First (Scots) Presbyterian Church

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Service for the Lord's Day

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026 at 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.



The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.
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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025 — 8:45 & 11:15 A.M. SERVICES

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE — Sonata in B-Flat Major — G. F. Handel
Kelly Mozeik, oboe

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP — The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

MINUTE FOR MISSION — Medical Benevolence Foundation — Dr. Burton Lee (8:45)
LAMB Institute — The Rev. Suzy McCall (11:15)

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT — "God Is In This Holy Place" — Johannes Brahms/ arr. Hal H. Hopson
Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Timmi Winston, mezzo soprano (8:45)
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 are blessed with everyday banquets of grace.
One: From every nation and every people, God gathers his children to worship him.
All: We are one body, one people, one church, gathered around one Lord.
One: The Lord has planted us in his vineyard and entrusted us with all that he has given us. May our lives bear the fruit of faith, hope, and love.
All: We worship the One whose grace has gathered us and whose love sustains us.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN — "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" — Hymn No. 466

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 planted us in your vineyard and entrusted us with gifts beyond measure. Forgive us when we forget that all we have is yours, when we seek our own way, and when our lives fail to bear the fruit of your kingdom. Turn our hearts again toward Jesus, and by your Holy Spirit nurture us in all righteousness; 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 — "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands. He's got you and me, sister, in his hands.
He's got everybody here in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

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 — Linda Stout (8:45), Elizabeth Riddle (11:15)

THE WORD READ — Old Testament: Isaiah 5:1-7 (pew Bible, page 552); New Testament: Matthew 21:33-46 (pew Bible, page 803)

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED — "THE VINEYARD IS NOT OURS" — The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) — from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

†HYMN OF REFLECTION — "In Christ There Is No East or West" — Hymn No. 440

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 Gift of Love" — Gustav T. Holst/arr. Lloyd Larson

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

"Cantate Domino" — Giuseppe Ottacio Pittoni

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints.
Let Israel rejoice in He who made them, and the people of Zion rejoice in their King.
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 creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE WORD ENACTED — The Rev. Dr. James. T. Rogers

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Consecration

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Words of Institution

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.
All Thanks be to God!

The Communion of the People

Communion Anthem	"The Lord is My Shepherd" *Kelly Mozeik, oboe*	John Rutter

Prayer after Communion

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT	"Arise, Your Light is Come"	Hymn No. 411
†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.
†BENEDICTION RESPONSE	"Amen"	Luigi Boccherini
†POSTLUDE	Fanfare and Fugue on "Festal Song"	Seth Bingham

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are in dedication of my grandchildren -
Brandon, Andrew, Brooke, Campbell, and Anna Grace,
and in memory of their grandfather, John Semken.

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 Jon Carter (8:45) and L.W. McAnally (11:15).

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

8:45 A.M. GREETER:
Todd Plaxco

COFFEE GREETER:
Paige Owens

11:15 A.M. GREETERS:
Jan Key, Jon Carter

8:45 A.M. USHERS:
Mikell Thaxton (Captain), Chad Covert, Clark Truluck, Rachel Herbert, Mayrelle Semken

11:15 A.M. USHERS:
Dave Green (Captain), David Gaston, Lindsey Melville, Greg Shepperd, Gray Liner, Andy Beall

8:45 A.M. DEACONS:
Whitney Stoddard (Lead Deacon), Michael Branch

11:15 A.M. DEACONS:
Laura Greaver (Lead Deacon), Paige Owens

8:45 A.M. BEADLE:
Henry Hay II

11:15 A.M. BEADLE:
Jan Key

8:45 A.M. LAY READER:
Linda Stout

MEDIA MINISTRY:
Matt Bucknam

11:15 A.M. LAY READER:
Elizabeth Riddle

ELDER ON CALL: (October 5 - 11) - Adam Yount (843) 478-6507
DEACON ON CALL: (October 5 - 11) - Paige Owens (404) 798-8360
PASTOR ON CALL: (October 5 - 11) - Pastor Mary B. Robinson (843) 872-1527

Je - sus, Sav - ior, guide our steps, For You are the Way.
Je - sus, teach - er, dwell with us, For You are the Truth.
Je - sus, heal - er, bring Your balm, For You are the Life.
Je - sus, Sav - ior, be our way, Be our truth, our life.

