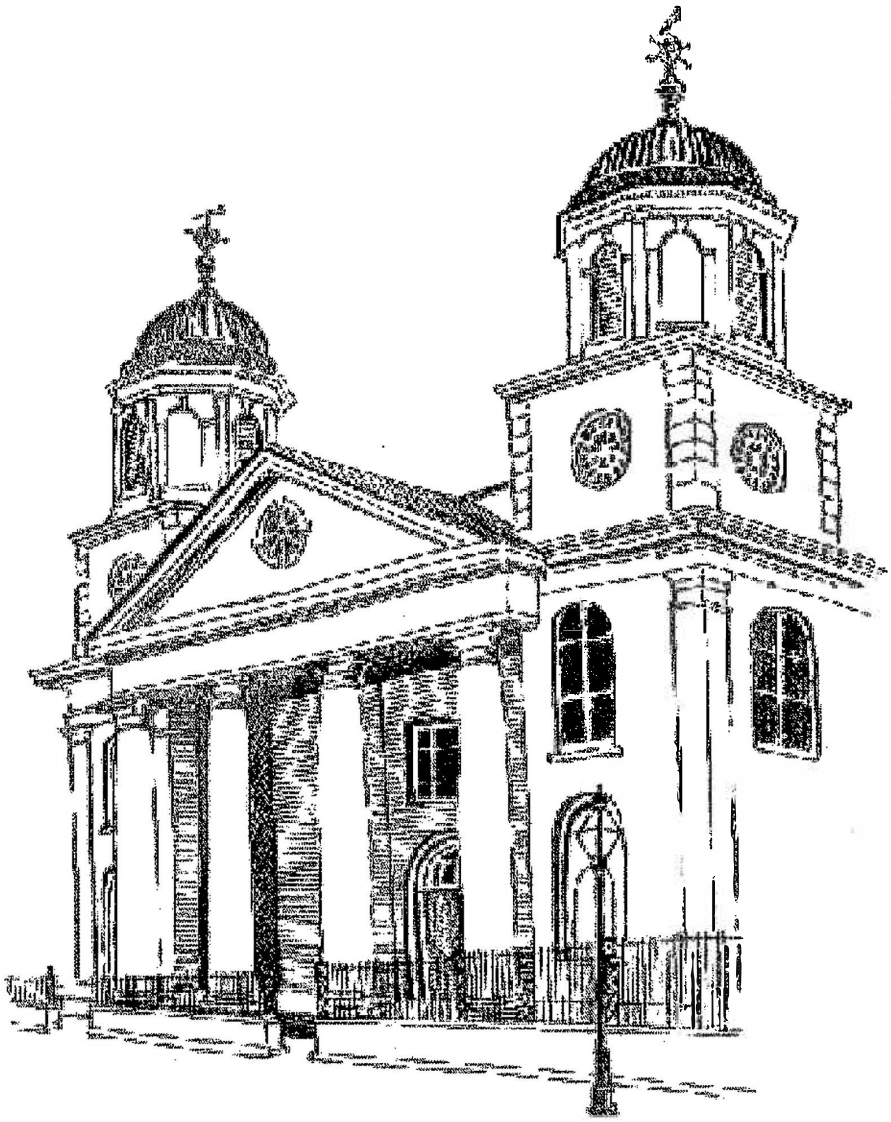
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Service for the Lord's Day
Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026 — 8:45 & 11:15 A.M. SERVICES

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE "Little Preludes and Intermezzi" Hermann Schroeder

(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 Stewardship Anne Smith

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT "Let Thy Holy Presence" Pavel Tschesnokoff/
Katherine Clarkson, soprano: Timmi Winston, mezzo-soprano (8:45) Arr. Hal H. Hopson
Kirk Choir (11:15)

†CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Mary B. Robinson

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.
All: We belong to God, and all that we have is His gift.
One: God created us in His image and called us to live in faithfulness and love.
All: We offer our hearts, our gifts, and our lives in grateful response to God's grace.
One: Jesus calls us to give to God the things that are God's.
All: We worship the Lord our God, whose love has claimed us and whose grace sustains us.

†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)

Almighty and everlasting God, we confess that we do not always give You the place You deserve in our lives. We allow our ambitions, our possessions, our schedules and our competing loyalties to claim our hearts. We forget that all we have and all we are belong to You. Forgive us, O Lord, for the times we have withheld our gifts, neglected our calling or sought our security in things that cannot save us. Renew us by Your grace, that we may live with grateful hearts, serve with willing spirits, and offer our lives in faithful response to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer, in whose blessed name 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.

