# First (Scots) Presbyterian Church

*53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401*
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Service for the Lord's Day
Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2026 at 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.




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Pastor Emeritus


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## The Vision of God

**Prelude** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Dietrich Buxtehude

(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 Elizabeth Riddle

**†Passing of the Peace**

**Choral Introit** "Make a Joyful Noise" Isadore Freed

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

**†Call to Worship** The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

One: The Lord has been our dwelling place in every generation.
**All: From everlasting to everlasting, God is faithful.**
One: The Word of God endures, calling the church to renewed faithfulness.
**All: Reform us, O Lord, according to your Word.**
One: Jesus Christ fulfills the law and reveals its heart: to love God and our neighbor.
**All: We worship Christ alone, in whom our hope is found, and in whose love our lives are made whole.**

**†Processional Hymn** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Hymn No. 260

**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 call us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Yet we confess that we often trust our own wisdom, cling to familiar ways and resist the correction of your Word. We fall short of the love you command and seek to earn what you freely give us by grace. Forgive us, O Lord, and reform us by your Word and Spirit. Turn our hearts again to Jesus Christ, who alone fulfills your law and remains faithful even when we fail. In Jesus' 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.*

**†Children's Hymn** "Seek Ye First"

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,*
*Ann all these things ahsll be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.*

*Ask and it shall be given until you. Seek and ye shall find,*
*Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.*

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

## The Word of God

**The Time for Children**

**The Time for Teens**

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

**Prayer for Illumination** — Gary Gildersleeve (8:45), Sugar Slabaugh (11:15)

**The Word Read**
Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (pew Bible, page 168)
New Testament Reading: Matthew 22:34-46 (pew Bible, page 804)

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

**The Word Proclaimed** — "What Holds The Whole Thing Together?" — 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** — "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" — Hymn No. 263

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer** — Pastor 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 choose to give electronically, by texting FIRSTSCOTS to 73256, or by scanning the QR code found on the bulletin insert.)

**Offertory Anthem** — "Great is Thy Faithfulness" — arr. Lloyd Larson
*Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Timmi Winston, mezzo soprano (8:45)*
"If Ye Love Me" — Thomas Tallis
*Kirk Choir (11:15)*

**†Doxology** — "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" — Hymn No. 592
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all the creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**†Prayer of Dedication**

**†Hymn of Commitment** — "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" — No. 210

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

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| **†Charge and Benediction** | | The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, |
| **†Benediction Response** | "The Peace of God" | John Rutter |
| **†Postlude** | "Allabreve in D Major" | J. S. Bach |

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in memory of our parents from Kay and Charlie Wendell.

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**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 Elizabeth Bernat (8:45) and David Warren (11:15).

**Assisting with the Service Today**

**8:45 a.m. Greeter:**
David McCormack

**Coffee Greeter:**
Wiley Becker

**11:15 a.m. Greeters:**
Harry Robbins, Greer Hostetter

**8:45 a.m. Ushers:**
Greg Robinson (Captain), CJ Kerr, Margaret McCormack, Rob Dillon, Gary Gildersleeve

**11:15 a.m. Ushers:**
Amelia White (Captain), Jay White, Caroline Barnes, Meredith Mason, Martha Jones, Kirkland Smith

**8:45 a.m. Deacons:**
Carolyn Gildersleeve (Lead Deacon), Mary Orr

**11:15 a.m. Deacons:**
Carolyn Gildersleeve (Lead Deacon), Wiley Becker

**8:45 a.m. Beadle:**
Bill Prewitt

**11:15 a.m. Beadle:**
Harry Robbins

**8:45 a.m. Lay Reader:**
Gary Gildersleeve

**Livestream:**
**Matt Spath**

**11:15 a.m. Lay Reader:**
Sugar Slabaugh

**Elder on Call: (October 26 - November 1)** - Legare Gresham (843) 344-3202
**Deacon on Call: (October 26 - November 1)** - Laura Greaver (843) 518-7779
**Pastor on Call: (October 26 - November 1)** - The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. (865) 456-2235