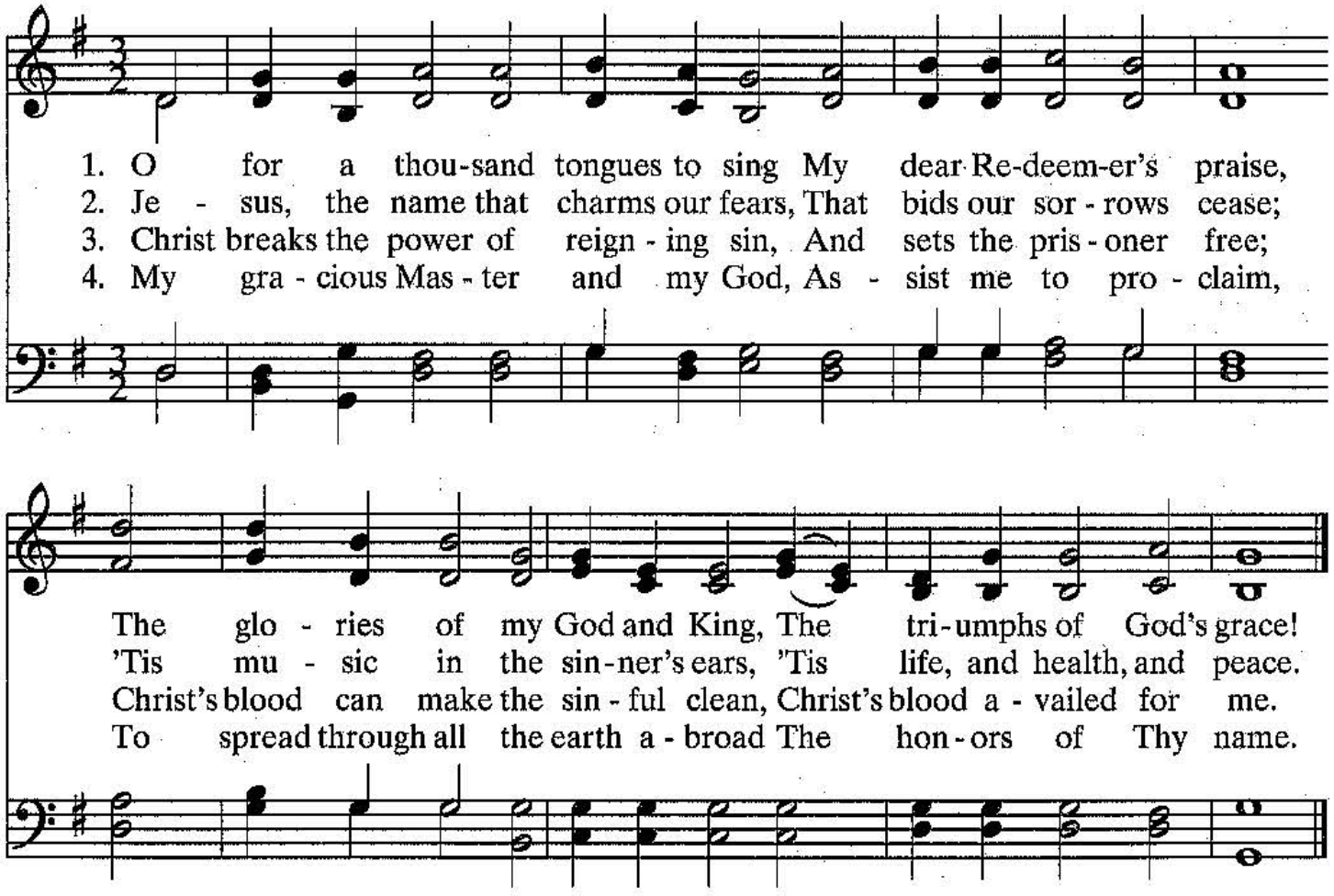


O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 466

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Charles Wesley, 1738; alt.

Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839



1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing My dear Re-deem-er's praise,
2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease;
3. Christ breaks the power of reign - ing sin, And sets the pris - oner free;
4. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,

The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of God's grace!
'Tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.
Christ's blood can make the sin - ful clean, Christ's blood a - vailed for me.
To spread through all the earth a - broad The hon - ors of Thy name.

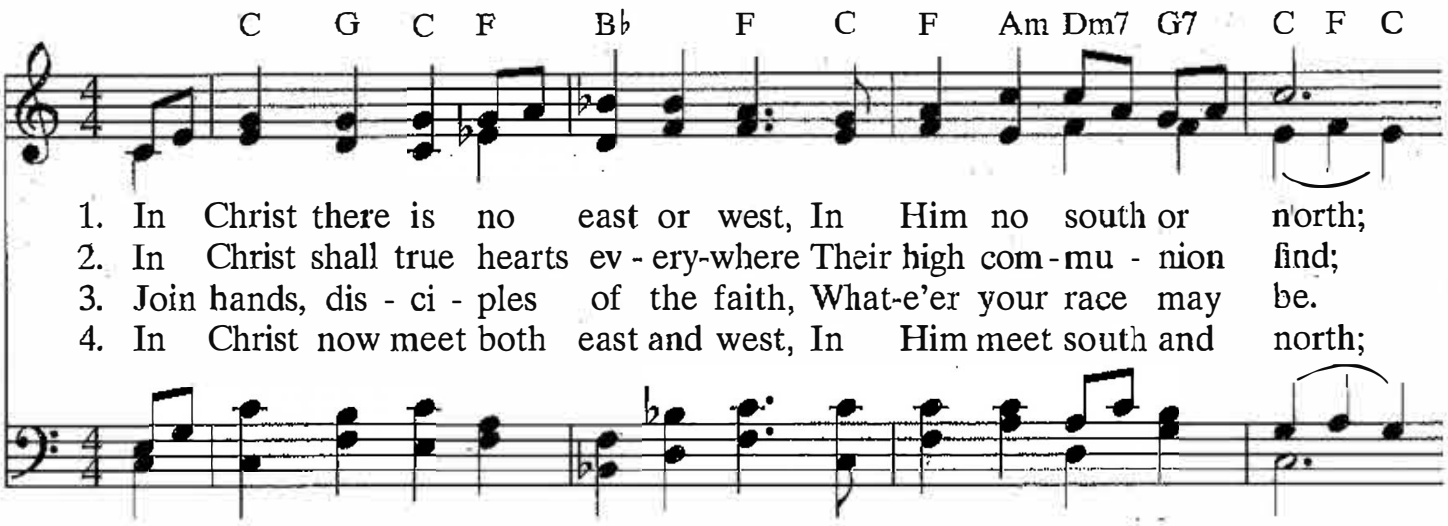
Luke 13:29

440 In Christ There Is No East or West

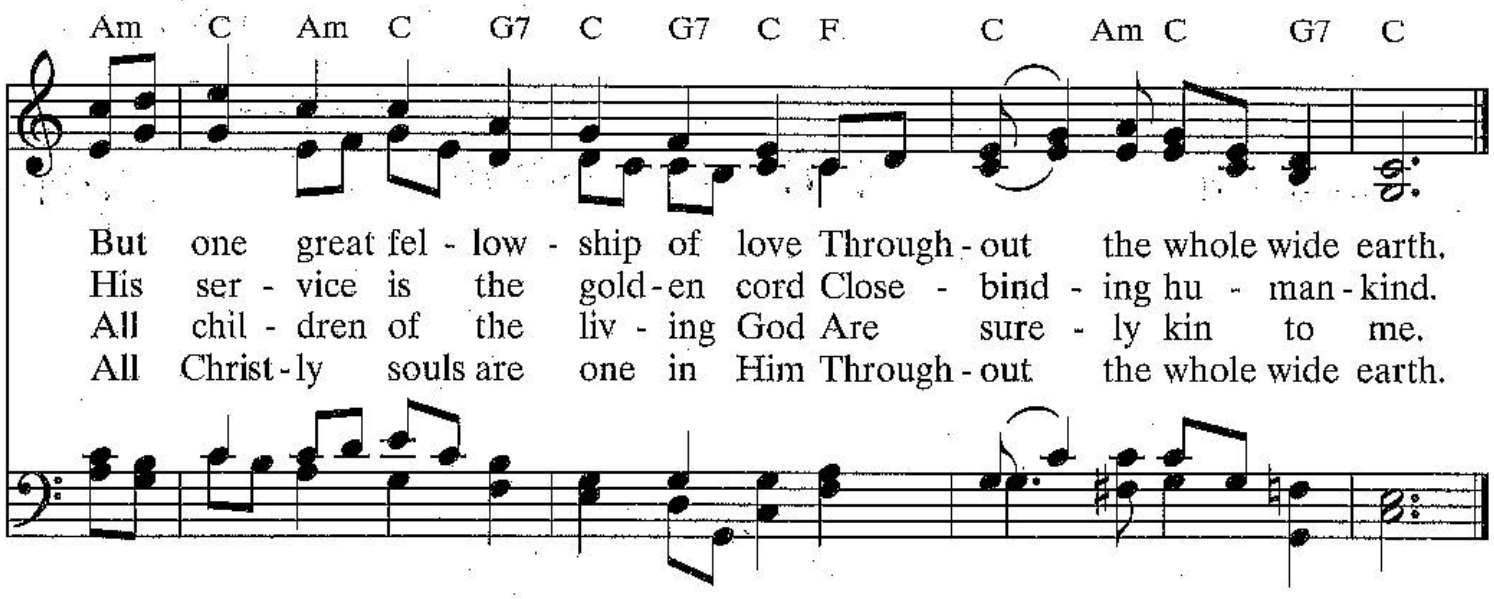
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African-American spiritual
Jubilee Songs, 1884
Adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940

John Oxenham, 1908; alt.