† ***Those who are able, please stand.***

†CHILDREN'S HYMN "I Want to Be a Christian"

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.
In-a my heart (in-a my heart), in-a my heart, (in-a my heart), Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.
In-a my heart (in-a my heart), in-a my heart, (in-a my heart), Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.

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 — Carrie Simpson (8:45), Helen Ross (11:15)

THE WORD READ — OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 1:8-22 (pew Bible, page 43); NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 22:15-22 (pew Bible, page 803)

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED — "WHOSE IMAGE DO WE BEAR?" — 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 — "Take My Life" — Hymn No. 391

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 — "Give Me Jesus" — Arr. Lloyd Larson

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

"Laudate Dominum" — Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Kirk Choir (11:15)
Katherine Clarkson, soprano

Translation: *Praise the Lord, all nations; praise Him, all people. For he has bestowed His mercy upon us, and the Truth of the Lord endures forever. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever, and for generations of generations. Amen.*

†**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**	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	Hymn No. 464
†**Charge and Benediction**		The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.
†**Benediction Response**	"Sevenfold Amen"	K. Lee Scott
†**Postlude**	"Fanfare in D"	Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

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The flowers in the sanctuary are given in memory of Harris Thaxton,
beloved husband of Ginny Thaxton.

The pedestal flowers are in loving memory and deepest appreciation
for our friends from the Marko family.

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.

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
Please join us for a guided tour and brief history of First (Scots) following the conclusion of worship.
Please come and meet your docent at the harpsichord following the service for a 10-15 minute tour.
Today's docents are Rob Dillon (8:45) and Jeff Yost (11:15).

Assisting with the Service Today

8:45 A.M. Greeter:
Shary Dillon

Coffee Greeter:
Caroline Spitznagel

11:15 A.M. Greeters:
Margaret Bouch, John Witty

8:45 A.M. Ushers:
Haylea Shuman (Captain), Tap Gresham, John White, Sr., Jane Dixon, Greg Robinson, Dave Neff

11:15 A.M. Ushers:
Chris Bucknam (Captain), Harrison Brooks, Bailey Werber, Steve Werber, Nelson Werber, Davis Robinson