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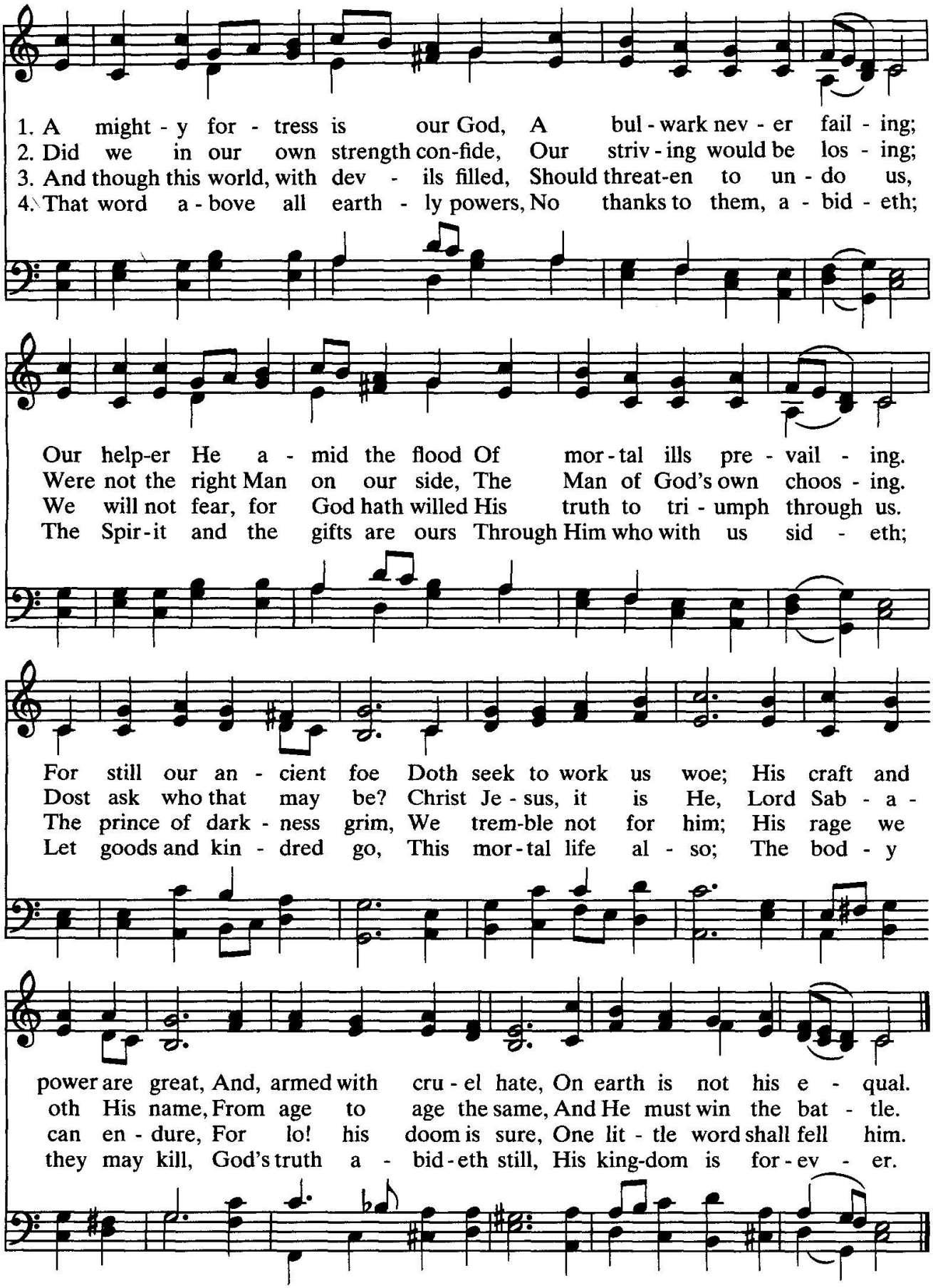
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Scarlett Crawford, Church Administrator
Jennifer Cromwell, Kindergarten Director
Ashley DesChamps, Christian Education Assistant
Nathaniel Finn, Communications Coordinator
Chef Robyn Guisto, Food Services Director
Maria Massie Hagan, Youth Ministry Coordinator
Karen Kuhn, Administrative Assistant
Donna Lawson, Day Porter
Shelby Olinger, Church Accountant
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