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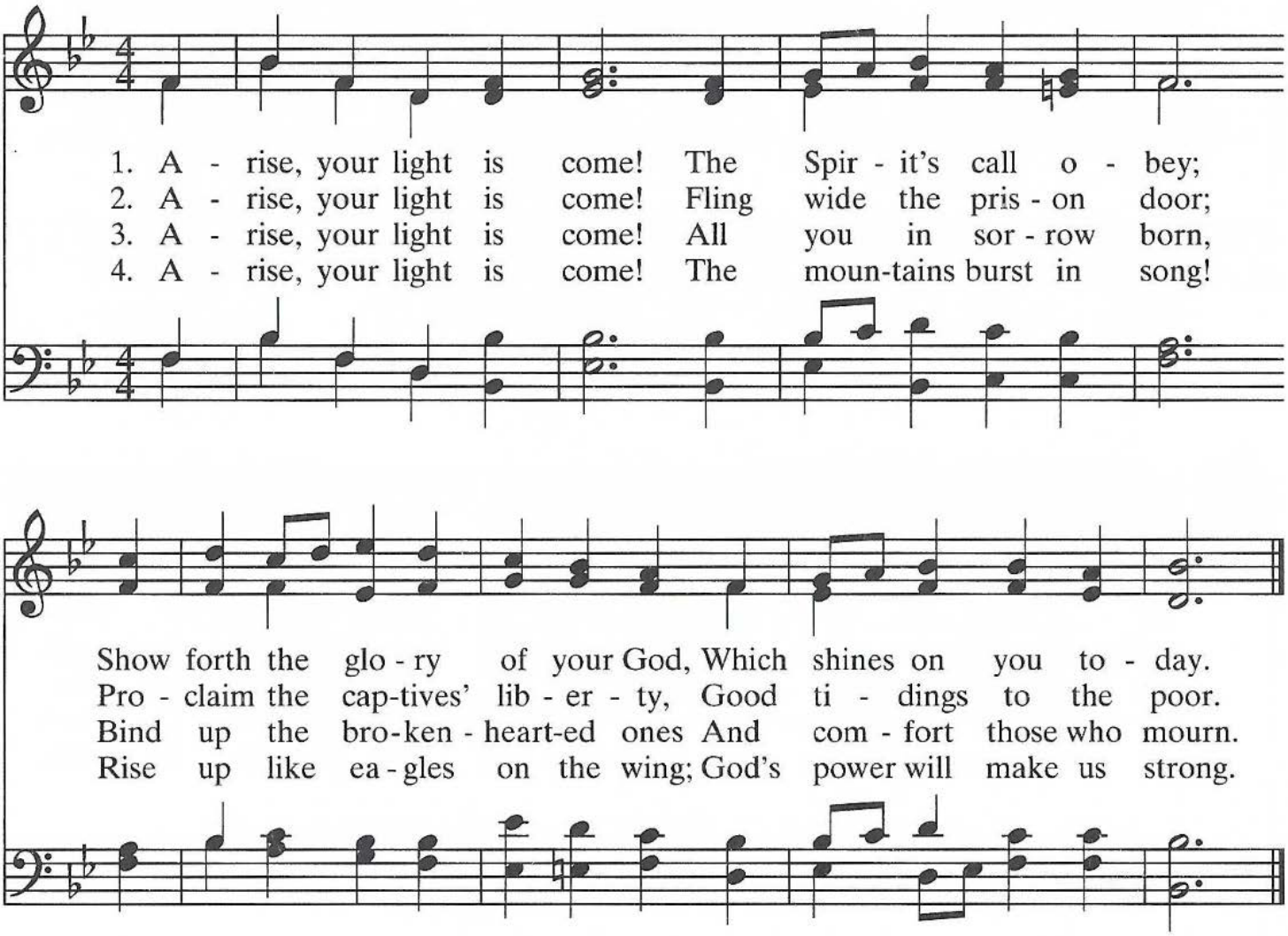


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Arise, Your Light Is Come! 411

FESTAL SONG SM

Ruth Duck, 1974 William H. Walter, 1894



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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 5 - 11

Monday, October 5

Worship Staff Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
All Staff Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Group, 12 p.m.
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 - 3 p.m.
Bridge, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Handbell Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, 7 a.m.
PW Board Meeting, 9 a.m.
Open Door Initiative, 1 - 4 p.m.
Women's Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 7

Ladies' Bible Study, 10 a.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 8

Lectio Divina, 10 - 11 a.m.
Thursday Tabletalk, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Open Door Initiative, 1 - 4 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper at 5:30 P.M.

Menu for Wednesday, October 7:

Spinach & Baked Stuffed Pork Loin (GF)
Mixed Green Salad
Mashed Red Potatoes
Green Beans
Apple Crumble

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

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

October PW Circle Meetings

Betty Noble Circle – **Tuesday, October 13 at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of **JoJo Mauldin**. 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**. For more information, please contact susanbridwell@gmail.com.

Seekers Circle – **Wednesday, October 14 at 11:30 a.m.** at the home of **Barbara Plaxco**. For further information, please contact pampagearnett@gmail.com.

Submissions for the DCE Nominating Committee

Submit your nominee for consideration for the DCE Nominating Committee. **The deadline to submit a prospective name is Monday, October 5.**

Scan this QR code to access online form for submission.

Volunteer for Scottish Heritage Sunday

November 8

Volunteers are needed before, during, and after the reception, to participate in the procession, and much more. Contact **Amelia** at (843) 568-6391 or call **Jay** at (843) 437-8677 to learn more.

For procession participation, please contact **Debbie Rice-Marko** at (843) 367-8089.

