FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 26, 2023 AT 8:45 A.M. & 11:15 A.M. FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE "Alle Menschen müssen sterben (BWV 643)" Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel

MINUTE FOR MISSION Marriage Enrichment Retreat Mary B. Robinson (8:45)

Martha Ann Siegling (11:15)

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT "In Perfect Peace" K. Lee Scott (8:45)

Katherine Clarkson, soprano

"Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord" Felix Mendelssohn (11:15)

Kirk Choir

†CALL TO WORSHIP Mary B. Robinson

One: God has told us what is good.

All: What does the Lord require of us?

One: To do good,

All: to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

****PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" Hymn No. 482

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†GLORIA PATRI

"Glory be to the Father"

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.

THE WORD OF GOD

†CHILDRENS HYMN "I've Got Peace Like a River" (verse 3, sing twice)

Hymn No. 368

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

THE WORD ENACTED

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:15)

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

TIME FOR TEENS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Gary Gildersleeve (8:45)

Greg McKenzie (11:15)

THE WORD READ Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 130 (pew Bible, page 500)

New Testament Lesson: John 11:32-44 (pew Bible, page 874)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED "THE POWER OF PRESENCE" The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release of 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 Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to eternal life.¹

CONFIRMATION BIBLE PRESENTATION

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers (11:15)

†HYMN OF REFLECTION

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Hymn No. 298

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 people choose to give electronically or by texting FIRSTSCOTS to 73256)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"O God of Mercy"

Simon Lole (8:45)

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Phillip W. J. Stopford (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.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Hymn No. 555

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Tracey W. Daniel

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen"

Frank Cunkle (8:45)

"The Peace of God" John Rutter (11:15)

†Postlude

"Canzona in D Minor (BWV 588)"

Johann Sebastian Bach

¹ From A Brief Affirmation of Faith

Psalm 130

- Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.
 Lord, hear my voice!
 Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
- ³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
 ⁴ But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
- ⁵ I wait for the LORD; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
 ⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.
- O Israel, hope in the LORD!
 For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.
 It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

John 11:32-44

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP EXTENDS BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE SANCTUARY

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

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THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of his mother Patricia Kolbe by George Flynn.

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CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY are extended to Sharon Bateman, Jodi Bateman Forney, and family on the death of Sharon's husband and Jodi's father Joel Bateman

who passed away on Friday, March 16th.

A memorial service was held at First (Scots) on Friday, March 24th at 2:00 p.m.

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CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY are extended to Justine Finch and family on the death of her husband Bertram (Buddy) Finch who passed away on Wednesday, March 22nd.

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be administered to Santos Sottile Darby at the 11:15 A.M. service. He is the son of Charles & Maria Darby.

Administered by The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers. Elder Cristy Jarvis, Santos' grandmother, will assist.

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FIRST (SCOTS) HISTORY TOURS

Please join us for a guided tour and brief history of First (Scots) following the conclusion of worship. Please come up and meet your docent directly in front of the pulpit following the service.

The tour will last approximately 10-15 minutes.

Today's docents are Matt Spath (8:45 a.m.) & Michael Johnson (11:15 a.m.)

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ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETER (8:45 A.M.): Ruthie Edwards

GREETERS (11:15 A.M.): Matt Spath, Scott Evans

COFFEE GREETER: Sugar Slabaugh

USHERS (8:45 A.M.): Robert Hawk (Captain), Clark Truluck, Michael Branch, CJ Kerr, Gary Gildersleeve

USHERS (11:15 A.M.): David Warren (Captain), Caroline Barnes, Tap Gresham, Chase McNair, Matt Thomas

DEACONS (8:45 A.M.): Adam Yount (Lead Deacon), Will Siegling (Assist. Deacon)

DEACONS (11:15 A.M.): Elizabeth Riddle (Lead Deacon), Dee Pridgen (Assist. Deacon) **BEADLE (8:45 A.M.):** Harry Robbins **BEADLE (11:15 A.M.):** Andy Gowder

