

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 24, 2023, AT 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

MRS. MARY B. ROBINSON
PARISH ASSOCIATE

Serving God in Charleston and the world

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11:15 A.M. SERVICE

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

"Noel Sur Les Flutes"

Louis Daquin

(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: NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Keith Blake

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

"People Look East"

Malcom Archer

Kirk Choir

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Elizabeth Snyder

One: Ascribe to the Lord honor and majesty.

All: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

One: Ascribe to the Lord praise upon praise.

All: For God, the Lord, has come to us and dwells with us.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Hymn No. 22

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Joy, we come to celebrate again the arrival of Love incarnate here in our midst. Your glorious arrival is enough to cause the forests to sing for joy, yet we still find reasons to complain and sigh. Your light of salvation is bright enough to illuminate every corner of our lives, yet we still find ourselves shrouded in worry and doubt. Merciful God, lead us into the light of the stable, grant us strength and courage to join you at the manger; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. 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 JOY CANDLE AND ADVENT WREATH

Legare, Tap, Charlie and Gus Gresham

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S HYMN

"The First Nowell" (verse 1)

The first Nowell the angel did say

Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep,

On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell. Born is the King of Israel.

† Those who are able, please stand.

+ Those arriving for worship are invited to take their seats at this time.

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

TIME FOR TEENS

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pam Arnett

THE WORD READ

Old Testament: Isaiah 9:6-7

(pew Bible, page 555)

New Testament: Luke 1:26-38

(pew Bible, page 831)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED "A CHILD HAS BEEN BORN FOR US" 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

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Hymn No. 23

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

"Still, Still, Still"

German Carol/Arranged by Philip Leger

(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

† Those who are able, please stand.

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†HYMN OF COMMITMENT	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	Hymn No. 31
†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
†BENEDICTION RESPONSE	“Amen”	Danish
†POSTLUDE	“Swiss Noel”	Louis Daquin

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 meet your Docent by the harpsichord in front of the sanctuary
following the service. The tour will last approximately 10-15 minutes.

Today's Docent is Harold Davis (11:15 AM).

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETER: Scott Evans

COFFEE GREETER: Heidi Whaley

LIVE STREAMING: Chris Rucker

USHERS: Jim Buckley (Captain), Anne Dukes, Tap Gresham, Adam Yount, Brad Morrison

DEACONS: Gene Childers (Lead Deacon), Courtney Buxton

BEADLE: Matt Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP: Elizabeth Snyder, First (Scots) Member and Princeton Theological Seminary Student

LAY READER: Pam Arnett

ELDER ON CALL (Dec 25 – Dec 31) – Betsy Martin (843-670-5870)

DEACON ON CALL (Dec 25 – Dec 31) – Ann Anderson (843-224-0204)

PASTOR ON CALL: The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.



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	Lee Kohlenberg, Interim Organist
Katherine Clarkson, Kirk Choristers Director	Karen Kuhn, Administrative Assistant
Scarlett Crawford, Church Administrator	Whitney Nilsson, Communications Coordinator
Jennifer Cromwell, Kindergarten Director	Shelby Olinger, Church Accountant
Linda Deeter, Administrative Assistant to the Pastors	Martha Ann Siegling, Christian Education Assistant
Nancy Hunsicker, Food Services Director	Garry Stone, Facility Maintenance Coordinator
Christina Wilhoit, Handbell Choir Director	