Scan to volunteer!

FINANCIAL Peace UNIVERSITY

"For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil." - 1 Timothy 6:10

Managing money isn't loving it, it's good stewardship. 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 – November 18.** For more information, contact **Carol Rees** at (618) 402-9304.

Youth Group on October 4 (5–7 p.m.)

Scan to sign up





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Care Packages for College and Boarding School Students: **The High School Youth** are meeting at the Kirk House from 5-7 p.m. for dinner before preparing care packages for our college and boarding school students. It is certainly not required, but feel free to bring food items, Bible verses, and school supplies to include in the forty or so boxes. Individually wrapped items that can easily travel work best. Use your imagination: what would you like to receive in your care package if you were a college or boarding school student? You can sign up to bring a specific item **using our College and Boarding School Care Packages SignUpGenius QR code above.** Maria Hagan is serving as the primary leader for this event. Please note that signing up is only for those that want to bring items; you do not need to sign up to participate.

Sunset Worship Service at Beach: **The Middle School Youth** are meeting on the beach at Sullivan's Island Station 22 from 5-7 p.m. 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 QR code above.** James Rogers is serving as the primary leader for this event. Please note that signing up is only for the ride; you do not need to sign up to participate.

Parramore Sunday Youth Event

Youth Group Linktree

Last Sunday night **Dr. Tom Tewell** spoke at our youth group. This event was part of the 2026 Parramore Preaching Series which was established in 1997 in memory of the late Dr. Redden L. Parramore, Jr., a deacon and elder of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church, by his family. Dr. Tewell shared with the youth an important message: **"The Missing Piece of the Puzzle: How to Discover God's Will for your Life."** As we seek to discern God's will, we should look for an internal sense of rightness (through prayer and reflection), an external sense of rightness (from the Bible and those we trust), and the natural flow of the circumstances.



Read Dr. Tewell's message!

Middle School Youth Bethelwoods Retreat

Scan to sign up





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 the details. **Register by October 15 using our Middle School Youth Bethelwoods Retreat Registration Form QR code.** 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! The photo is from our 2025 retreat!



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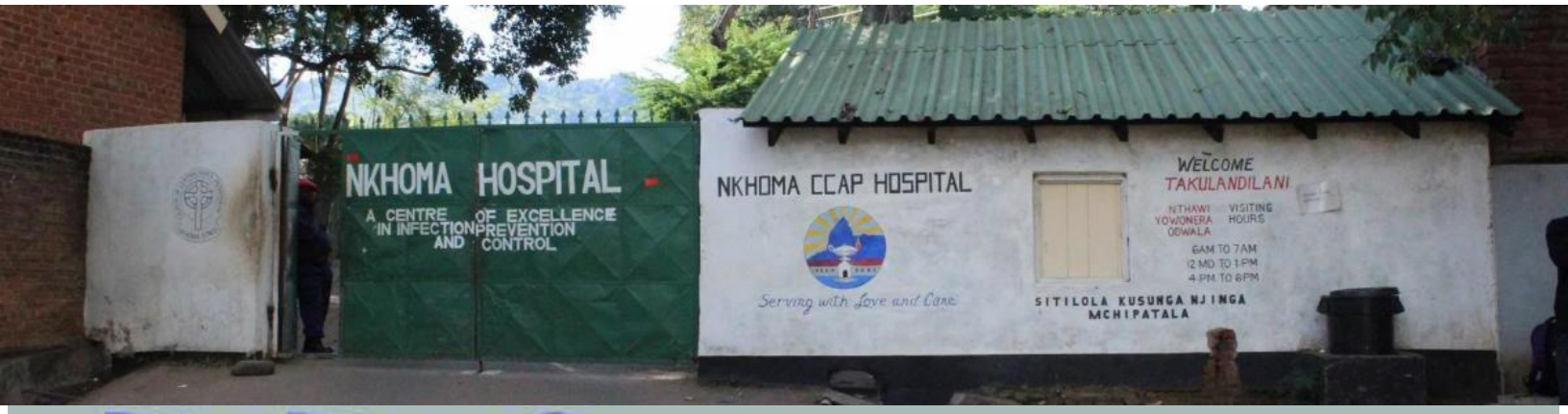
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Todd P. Garrett, President.