8:45 A.M. Deacons:
Laura Greaver (Lead Deacon), Chase McNair

11:15 A.M. Deacons:
Whitney Stoddard (Lead Deacon), Carolyn Gildersleeve

8:45 A.M. Beadle:
Woody Kerr

11:15 A.M. Beadle:
Eddie McSwain

8:45 A.M. Lay Reader:
Carrie Simpson

Media Ministry:
Matt Bucknam

11:15 A.M. Lay Reader:
Helen Ross
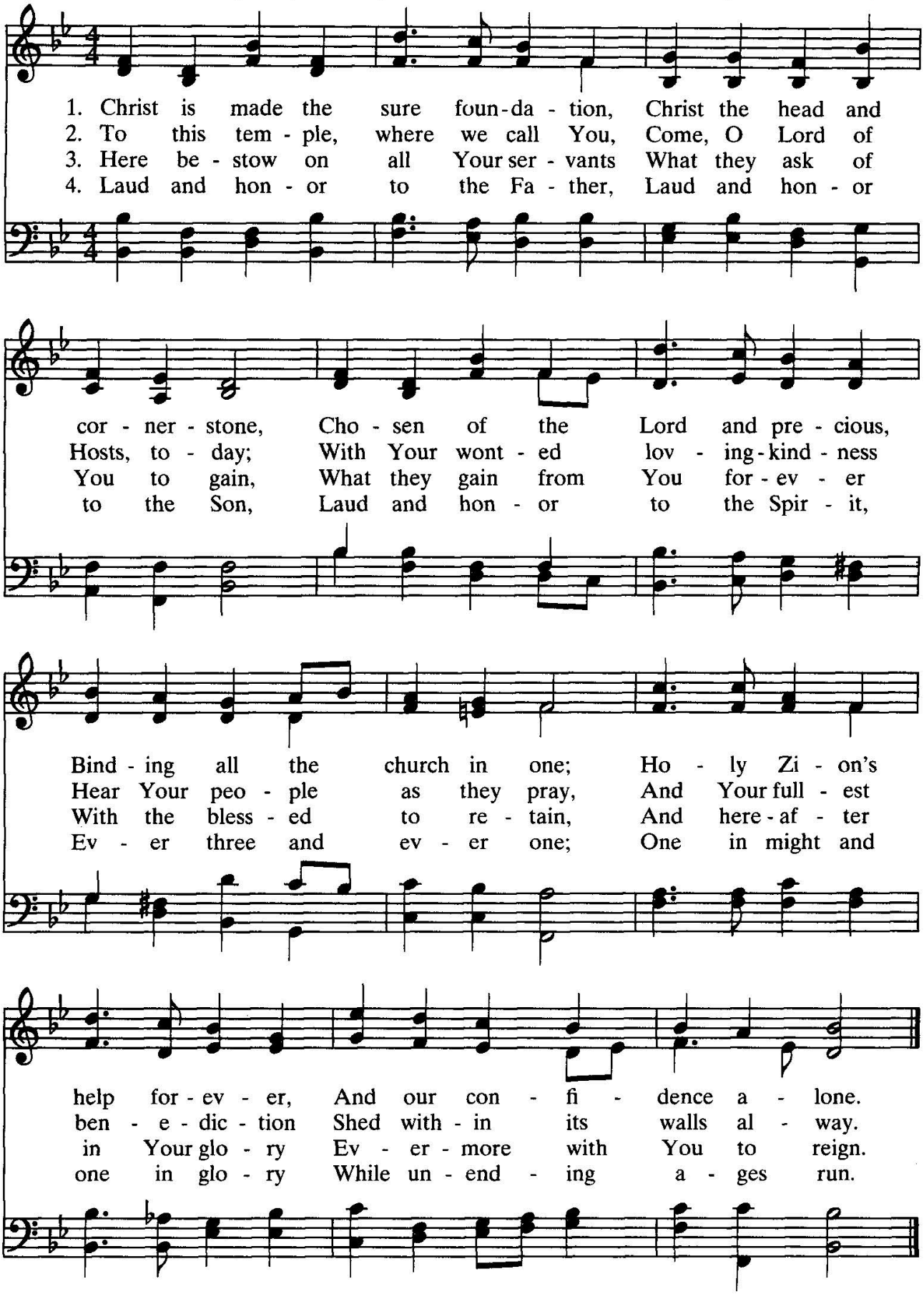
Elder on Call: (October 19 - 25) - Harold Davis (843) 412-0600
Deacon on Call: (October 19 - 25) - Trish McAllister (864) 621-1802
Pastor on Call: (October 19 - 25) - The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. (865) 456-2235