# 260 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Martin Luther, 1529
Trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852

Martin Luther, 1529
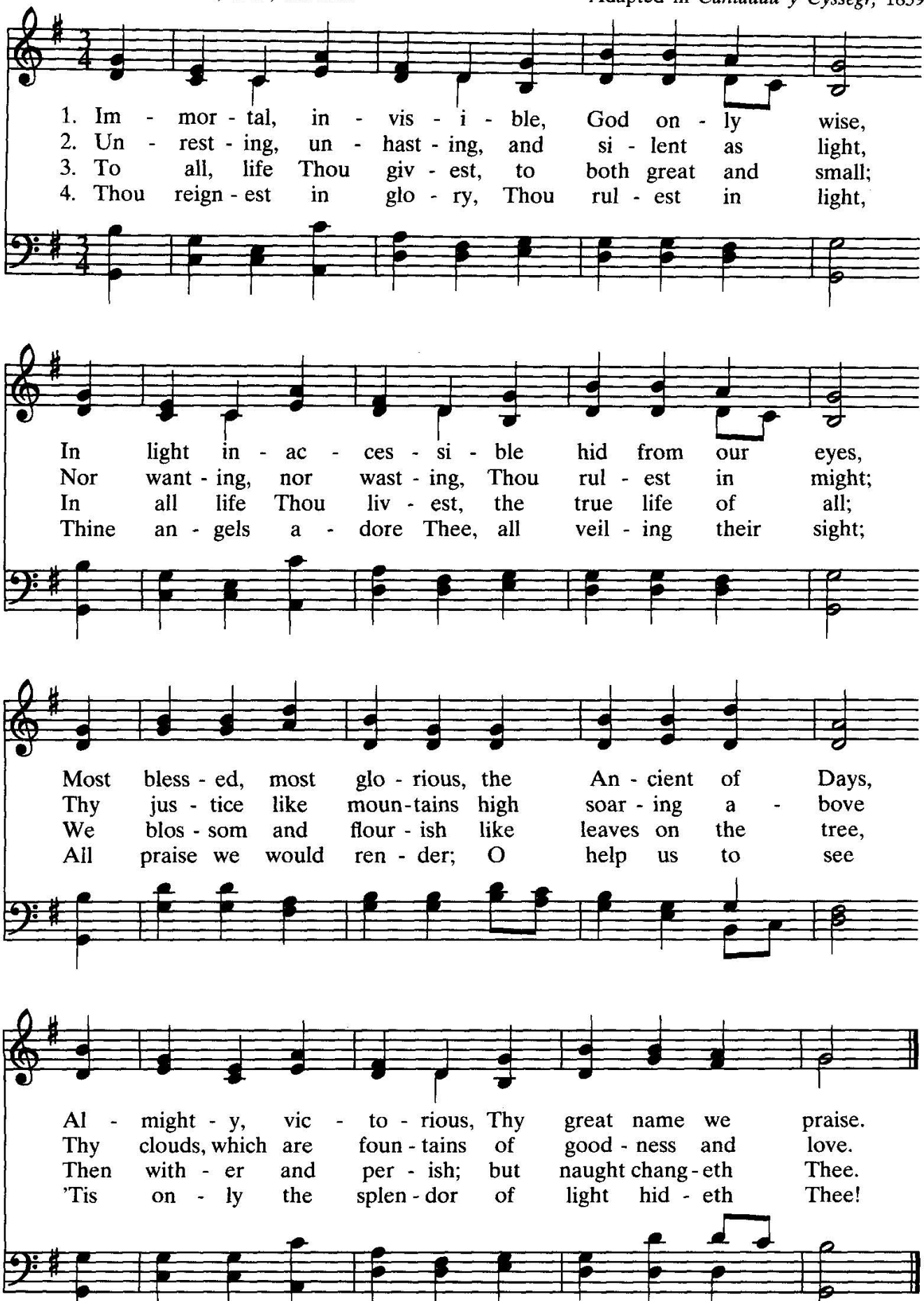



Rhythmic version, 259