Do You Hear the Call?

Medical Missions board member **Linda-Marie Hamill** is helping coordinate our next mission trip to Nkhoma Hospital January 29 – February 7, 2027. Another trip to Chiapas is also being planned for the summer of 2027, suitable for youth and parents. For more information, contact:
lindamariemedicalmissions@gmail.com
or call (843) 425-0116.





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The History of Our Mission

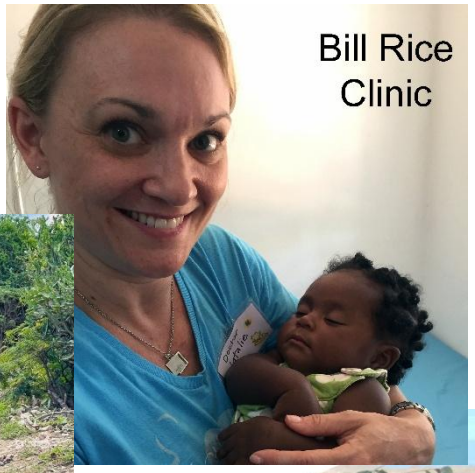
In 1989 the Bishop of the Episcopal Church of Haiti assigned Father Fritz Valdema to serve the parish of St. Francis d' Assisi on the island of La Gonâve. The bishop introduced Dr. Bill Rice, a Presbyterian missionary, to Pere Val in 1990. All three shared a vision of bringing health, education, and improved agriculture to impoverished people and communities through the service of the church.

The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, along with PC(USA) and the Episcopal Church of Haiti, opened a small medical clinic in Nouvelle Cité in 1991, ultimately growing to become the **Bill Rice Clinic** in 2000.

In 2004, the PC(USA) entered into formal partnership with the Episcopal Church of Haiti to support multiple health, education and agricultural efforts, including on La Gonâve. Today the partnership has spread from the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta through Episcopal churches across South Carolina and Arkansas.

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LAMB INSTITUTE

About LAMB

The LAMB Institute is a multifaceted ministry working in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, with the mission of sharing the hope found in Christ Jesus as we care for, educate, protect, and empower those in Honduras. In the countryside of San Buenaventura, LAMB operates *Casa Hogar*, a children's home for young lives who have been marked by abandonment, abuse, or neglect; and *JOY Academy*, a bilingual school for grades K-5. In the barrio of Flor del Campo, LAMB supports *God's Littlest Lambs*, a day care that provides a safe space for toddlers with working mothers, and K-9 school that provides a comprehensive education and supportive learning environment for students. Also in Flor, LAMB facilitates a *Youth in Action* program that provides Christian mentorship and support to youth who are at risk of gang involvement, and a *Holistic Community Development* program that seeks to help the poor grow small businesses to feed their families. Finally, we support 24 young adults age 18+ through our *Transition Program*, who are pursuing either a college education at or independent living through trade school.



Meet Dana

When Dana arrived at LAMB's Children's Home at just 10 months old, she weighed only eight pounds after being hospitalized for severe malnutrition. Today, at three years old, she is thriving—growing, dancing, and filling the home with joyful laughter. Dana's story is a beautiful reminder that the joy of the Lord is our strength, bringing hope and new life even in the most difficult circumstances.

Following the Lamb wherever He goes

"Following the Lamb wherever He goes" is a tagline uniquely woven into who we are at LAMB. We prayerfully seek where our CEO, Jesus, is leading us, trusting Him to guide our growth and our next steps. As we look ahead, we anticipate exciting opportunities, including expanding our scholarship program at God's Littlest Lambs' School following our recent daycare expansion. We also dream of building a larger school for our bilingual JOY Christian Academy, creating even more opportunities for children to learn, grow, and flourish.

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