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 417

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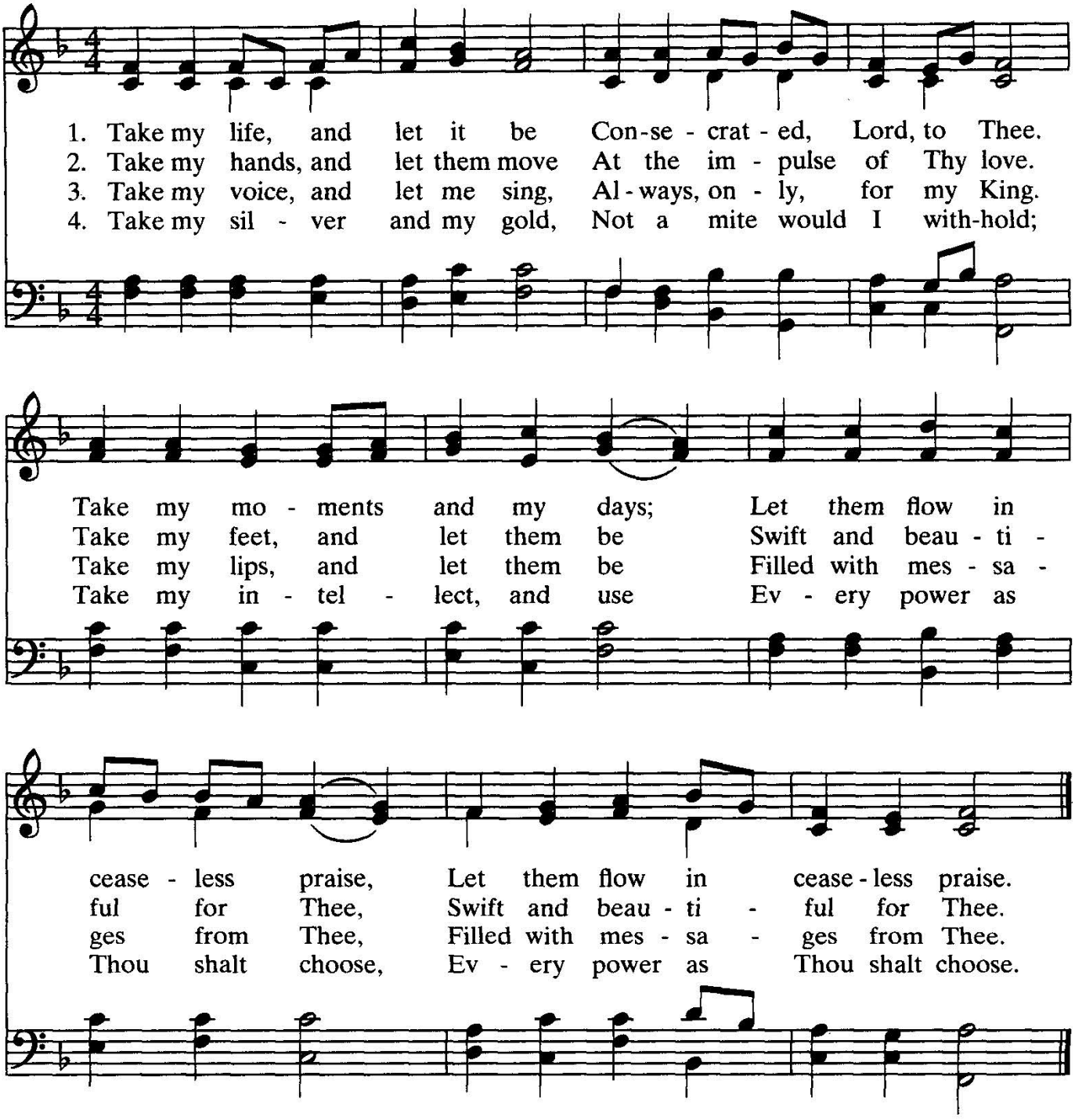
Henry Thomas Smart, 1867



391 Take My Life

HENDON 7.7.7.7

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874 — H. A. César Malan, 1827



5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
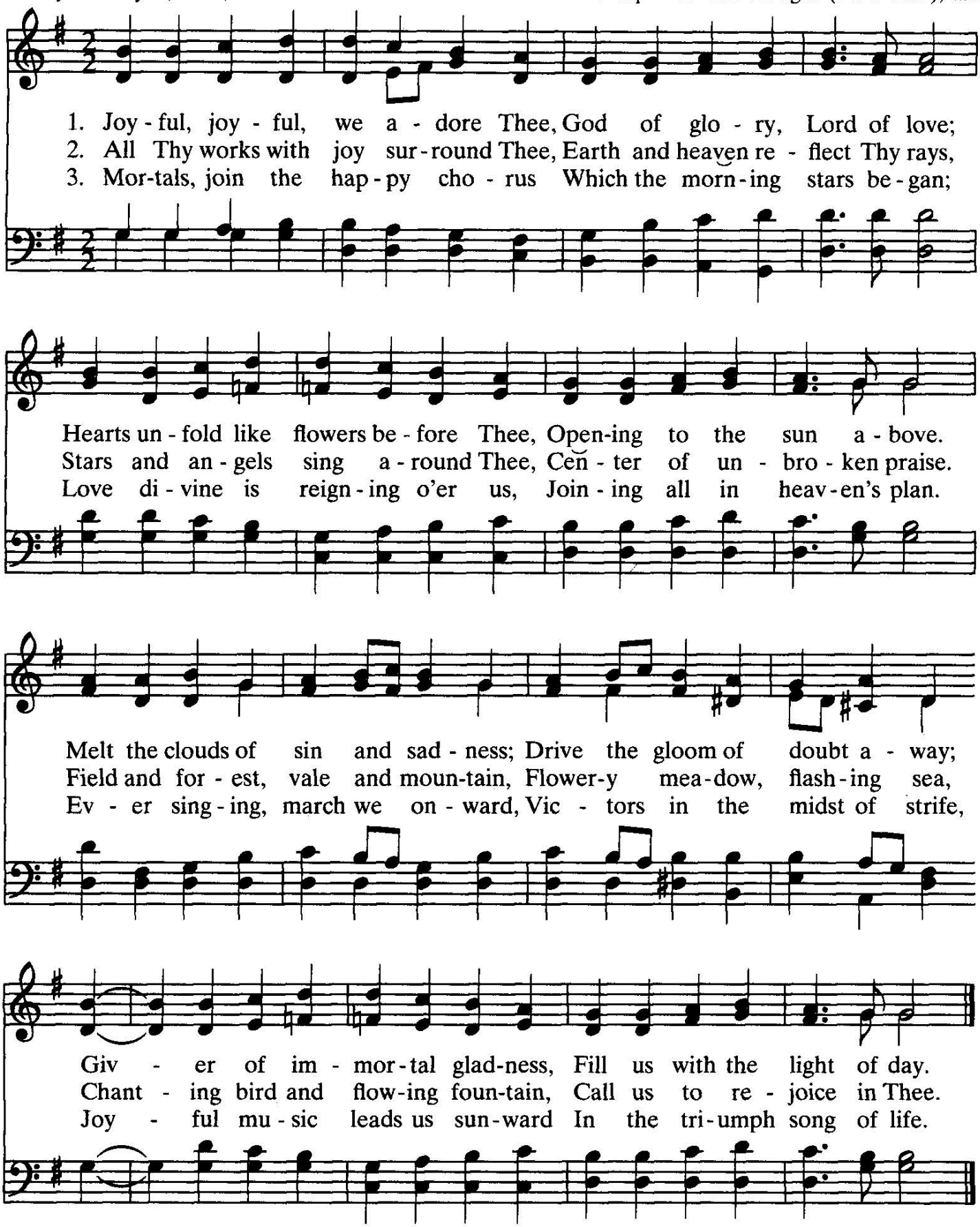
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 464

