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ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETER (8:45 A.M.): John McNeill

GREETERS (11:15 A.M.): Bob George, Dottie George

COFFEE GREETER: Susan Leland

USHERS (8:45 A.M.): Charles Avant (Captain), Joe Thompson, Elizabeth Bernat, Anne Smith, Whit Smith

USHERS (11:15 A.M.): Amelia White (Captain) Jay White, John Robinson, Bob Dawson, Patrick Dollason

DEACONS (8:45 A.M.): Emily Warr (Lead Deacon), Abby Morrison

DEACONS (11:15 A.M.): Heidi Whaley (Lead Deacon), Karen Danielowski

BEADLE (8:45 A.M.): Stephen Carnie **BEADLE (11:15 A.M.):** Tita Massie

LAY READER (8:45 A.M.): John Metcalf **LAY READER (11:15 A.M.):** Helen Ross

PASTOR ON CALL (Sept. 25th - October 1st) - The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. (865-456-2235)

ELDER ON CALL (Dec. 4– Dec.10) – Matt Spath (843-324-5990)

DEACON ON CALL (Dec. 4– Dec.10) – Jason Wall (252-341-9479)

MINUTE FOR MISSION: God's Gift Shop– David Ward

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3RD, 2023



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

MARY B. ROBINSON
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The Reverend Dr. L. Holton Siegling Jr., Senior Pastor
The Reverend Dr. James T. Rogers, Associate Pastor
Mrs. Mary B. Robinson, Commissioned Lay Pastor



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Shelby Olinger, Church Accountant
Samantha Trainor, Communications Coordinator
Karen Kuhn, Administrative Assistant
Linda Deeter, Administrative Assistant to the Pastors
Martha Ann Siegling, Christian Education Assistant
Garry Stone, Facility Maintenance Coordinator

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2023

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

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

Christmas Medley

First (Scots) Festival Strings

(May the beginning of the Prelude serve as an invitation to silent meditation and prayer.)

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

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

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

Comfort You My People

Genevan Psalter

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

One:

The God who speaks comfort to us calls us here. The God who addresses us with tenderness meets us here.

All:

The God who guides us with gentleness cares for us here. We come to prepare a way for the Lord.

One:

We come to ready ourselves for the transformation of our lives.

All:

For the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Hymn No. 8

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

(A pause for silent confession follows.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Gracious and Merciful God, how many times have we begun the season of Advent with the words of John the Baptist ringing in our ears, "Prepare the way for the Lord," and chosen to ignore them because they do not fit into our plans? How many times have we heard the voice of the one crying in the wilderness, "Make His paths straight," and chosen to dismiss his message? Help us hear anew, inspire us with hope, and lead us to testify to your light; 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 PEACE CANDLE AND ADVENT WREATH

8:45 – Robert and Britton Hawk

11:15 – Dorothy and Mikell Thaxton and Family

THE WORD OF GOD

†CHILDRENS HYMN

“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” (verse 1)

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he to meek and lowly Mary,
"most highly favored maiden." Gloria!

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

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

TIME FOR TEENS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nancy Edwards (8:45)

Slade Metcalf (11:15)

THE WORD READ

Luke 1:26-56

(pew Bible, page 831-832)

Leader:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON IN SONG

“MAGNIFICAT”

Antonio Vivaldi

(Please see the special musical insert provided in today’s bulletin)

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†THE APOSTLES’ CREED

(unison)

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

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

“Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending”

Hymn No. 6

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Fantasia on Christmas Carols Ralph Vaughan Williams

†DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymn No. 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“People, Look East”

Hymn No. 12

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen from Messiah”

George Frideric Hande

†POSTLUDE

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

Johann Pachelbel

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