LAY READER (8:45 A.M.): Gary Gildersleeve LAY READER (11:15 A.M.): Greg McKenzie MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Spath

PASTOR ON CALL (March 27 - April 2) - The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers (843-513-3717)

ELDER ON CALL (March 27 - April 2) - Tita Massie (843-709-0780)

DEACON ON CALL (March 27 - April 2) – Emily Warr (843-708-1884)

Deanna Barteet, Church Administrator
Shelby Olinger, Church Accountant
Susan Cocallas, Administrative Assistant
Rebecca McNeill, Communications and Volunteer Coordinator
Linda Deeter, Administrative Assistant to the Pastors
Alex Birrueta, Sexton
Martha Ann Siegling, Christian Education Assistant

Daniel Sansone, Director of Music & Organist Ricard Bordas, Director of Choral Music Martha Harken, Interim Kindergarten Director Christina Wilhoit, Handbell Choir Nancy Hunsicker, Food Services Director Garry Stone, Facility Maintenance Coordinator Ian Giancursio, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Hymn #482: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

- 1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; Praise Him in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been Granted in what He ordaineth?
- 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him. Let the Amen sound from His people again, Gladly for aye we adore Him.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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Now Thank We All Our God

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Confirmation Bible Presentation

Today those youth participating in the confirmation class are returning from their Folly Beach Retreat and receiving their confirmation Bibles during the 11:15 a.m. service. In addition, they are receiving special First (Scots) tartan bookmarks, which were prepared with the assistance of the Prayer Shawl Committee. The class will have the opportunity to join the adult membership of the church in April and be welcomed by the congregation on Confirmation Sunday, May 7th at the 11:15 a.m. service.

Confirmation Class of 2023 Participants: Jack Burwell, Julian Buxton, Aubrey Domm, Grayson Glenn, Lane Hawk, Zadie Hawk, Peter LeClercq, Hudson McDonald, Belle Raffle, Campbell Smith, Susanna Smith, Chloe Tart, Maggie Wall, and Cate Warr.

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Nineteenth Annual First (Scots) Fellowship Golf Tournament

The Fellowship Committee is happy to announce the Nineteenth Annual First (Scots) Fellowship Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held on April 10th (the Monday after Easter) at the Charleston Municipal Golf Course. There is an 8:30 a.m. arrival time with a 9:30 a.m. tee time. The cost is \$85 per person which includes the green and cart fees, a boxed lunch, range balls, and the chance to win some great prizes! All proceeds will support the local, regional, and world mission efforts of the First (Scots) youth. You will also have the opportunity to get your name added to the church trophy, The Harper Award.

To sign up, please complete the sign-up form (available on the First (Scots) website) and return it and your payment to the church office. Payment can be made by check directly to the church or by credit card through E-giving, designating payment to "Golf Tournament". **The deadline to register is April 4th.**

Hole sponsorship opportunities are available for \$150 and include a nice sign on the tee box of a hole featuring your business logo or, if you want to sponsor a hole personally, it can include a short message to the golfers. If you have any questions, would like to sponsor a hole, or are interested in making a donation towards the awards, please contact Brent Sausser, brentsausser@gmail.com or 843-670-7300.

Fellowship Spring Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt

Mark your calendars for Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023! We will have an Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Fellowship picnic following the 11:15am worship service that day. The egg hunt will begin immediately following the 11:15 a.m. service. Kids ages birth through age 3 will look for eggs in the playground while older children will hunt for eggs around the front and sides of the sanctuary.

For those not involved in the egg hunt, you are invited to go straight to the Spring Fellowship Picnic in Molly Wier Hall following the 11:15 a.m. service. The meal is free to your family, however, we ask you bring your favorite side dish. The church will supply fried chicken, bread, and drinks.

To sign up, you may call the church office (843-722-8882) or email Susan Cocallas., socallas@first-scots.org. Please make sure to include what you will be bringing (vegetable, starch, salad, or dessert) along with your reservation. You may also register online using the Spring Picnic SignUpGenius linked in the Kirk News. When you arrive to church on Palm Sunday, please drop your dish off in the kitchen any time

before the 11:15 a.m. service.

