

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE “And the Blessing of God” Martin Shaw

†POSTLUDE “Savior of the Nations, Come, Setting III” Johann S. Bach

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP EXTENDS BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE SANCTUARY

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CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY are extended the family and friends of Margo Gray, who passed away on Tuesday, November 22nd.

A service was held at First (Scots) on Tuesday, November 29th at 3:00 p.m.

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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 John Robinson (8:45 AM) and Carol Rees (11:15 AM).

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ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

8:45 am GREETER: Karen Prewitt

11:15 am GREETERS: Chris Bucknam, Tod Williams

COFFEE GREETER: Jason Wall

8:45 am USHERS: Matt Spath (Captain), Bob Nutley, Clark Truluck, Michael Branch, Ashley Nutley

11:15 am USHERS: Todd Plaxco (Captain) Barb Plaxco, Greg McKenzie, Caroline Barnes, John Robinson

8:45 am DEACONS: Abby Morrison (Lead Deacon), Heidi Whaley

11:15 am DEACONS: Courtney Buxton (Lead Deacon), Debbie Rice-Marko

8:45 am DOCENT: John Robinson

8:45 am BEADLE: Andy Gowder

11:15 am DOCENT: Rob Dillon

11:15 am BEADLE: Harold Davis

8:45 am LAY READER: Bill Prewitt

11:15 am LAY READER: Jane Fleischer

ELDER ON CALL (Dec 11 – Dec 17) – Anne Jackson (404-217-1661)

DEACON ON CALL (Dec 11 – Dec 17) – Dee Pridgen (843-530-5522)



The Reverend Dr. L. Holton Siegling Jr., Senior Pastor
The Reverend Dr. James T. Rogers, Associate Pastor
The Reverend Tracey W. Daniel, Associate Pastor
Mrs. Mary Robinson, Parish Associate



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Ricard Bordas, Director of Choral Music

Jennifer Cromwell, Kindergarten Director

Christina Wilhoit, Handbell Choir

Katherine Clarkson, Kirk Choristers Director

Nancy Hunsicker, Food Services Director

Ian Giancursio, Youth Ministry Coordinator

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Organized 1731

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023 AT 8:45 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.



THE REV. DR. L. HOLTON SIEGLING JR.
SENIOR PASTOR

THE REV. DR. JAMES T. ROGERS
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

THE REV. DR. DANIEL W. MASSIE
PASTOR EMERITUS

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 20238:45 A.M. & 11:15 A.M. SERVICE

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDESavior of the Nations, Come, Settings I & II (Hymn 14)Johann S. Bach

(May the beginning of the prelude serve as a call to silent meditation and prayer.)

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIPThe Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT“Come, Let Us Praise The Lord ”
William Byrd/ Arr. Hal H.Hopson
Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Timmi Winston, mezzo soprano (8:45)
Kirk Choir (11:15)

†CALL TO WORSHIPThe Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

One: People of God, open your hearts and minds!
All: Listen carefully to what God is saying, for he comes to us today speaking peace,
One: and offering life to all who love him, and honor him with their hearts and lives.
All: Let us worship God together

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”Hymn No. 2

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy and Loving God, we have dwelt in darkness and preferred it to the light; we have been proud of our accomplishments and despaired over our shortcomings. Smooth down the mountains of our pride and lift up the valleys of our doubts. Open a path in the wilderness of our lives that we might find our way to you again. Refine us and prepare us once again for life in your kingdom. Hear our prayer, O God, for we offer it in Jesus’ 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.

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE AND ADVENT WREATH
8:45 – The Ham Family
11:15 – Chantal & JP Byrne & Family

CHILDREN’S HYMN“Let There Be Peace on Earth”
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

† Those who are able, please stand. + Those arriving for worship are invited to take their seats at this time.

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN
(Children through 5yrs old are dismissed to the Massie Building for Children’s Church)

BAPTISM
Hamilton Beaumont Legare Stevens, son of Robert Walker Groves Stevens and Laura Varn Stevens
Administered by Dr. Holton Siegling, Elder: Gamble Ouzts

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATIONBill Prewitt (8:45)
Jane Fleischer (11:15)

THE WORD READOld Testament: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
New testament: Mark 1:1-8
One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED“INWARD PEACE, OUTWARD IMPACT”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“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”Hymn No. 9

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM“Laudamus Te from Gloria” (8:45)Antonio Vivaldi
We praise Thee. We bless Thee. We adore Thee. We glorify Thee.

“Creator of the Stars of Night” (11:15)Arranged by John Scott

†DOXOLOGY“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”Hymn No. 592
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT“‘It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”Hymn No. 38

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