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 263

ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; alt. 1987

Welsh folk melody
Adapted in *Caniadau y Cyssegr,* 1839
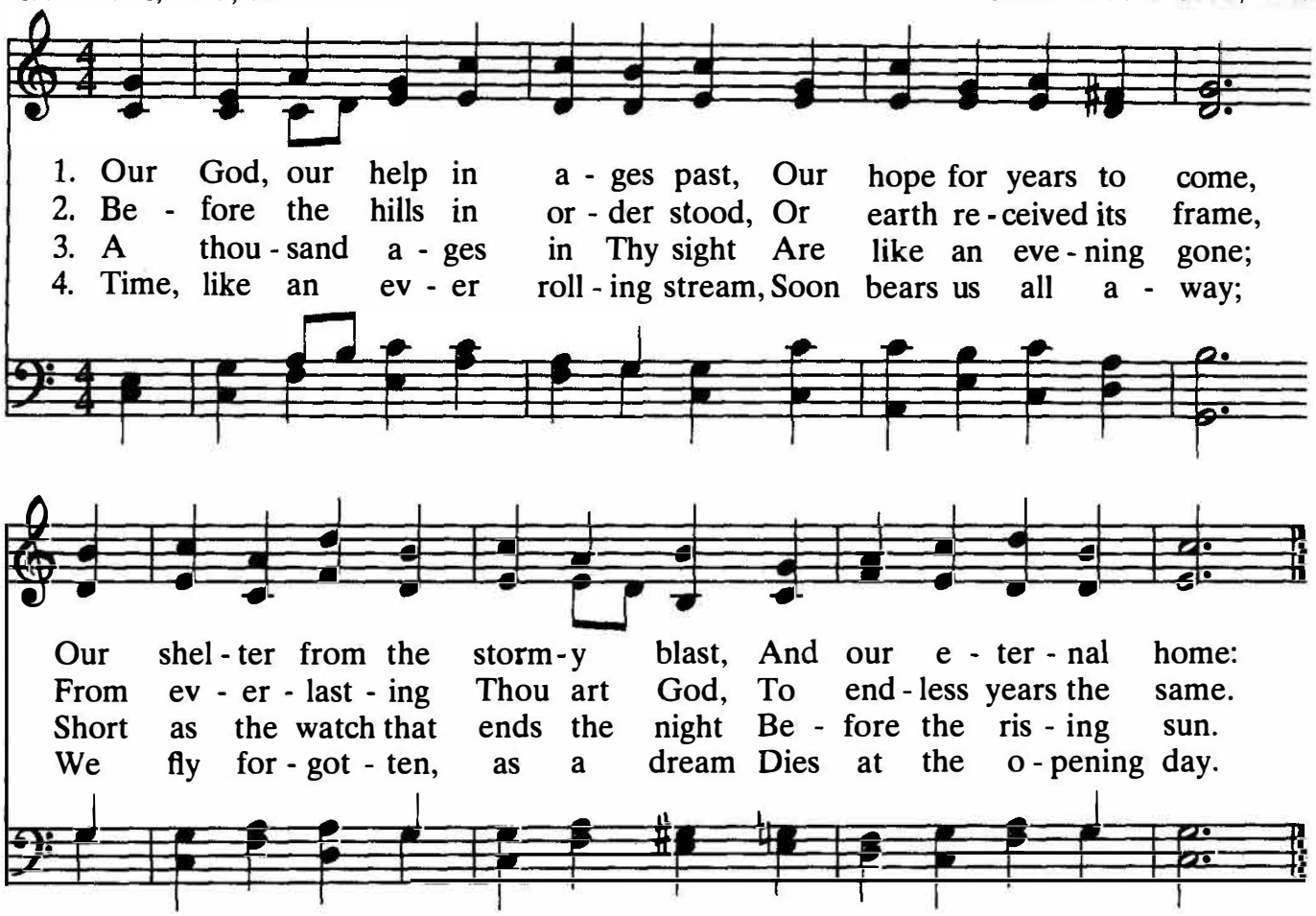