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Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796–1867); alt.



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.

October 19 - 25

Monday, October 19
Prayer Group, 12 p.m.
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 p.m.
Bridge, 1:30 p.m.
Handbell Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20
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, October 21
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.
Financial Peace, 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, October 22
Lectio Divina, 10 a.m.
Thursday Tabletalk, 12 p.m.
Open Door Initiative, 1 - 4 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper at 5:30 P.M.

Menu for Wednesday, October 21:

Shepherds Pie (GF)
Mixed Green Salad
Roasted Vegetables
Vanilla Peach Dump Cake

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

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

Stewardship Sunday Celebration

RSVP to Brunch

Stewardship Sunday is **November 1 at First (Scots), with one worship service at 10 a.m., followed by the Stewardship Celebration Brunch in Molly Wier Hall.**

Stewardship information has been mailed to home addresses. If you have not received yours, contact **Scarlett at (843) 722-8882.**

Scottish Heritage Sunday

Sunday, November 8

Volunteers are needed before, during, and after the reception, to participate in the procession, and much more.
Be a part of the fun!

Contact **Amelia at (843) 568-6391** or call **Jay at (843) 437-8677** to learn more.

For procession participation, contact **Debbie Rice-Marko at (843) 367-8089**.
We hope you can be a part of this wonderful day celebrating Scottish Heritage!

Register to volunteer

Join us for the Annual Fall Festival



Sunday, October 25 from 4-5 p.m. at the Kirk House Courtyard & Massie Building Terrace. Fun and games for all ages like putt-putt, bean bag toss, quarterback throw game, and so much more! Costumes are encouraged and parents are asked to accompany their children. Candy donations (unopened bags) accepted at Massie Building Reception Area.

2026-2027 Kirk Club Registration

Scan QR code to join!

Kirk Club

Kirk Club is an awesome opportunity for kids to learn, play, and make new friends. Kirk Club is on **Wednesdays** and **begins at 3:30 p.m.** and **ends at 5:40 p.m.** The registration fee is $100 per child.

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

Cancer Companions
Bringing hope to the journey

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

The Cancer Companions support group meets Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Sessions are led by Mary Robinson, Commissioned Lay Pastor, and Holly Wise, cancer survivor. Scan the QR code to access important details about Cancer Companions and the course calendar, or call the church office at **(843) 722-8882.**

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. Each service includes celebration of the Lord's Supper. All are welcome!

Prayer Group

The prayer group meets on Mondays, 12 - 1 p.m. in 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.

Join Bridge Club!

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

For more information, contact **Nonie Crosby** at **(843) 425-3669** or nonie7@bellsouth.net.

Last Opportunity to Make up Days for the Church Pictorial Directory

Photos from previous directories will not be used, and these makeup sessions are the **LAST opportunity** to have your picture taken for the new directory.

