

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2023 AT 8:45 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.



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

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8:45 A.M. & 11:15 A.M. SERVICE

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Come Thou Jesus, from Heaven to Earth”

Johann S. Bach (8:45)

“Sleeper’s Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us

Johann S. Bach

“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”

Arr. Kevin McChesney (11:15)

“Christmas Medley”

John C. Dare

Ringers: Caroline Barnes, Candace Brace, Elizabeth McAnally, Helen Reid and Anne Smith.

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

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION: GOD’S GIFT SHOP

Craig Hanson

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Adapt. Thomas

Katherine Clarkson, soprano (8:45)

Kirk Choir (11:15)

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Mary Robinson

One: We wait to celebrate the birth of the Christ-child.

All: We wait for Christ to enter our lives in a new way.

One: We watch for the signs of God’s reign in the world.

All: We are called to build up the reign of Christ on earth.

One: We wonder at God’s work in our world and wonder what God will do next.

All: We rejoice that God sent his only Son to us, and we rejoice in the birth of the Messiah!

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Once in Royal David’s City”

Hymn No. 49

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Who are we, Lord God, that you should come to us? Yet you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son. As we prepare to celebrate his birth, grant us the wisdom to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 LOVE CANDLE AND ADVENT WREATH

Anne & Lanier Jackson & Family (8:45)

Ali & Byron Frick & Family (11:15)

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S HYMN

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (verse 2)

*Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of the gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you; Christ the babe was born for you.*

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

THE WORD ENACTED

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:15)

TIME FOR TEENS

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David Hay (8:45)

Julie Cannell (11:15)

THE WORD READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-10

(pew Bible, page 558)

New Testament: Matthew 1:18-25

(pew Bible, page 783)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"LOVE COME DOWN"

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

"What Child is This"

Hymn No. 53

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison) 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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"He Shall Feed His Flock"

George Frideric Handel (8:45)

"What Sweeter Music"

John Rutter (11:15)

(We celebrate that some people choose to give electronically or by texting FIRSTSCOTS to 73256)

†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** “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child ” Hymn No. 27

†**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

†**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “Forth in the Name of Christ We Go” Schütz/Arr. Hopson

†**POSTLUDE** “Fling Wide the Door Of Your Heart” Ernst Pepping

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be administered to Wylie Winstead Latimer at the 11:15 a.m. service. Wylie is the son of William Nelson and Lindsay Winstead Latimer; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. David Latimer (Kate) and Mr. and Mrs. David Legendre Winstead, visiting today from Chevy Chase, Maryland. Administered by The Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Massie and The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. Assisting is Elder Tom Anderson.

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.

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 Nonie Crosby (8:45 AM) and Michael Johnson (11:15 AM).

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

8:45 a.m. GREETER: Whit Smith **11:15 a.m. GREETERS:** Jenks Bailey, Ashley Nutley

COFFEE GREETER: Dee Pridgen

8:45 a.m. USHERS: Mikell Thaxton (Captain), Chad Covert, Rachel Herbert, Ryan Glenn, Walker Glenn

11:15 a.m. USHERS: Harold Davis (Captain) Greg McKenzie, Michael Johnson, Matt Bucknam, Chris Bucknam

8:45 a.m. DEACONS: Heidi Whaley (Lead Deacon), Courtney Buxton

11:15 a.m. DEACONS: Lindsay Melville (Lead Deacon), Lisle Henderson

8:45 a.m. BEADLE: Bill Prewitt **11:15 a.m. BEADLE:** Graham Heller

8:45 a.m. LAY READER: David Hay **11:15 a.m. LAY READER:** Julie Cannell

ELDER ON CALL (Dec 18 – Dec 24) – Tom Johnson (908-295-3260)

DEACON ON CALL (Dec 18 – Dec 24) – Heidi Whaley (843-607-0331)

PASTOR ON CALL: Mrs. Mary Robinson



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



Ricard Bordas, Director of Choral Music
Katherine Clarkson, Kirk Choristers Director
Scarlett Crawford Church Administrator
Jennifer Cromwell, Kindergarten Director
Linda Deeter, Administrative Assistant to the Pastors
Nancy Hunsicker, Food Services Director

Lee Kohlenberg, Interim Organist
Karen Kuhn, Administrative Assistant
Shelby Olinger, Church Accountant
Martha Ann Siegling, Christian Education Assistant
Garry Stone, Facility Maintenance Coordinator
Samantha Trainor, Communications Coordinator