PSALM 90:1–5

# Our God, Our Help in Ages Past 210

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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt. Attr. William Croft, 1708




5. Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

# YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 54TH KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
## WORSHIP AT 8:45 & 11:15 A.M.

- PROCESSION OF CLAN TARTANS
- PIPE BAND
- RECEPTION
- SCOTTISH HISTORY DISPLAYS
- NURSERY AVAILABLE



### Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Don Frampton

Don Frampton is a native of South Carolina and graduate of the University of South Carolina and Columbia Theological Seminary (D. Min). For thirty-seven years he served as Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA); in June of 2019, he was honorably retired by the Presbytery of South Louisiana.

From 1994 – 2019, Don was Senior Pastor of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, where he was named Pastor Emeritus. Before coming to New Orleans, he was Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Rockingham, N. C., and Associate Pastor of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church in Charleston, S.C.

In addition to preaching and pastoral care, mission was an emphasis of his ministry. During his tenure at St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church, some 15% of annual budgets were earmarked for benevolences, and between 2009 and 2018 nearly $4 million was donated to local and global causes. Through Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans (RHINO), a program begun in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian hosted and directed the work of over 7,000 volunteers who helped build 50 Habitat for Humanity homes. In 2009, the church received the PC(USA)'s highest award for community service.

His greater church involvement included two terms as Moderator of the Presbytery of South Louisiana, Chair of COM and Presbytery Council, and consecutive terms on the Board of Trustees of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. In addition, he currently serves on the board of The Way Home, an outreach ministry to war-torn Ukrainian families. Outside the church, Don twice sat on the Ethics Review Board for the City of New Orleans and was a founding member of several post-Katrina community leader "roundtables" toward rebuilding the city.

Don's wife, Colleen, is an RN at St. Thomas Community Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center which sees over 300 patients daily. The Framptons have three married children and three grandchildren, all of whom reside in New Orleans.

In retirement, Don wrote Welcome Corner: A New History of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church, for the church's centennial. He has also served as Transitional Pastor for three New Orleans area churches.

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# 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 26 - November 1

**Monday, October 26**

*Prayer Group, 12 p.m.*
*Bridge, 1:30 p.m.*
*Handbell Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.*
*Session Meeting, 7 p.m.*

**Tuesday, October 27**

*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 28**

*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 29**

*Lectio Divina, 10 a.m.*
*Thursday Tabletalk, 12 p.m.*

**Friday, October 30**

*Kindergarten Halloween, 9:15 a.m.*

## Wednesday Night Supper At 5:30 P.M.

**Menu for Wednesday, October 28:**

Mixed Green Salad
Sesame Chicken
Fried Rice
Garlic Green Beans
Coconut Cake

**<u>Please RSVP by Tuesday at noon</u> 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 Today** for the Annual Fall Festival



**Join us today 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.

## **Last Opportunity** Makeup 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 (2 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)**

**Thursday, November 19 (2 p.m. - 8:30 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 the exact capitalization above for the Code & Password when you register.

## Kirk Club Registration Remains Open!

**Scan QR code to join!**

Kirk Club is an awesome opportunity for kids to learn, play, and make new friends. Kirk Club is on **Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m.** to **5:40 p.m.**

The registration fee is $100 per child.

