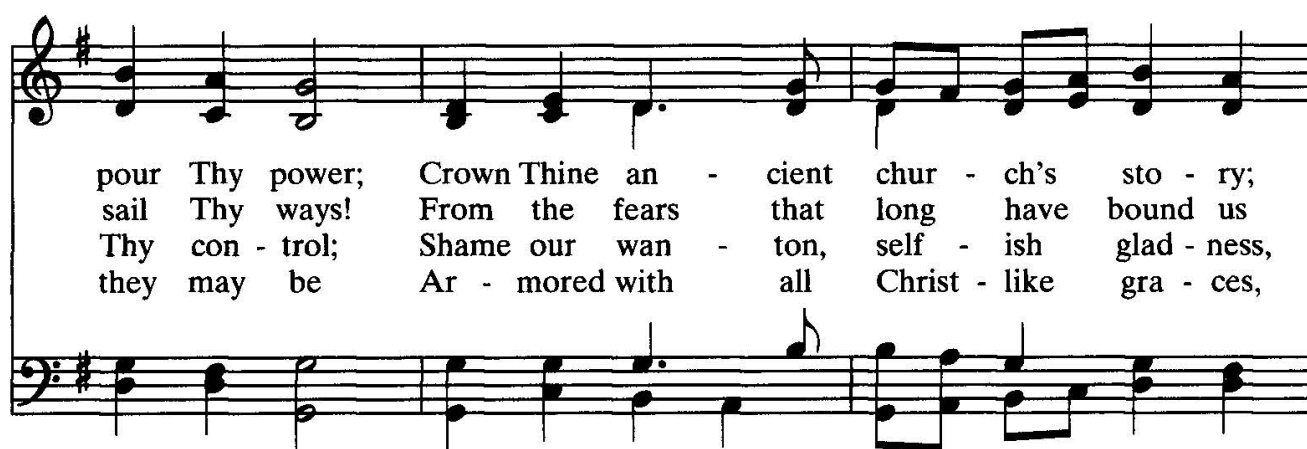
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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

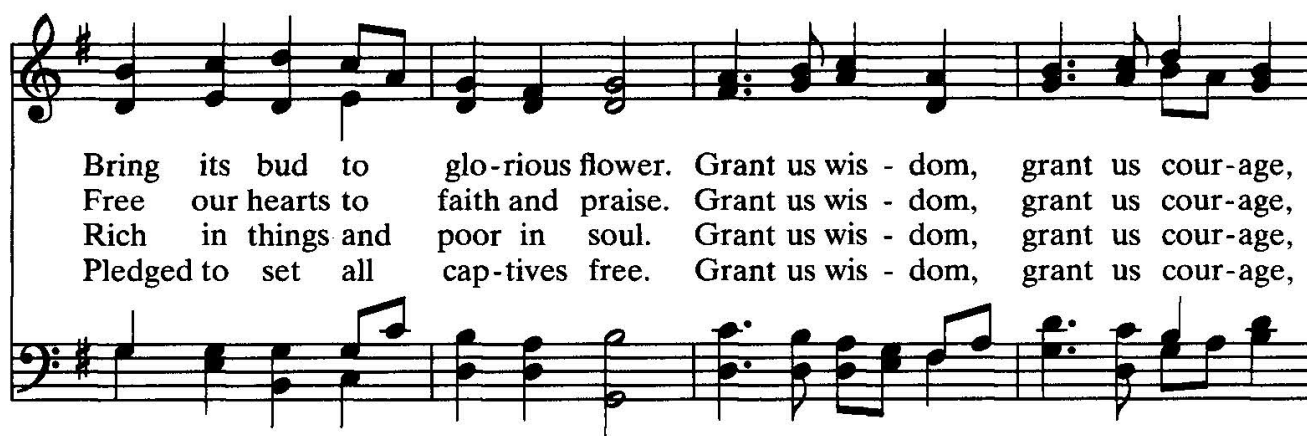
John Hughes, 1907



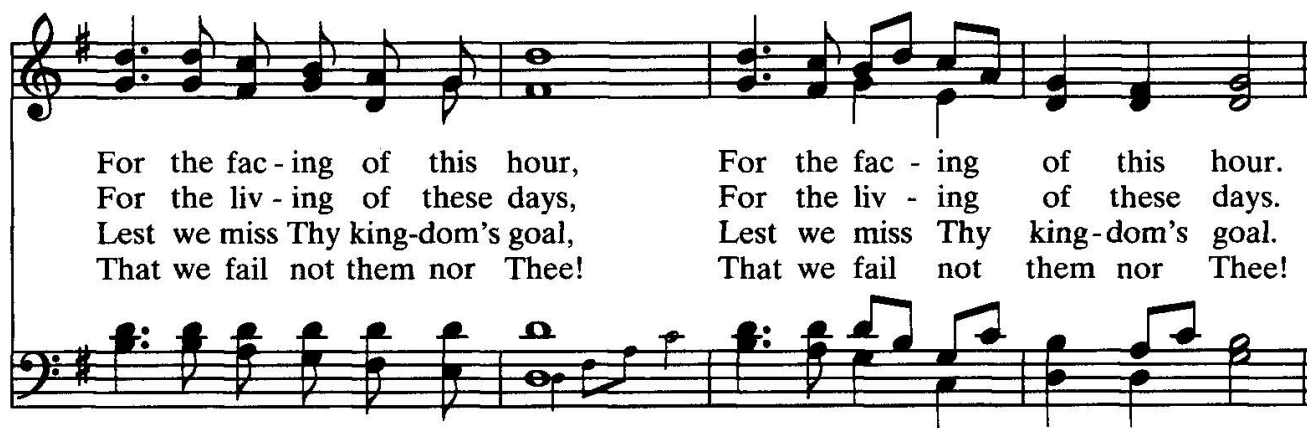
1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that



pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,



Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
 That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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Spanish folk melody
 Arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824
 Harm. David Evans, 1927

Christian Henry Bateman, 1843

1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore His throne re - joice;
 He is our guide and friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;
 On heav-en's bliss - ful shore His good - ness we'll a - dore,

Praise is His gra-cious choice; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 His love shall nev - er end; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"