We are asking for candy donations for our church Easter egg hunt! Donations will be collected starting this Sunday at the entrance to Molly Wier Hall.

Please make sure all donations are nut free. For questions please contact Chantal Byrne 843-324-9819.



S.C.O.T.S. Day 2023

This year, S.C.O.T.S. Day (Serving Community Organizations Together on Saturday) will be held on April 22nd! This is a wonderful opportunity for church members to engage in local missions through volunteering and participating in mission driven events.

Below are this year's volunteer opportunities. Please use the provided links in the Kirk News for sign-up: Family Opportunity in Molly Wier Hall - This will be an opportunity for service and fellowship. Stations will be set-up throughout Molly Wier Hall for projects such as making card for homebound church members and making toiletry bags for the homeless.

This activity will begin at 9:00 a.m. in Molly Wier Hall.

Carolina Youth Development Center - Founded in 1790, Carolina Youth Development Center is an important part of Charleston's historic and cultural heritage, a direct descendant of the Charleston Orphan House, America's first publicly-funded orphanage.

Today, CYDC provides programs reaching over 900 children, youth and their families locally each year. We care for young people who are victims of physical and sexual abuse, neglect and abandonment, as well as providing resources and support to area families at risk of having their children removed from their home.

There will be two volunteer opportunities at CYDC:

Indoor CYDC Volunteer Opportunity - This opportunity will involve organizing donations for the CYDC's storehouse.

Outdoor CYDC Volunteer Opportunity - This opportunity will be a landscaping project for the center. Volunteers for these two projects (open to all ages!) will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Carolina Youth Development Center (5055 Lackawanna Blvd. N. Charleston, 29405).

Stayed tuned for more S.C.O.T.S. Day volunteer opportunities to come!



Vacation Bible School 2023

Get ready to launch into outer space as we learn all about letting Jesus' light shine through the universe! Join us for an out-of-this-world fun week at Vacation Bible School, filled with singing, Bible time, crafts, imagination experiments and all sorts of exciting games and activities. Snacks and lunch will be served daily. You also won't want to miss our end-of-the-week party to celebrate a stellar week of learning and fun!

Sign up using the VBS Registration Form (www.tinyurl.com/FSPCvbs) in order to hold your spot.

Please also fill out the Child Permission and Release Form (www.tinyurl.com/FSChildRelease)

Please note that both this form and the VBS Registration form, as well as payment, must be submitted for your child's registration to be considered complete.

What: First (Scots) Vacation Bible School

When: July 31st - August 4th, 2023; 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Who: Rising 4K - Rising 5th Grade

Cost: \$50 (can be paid online via E-giving, designating payment to "Vacation Bible School") + + +

Kirk Club Finale

The last Kirk Club of the year will be on March 29th and will end with a finale at 6:00 p.m. during Wednesday Night Supper during which the Kirk Club children will perform a song and receive their Kirk Club certificates. Parents, please plan to join us this evening by making your WNS reservation with Susan Cocallas, scocallas@first-scots.org, by noon on March 27th.

Nominating Committee At-Large Nominees



<u>Julius "Jules" Anderson</u> and his wife Lynda, along with their three daughters, have been members of First (Scots) since 1975. Jules has served First (Scots) as an Elder, Deacon, Sunday School teacher, and youth advisor. He has also acted as chairman of the Senior Pastor Search Committee and served on the DCE Search Committee. Jules has also served on the permanent Judiciary Committee for the Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery.



<u>Gordon Bondurant</u> and his wife Linda, along with their two sons, have been members of First (Scots) since 1999. A graduate of Davidson College, Gordon spent his professional career serving as headmaster for several schools. Throughout his life, Gordon has served as both an Elder and a Deacon at First (Scots) and various other churches. He has participated in two mission trips to Honduras and has served on the Stewardship and Pastor Search Committees. Gordon has also been a Sunday School teacher, a



<u>Hugh Buxton (youth)</u> is a sophomore at Porter Gaud. He serves on the leadership team for the FSPC Youth Group. He regularly participates in Youth Sunday and has enjoyed mission and ski trips with the church. At school, he plays football, bowling, and track, is in the Handbell Choir, FCA, and on the Model UN team.