Appointments are available on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, November 18 from 2-8 p.m.**
- **Thursday, November 19 from 2-8 p.m.**

Use this QR code to schedule your session. You will need the following case-sensitive information shown below to reserve your slot. 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**



Kirk Cafe Sunday Breakfast

Are you in a rush on Sunday mornings? Is the teenage appetite ever satisfied? We have good news! **On Sunday mornings in the Kirk House, continental breakfast will be provided beginning at 9:45am and until classes start.** Please stop by the Kirk Café to enjoy breakfast and fellowship!



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.



The Flower Committee

The Flower Committee, headed by **Denée Warren,** is looking for new members. This group arranges the sanctuary flowers into smaller bouquets after the service and then delivers these flowers to those in need of cheer. If you'd like to help, **please contact Denée** at deneew326@gmail.com or at **(843) 830-5266.**

Habitat Project - Registration Reopened!

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.**

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.

Scan the "SignUpGenius" QR code to volunteer (after you click the "Sign Up" button next to the date and shift you want to volunteer, hit "Save and Continue". That will take you to a second page, where you enter your contact information). For more information, contact **Rob Dillon** at DillonR@fwgna.org or **call 843-670-8002.**

Register to volunteer!

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. If you are interested in learning more about this trip to Malawi, contact **Linda-Marie** at lindamariemedicalmissions@gmail.com or by calling **(843) 425-0116.**



Scan the QR code for more info!

First (Scots) Sunday Sermon Contributors

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Shelby Olinger, Church Accountant
Meredith Sharma, Cherub and Alleluia Choir Director
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Last Chance to Register for the Middle School Youth Bethelwoods Retreat

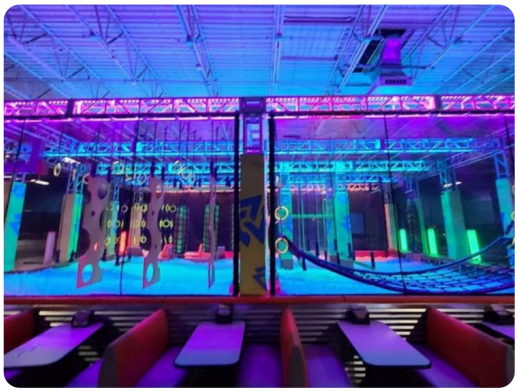




Bethelwoods Retreat registration

This November 13-15, the middle school youth are going to Camp Bethelwoods in York, SC, joining youth and adults from local Presbyterian churches, and participating in exciting recreation, small groups, worship, and more. Please see the Middle School Youth Fall Retreat Flyer for all of the details. Register using our Middle School Youth Bethelwoods Retreat Registration Form. Space is limited, so we encourage everyone to sign up early. Per our Youth Trip Registration Policy, both the registration form and payment must be received for registration to be considered complete. Questions about your registration? Please contact Dakota Carte. Questions about the retreat? Talk to James Rogers (adult advisor) or Gretchen Dawson and Burns Hamilton (high school youth) who serve on the Presbytery Youth Council which plans and leads our Bethelwoods retreats. We're looking forward to a special weekend! Photo is from the 2025 retreat.

Urban Air Adventure Park



Urban Air registration

The Middle School Youth will enjoy fellowship at Urban Air on October 18 from 5-7 p.m.! We will meet there (7800 Rivers Ave, North Charleston, SC 29406). Urban Air is a trampoline adventure park!
We will play, exercise, and enjoy pizza over a devotional message on Miracles in the Bible. Registration, Urban Air signed waiver, and First (Scots) Youth Permission and Release Statement (for 2026-2027) are required for this event. So, please register at your earliest convenience in Realm. A limited number of rides are available from the Kirk House, departing at 4:30 p.m. sharp and returning at 7:30 p.m., but must be reserved through Realm. Maria Hagan is serving as the primary leader for this event.

Campfire Supper & Sunset Worship Service at Beach



The High School Youth are meeting on the beach at Sullivan's Island (Station 22) from 5-7pm for a sunset worship service and dinner around the campfire (yes, there will be s'mores!). Beach chairs, footballs, frisbees, guitars, drums, and beach toys are welcome. All participating youth should have a completed Youth Permission and Release Form on file for the 2026-2027 school year. A limited number of rides are available from the Kirk House, departing at 4:30 p.m. sharp and returning at 7:30 p.m., but must be reserved using our Youth Group Transportation SignUpGenius. James Rogers is serving as the primary leader for this event.

First Scots Youth

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