## Call For Photos!

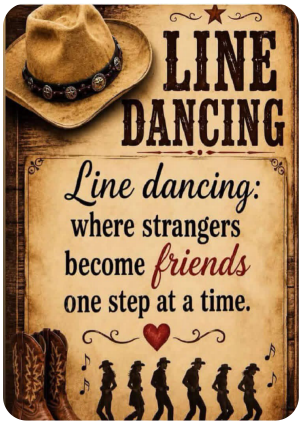
We invite you to share photo memories of past Scottish Heritage Sundays. Whether you were photographed in your finest kilt, took a family picture in tartan on the portico or captured any number of special moments during this beautiful service, we'd love to add your memories to our slideshow. **Send your photos to** scrawford@first-scots.org **by Wednesday, November 4.** Let's relive the joy and tradition of this wonderful event!

## Docents Wanted

Love our historic sanctuary? Share it with visitors as a docent leading tours after Sunday morning worship, or greet guests as a host at The Open Door Ministry on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. No experience necessary, just a warm welcome and a willing heart. We'd love to have you! Contact **Rob Dillon** at **(843) 670-8002** or DillonR@fwgna.org.

## Voices Wanted

Come make a joyful noise with the Kirk Choir! Singers of every range are invited, whether you're seasoned or just love to sing. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. in the rehearsal room. Stop by any week, or contact **Tony Williams** at awilliams@first-scots.org to learn more.




## November Line Dancing Lessons!

Join us for Line Dancing **every Thursday (except Thanksgiving) in Molly Wier Hall!** Whether you're brand new or already know the steps, there's a class for you:

- **Line Dance I (9:30–10:30 a.m.)** — Designed for beginners with no experience
- **Line Dance II (10:30–11:30 a.m.)** — For those with prior line dance experience

Questions? Contact **Pam Arnett** at pampagearnett@gmail.com

## 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 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!** →

## Stewardship Sunday is November 1

**One 10 a.m. worship service, followed by a celebration brunch.**
**Commitment cards will also be available in the pew racks on Commitment Sunday.**

### 2027 First (Scots) Stewardship Commitment Card

*I/We make this 2027 commitment as a gift of gratitude for all God will do through First (Scots).*

**$_____ weekly $_____ monthly $_____ annually**

*I/We intend to make a contribution to First (Scots) in 2027, as able.* ☐

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name _____ Address _____

Email _____ City/State/Zip _____

*Please complete and return your commitment card to the church, commit online at www.first-scots.org, or email scrawford@first-scots.org.*

# We're Hosting a Fall Festival TODAY!



Youth Group Linktree

**Today from 4-5 p.m., we are hosting a Fall Festival for the children of the church** with game booths like putt-putt, bean bag toss, quarterback throw game, and more. Please sign up to lead an outdoor game booth using our Fall Festival SignUpGenius. **Please scan the SignUpGenius QR code to the left to sign up on a mobile device.**

Game and activity leaders should prepare their game and bring any supplies needed. **The church property will be open by 3:30 p.m.** so those leading games can set up game booths before the event begins at 4 p.m. **The event will end at 5 p.m.,** so clean up and departure can happen by 5:30 p.m. Costumes are welcome! We'll have candy and toys for you to give out as prizes, if needed.

Questions about today's youth group event or upcoming youth events? Contact **James Rogers** at jrogers@first-scots.org.

## Cancer Companions

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

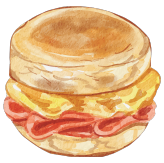
The Cancer Companions support group meets Wednesdays at **4 p.m.** Sessions are led by Mary Robinson, Commissioned Lay Pastor, and Holly Wise, cancer survivor. Scan the QR code to access important details about Cancer Companions and the course calendar, or call the church office at **(843) 722-8882.**



## 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!

## 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 9:45 a.m. and until classes start.** Please stop by the Kirk Café to enjoy breakfast and fellowship!