<u>Lisa Heape</u> and her husband, Steve, joined First (Scots) in 1991. Lisa has participated in numerous church activities through the years including Vacation Bible School, Kirk Club, Congregational Care Committee, Evangelism Committee, Meals on Wheels, funeral receptions, Scots Day and as an occasional "office angel". She enjoys her Wednesday morning Bible study group and served two years as co-chair for Circle 5, and in the Diaconate Classes of 2011 and 2018. Lisa served as the Diaconate representative on the Nominating Committee in 2018.



<u>David Neff</u> and his wife, Elaine, joined First (Scots) in 1993, and their two now adult children grew up and participated in the church's youth programs. David has served on the Session several times and chaired the Personnel Committee. He also served on the Nominating Committee. He has been a member of two pastoral search committees, most recently chairing the Associate Pastor Search Committee that recruited the Rev. Tracey Daniel. David has been an usher captain for many years.



<u>Doug Snyder</u> has been a member of First (Scots) for over 20 years. He was an adult participant in his twin's, Elizabeth and Manning, Confirmation class. Doug has served as a Deacon and a Stephen Minister. Doug is married to Julianne Farnsworth. He is a certified public accountant and a certified global management accountant and the Chief Financial Officer and treasurer of LS3P, an

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

You are invited to join the Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study of *Help is Here: Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit* by Max Lucado. The Bible makes more than a hundred references to the Holy Spirit, but do we really know the Spirit? In five DVD sessions, Pastor Lucado reveals who the Spirit is, how He can empower us to become more joyful, and ways we can overcome anything when we draw closer to God.



WHAT: Help is Here by Max Lucado

WHEN: Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. beginning on April 5th.

WHERE: Massie Building, Room 203 RSVP: Amy Shubert, ashubert27@gmail.com





Marriage Enrichment Retreat

You are invited to a Marriage Enrichment Retreat led by Holton & Martha Ann Siegling and Danny & Tita Massie!

Cost: \$65.00 per couple includes workbooks and a dinner and lunch.

When: Friday, May 5th from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p. m. Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: Sunrise Presbyterian Church on Sullivan's Island

RSVP: Call Mary Robinson, 843-722-8882, to register.

LIMITED to first 20 couples to sign up!



Community Lenten Services 2023

The last of the Charleston Community Lenten Services will take place at noon on Wednesday, March 29th at First Baptist Church. The Rev. Alfred T.K. Zadig, Jr. will lead worship focusing on the theme of the "donkey". All are welcome to a complimentary lunch following the service at the host church.

Wednesday Night Supper

Please make your reservation to Susan Cocallas in the church office by **NOON** on **Monday, March 27th** to give Chef Nancy time to prepare. When you RSVP remember to include your children.

Menu for March 20th:

Easter Meal: Ham, Potato Salad, Deviled Eggs, Beans

Kids: Hot Dog (please specify if needed when making reservation)

Donations for Dinner - \$10 for adults, \$6 for ages 6 - college, free for ages 5 & under, \$25 for a family. All donations can be paid at the door, through First (Scots) E-giving, or mailed to the church office.



Bach Society Performance at First (Scots)

The Bach Society of Charleston invites you to attend an extraordinary concert in the First (Scots) sanctuary **TODAY**, Sunday, March 26th at 4:00 p.m.

Under the leadership of conductor and Artistic Director Ricard Bordas, the program includes one of the jewels of the Baroque era, Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, as well as Vivaldi's Salve Regina for soprano, and Concerto for violin and Organ D Major.

Performers include soprano Margaret Kelly Cook, mezzo-soprano Jennifer Luiken; Daniel Sansone, chamber organ; the Charleston Southern University Bel Canto choir, and the Charleston Baroque Players, a period instrument ensemble assembled from multiple states.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please go to www.bachsocietyofcharleston.org.

Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

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EASTER DECORATIONS ORDER FORM

If you would like to remember a loved one or honor someone with a donation to the Sanctuary Easter decorations, please complete this form and return it along with your check of <u>\$27 per memorial/honorarium</u> to the church office *by Wednesday, April 5th.* The Easter lilies will be used during the Easter services and may be taken home after the 11:15 a.m. service on Sunday, April 9th. Please remember to print clearly the names you would like to be listed in the bulletin and mark your check "Easter Decorations."

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Deacon Nominations

Class of 2026



Gene Childers and his wife, Anne Mobley Childers, moved to Charleston in 2019 from Gaffney, SC. They have been frequent visitors of First (Scots) since 2006 with his daughter Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hamilton and her family. Gene and Anne officially joined the church in 2019. Gene has enjoyed getting to know his First (Scots) family by being an active member of the Tuesday morning Men's Breakfast Bible Study. He has also served as a confirmation guide, VBS volunteer, and as an usher.



Legare Gresham has been a member of First (Scots) since 2011. Legare is an actuary who works for Energy Insurance Mutual. She and her husband, Tap, have two children, Charlie and Gus, who participate in many of the children's and middle school ministries offered at First (Scots). Legare has volunteered within the church for the nursery, Kirk Club, Vacation Bible School, as a Sunday School teacher, and a Sunday School shepherd. She is also a former member of the Stewardship Committee and children's council.



Lisle Henderson moved to Charleston in 2018 from New York City. He has a daughter, Kristen, and a son, Mason. Since being at First (Scots), Lisle has served as an usher/greeter, been member of the Thursday Table Talk Bible Study, and a Koinonia member. Lisle retired from higher education after being a computer science professor, department chair, dean, and served as the registrar at Pratt Institute and The Fashion Institute of Technology.



Ginger Liner was born in Winston-Salem, NC and was baptized by her grandfather. Ginger joined First (Scots) with her husband, Grayson in 2015. They were married at First (Scots) and now have 2 children, Sellars (5), and Gray (2.5) who were both baptized at the church. Ginger has served as an usher, Sunday School teacher, and has volunteered with Vacation Bible School. She works as a speech language pathologist and in her spare time enjoys reading and traveling with her family.



Michelle Parks has been a member of First (Scots) Presbyterian for over 20 years. She and her husband, Troy, were married at the church and both of their children, Connor and Dylan, were baptized at First (Scots). Michelle has served the church in various roles including Sunday School teacher, confirmation guide, and member of the Fellowship Committee. She previously served as a Deacon from 2018 - 2021 and is looking forward to the opportunity to serve again.



Mayrelle Semken has been a faithful member of First (Scots) for 23 years and has enjoyed taking part in many activities. She is a member of the Unbroken Circle and Koinonia and serves as an usher. Mayrelle's daughter was married at First (Scots) and four of her children were baptized at the Church. Two members of her family, John and Heather, have served as Deacons. Mayrelle is honored to carry on the service as Deacon to the First (Scots) congregation.



Catie Smith was born and raised in Winston-Salem, NC and grew up in the Presbyterian Church. She started attending First (Scots) after college and joined in 2013. Her and her husband Dawson married at First (Scots) in 2015 and have two boys, Sawyer (5) and Davis (3) who were both baptized at the church. Catie has volunteered with VBS and teaches Sunday School. She loves cooking, traveling and spending time with friends and family.



Jason Wall is originally from Monroe, NC and now lives on James Island with his wife, Christa, and their two children, Nora and Griffin. He has been a member of First (Scots) for four years and attends the Tuesday Men's Breakfast Bible Study. Jason is a graduate of Wake Forest University and currently works for Wells Fargo Middle Market Banking.



Heidi Whaley joined First (Scots) in 1972. She married John Seabrook Whaley, Jr. (deceased) in First (Scots) in 1982. Heidi has two adult children, Mary Legare Whaley and Seabrook Whaley, III, both were baptized and confirmed at First (Scots). Heidi has served as a Deacon, as a Sunday School teacher for 20 years, and assisted with VBS for several summers. She was treasurer of the First (Scots) Kindergarten from 1989-1997. Heidi is currently a member of the Sanctuary Preservation Society.

Deacon Nominee Class of 2025



Susan Castles Leland joined First (Scots) in November 1986 and has been active ever since. She was sent to Malawi, Africa in July of 1987 as a Presbyterian missionary to help build a relationship with the Malawians and the United States. Susan actively serves on the Fellowship Committee and has two sons, Wilson & Castles, who were baptized and raised at First (Scots).

Youth Deacon Nominee Class of 2024



Abby Morrison is a junior at Wando High School and is excited to serve as a Youth Deacon! Abby was baptized at First (Scots) as a baby and has grown up participating in the youth group, including mission trips and retreats. She has held many roles in the First (Scots) family which has influenced her faith in the best way possible. She is looking forward to her new role!

Elder Nominations



Julianne Farnsworth has been a member of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church since May of 2004. Julianne sings in the Kirk Choir, a member of the Tuesday night Bible study, a member of the World Missions Committee and a member of the Seekers' Circle. She has also served as a Deacon and taught Sunday School. Julianne is married to Douglas Snyder and they have two 22-year-old children, Elizabeth and Manning Snyder. Julianne practices law with Moore & VanAllen



Byron Frick is a graduate of Flagler College and received his masters from the Savannah College of Art and Design. He enjoys working with his hands and works in the building and renovation field. He and Ali are the parents of Campbell, Abigail, and Amelia. A member of First (Scots) for around 20 years, Byron has been an usher and has worked with the Flower Ministry, Meals on Wheels, and the youth/teen Sunday School class. He enjoys both playing and coaching ice



Lynn Graves has been a member of First (Scots) for forty years. She has served on the Session three times; on the Diaconate (Moderator); and on several committees: Worship (Chair), World Missions (Chair), Local Missions, Finance, Nominating, Future Fund I & II, and Pulpit Nominating. She has been a Bethel Bible Study leader, a circle lesson leader, and a Sunday School teacher. Lynn is a retired counseling center director and therapist. She is married to Dr. Jerry



John Marko, Jr. has been a member of First (Scots) since 2006 and has previously served on the Diaconate. He has also served on both the Property and Worship Committees. He especially enjoys helping to coordinate and participate in Scottish Heritage Sunday, as well as volunteering as an usher. One of his greatest honors is serving as beadle. Together John and his wife Katie have three daughters: Naisy, Charlotte, and Johnnie.



Betsy Martin has been a member of First (Scots) since 1974. For most of those years, Betsy served as a Sunday School teacher. She has also previously served as both a Deacon and an Elder. She has also served as a part of the Haiti mission team and as a First (Scots) team leader for the Charleston Area Justice Ministry. Betsy participates in Hands of Christ, the Prayer Shawl Ministry, and is one of the "science ladies" for Vacation Bible School.



Jane McNeill and her husband, John, along with their two daughters, Katie and Rebecca, joined First (Scots) in 2005 after moving to Charleston from Spartanburg, SC. Since joining First (Scots), she has served as an Elder, been a member of the Worship Committee, chaired Martha's Ministry for several years, served on the Nominating

Elizabeth Riddle and her husband Matt Riddle joined First (Scots) in 2013. They have two children: Oliver, and Eva. Elizabeth is enjoying her second year of co-leading Kirk Club and has served as a Deacon for the past two and a half years. She is also currently serving as secretary for the Evangelism Committee and serves as a lay reader for First



John Robinson has been a member of First (Scots) since 2013. His wife, Sallie, and four children were baptized at First (Scots). John has served the Church as beadle, usher, Deacon, and is the current Chairperson of the Fellowship Committee. He also assists on the First (Scots) Organ Subcommittee. John is a local attorney and businessman.

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Susan White is the daughter of Janet and John White, Sr. and has two brothers, John, Jr. and William. She was baptized and confirmed at First (Scots) and is a member of the youth leadership team. Susan is currently a junior attending Charleston School of the Arts. Susan is currently on the nursery staff and has created the artwork for the Youth Sunday bulletin cover for the last several years.