

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

JANUARY 21, 2024 AT 8:45 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.



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

THE REV. DR. JAMES T. ROGERS
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THE REV. DR. DANIEL W. MASSIE
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8:45 A.M. & 11:15 A.M. SERVICES

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

J.S. Bach

(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.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

“Father, Who the light this day”

Curt Oliver

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

One: God has given us this time to worship.

All: God has uniquely positioned us for divine purpose.

One: God sanctifies our lives for service in His name.

All: Praise be to God who fashions our lives with purpose and grace!

†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)

Almighty and Everlasting God, you continually meet us where we are and invite us to repent, believe, and follow you; yet, all too often, we hide, hoping you didn't notice us as you walked along the shores of life. We make ourselves look busy, too busy to be bothered by the demands of the Gospel, the truth of your love which demands our allegiance. By your grace, help us to say “yes” to your call; 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.*

THE WORD OF GOD

†CHILDREN'S HYMN

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (Verse 3)

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts, the blessings of His heav'n
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.*

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

THE WORD ENACTED

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:15)

TIME FOR TEENS

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Haylea Shurman (8:45)

Elizabeth Riddle (11:15)

THE WORD READ

Old Testament: Esther 4:5-17

(pew Bible, page 388)

New Testament: Mark 1:14-20

(pew Bible, page 812)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“MAKING DISCIPLES”

The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to Whom alone we must cleave, Whom alone we must serve, Whom only we must worship, and in Whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensive, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By Whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by His providence, and to the manifestation of His own glory.¹

†HYMN OF REFLECTION

“Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult”

- 1) Jesus calls us, o’er the tumult, of our life’s wild restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, “Christian, follow me!”
- 2) As, of old, St. Andrew heard it, by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.
- 3) Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to Thine obedience, serve and love Thee best of all.

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

Pastor Mary Robinson

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

“Come Thou Fount”

arr. Bob Krogstad (8:45)

“O Lord, Thou Art My God and King” Scottish tune/arr. Leland B. Sateren (11:15)

¹ From The Scots Confession of 1560

†**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**

“Lead on, O King Eternal ”

Hymn No. 477

†**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

†**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Amen”

Luigi Boccherini

†**POSTLUDE**

“Finale”(from *First Sonata in D minor*)

Florence Price

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be administered during the 11:15 a.m. service to **Molly Jane Ward**. Molly will be baptized by The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr., and Elder **David Ward** will assist. Molly is the daughter of **Benjamin & Lauren Ward**, and granddaughter of members **David & Sharon Ward**.

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP EXTENDS BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE SANCTUARY
in the form of video recording and live streaming. 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 Matt Spath (8:45 A.M.) and Harold Davis (11:15 A.M.)

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

8:45 a.m. GREETER: Bob Hurd **11:15 a.m. GREETERS:** Tom Johnson, Greg Jones

COFFEE GREETER: Ann Anderson

8:45 a.m. USHERS: Matt Spath (Captain), Bob Nutley, Ashley Nutley, Clark Truluck, Whit Smith

11:15 a.m. USHERS: David Warren (Captain), Caroline Barnes, Matt Thomas, John Robinson, Brad Morrison

8:45 a.m. DEACONS: Danielle Hood (Lead Deacon), Jason Wall

11:15 a.m. DEACONS: Lindsey Melville (Lead Deacon), Chett McCubrey

8:45 a.m. BEADLE: Henry Hay, III **11:15 a.m. BEADLE:** Matt Johnson

8:45 a.m. LAY READER: Haylea Shuman **11:15 a.m. LAY READER:** Elizabeth Riddle

ELDER ON CALL (January 22-28) – Greg Jones (843) 729-7661



The Reverend Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr., Senior Pastor
The Reverend Dr. James T. Rogers, Associate Pastor
Pastor 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

Karen Kuhn, Administrative Assistant
Whitney Nilsson, Communications Coordinator
Shelby Olinger, Church Accountant
Martha Ann Siegling, Christian Education Assistant
Garry Stone, Facility Maintenance Coordinator
Christina Wilhoit, Handbell Choir Director

Anthony Williams, Organist and Director of Music

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY THIS MORNING are given in honor of all the children of First (Scots). Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." *Matthew 19:14*

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS

A new members inquiry class has been scheduled for Saturday, January 27th at 9:00 a.m. In just a few hours, you will have the opportunity to learn more about our church history & member engagement.

Participants are invited to join the church membership the next day, Sunday, January 28th.

If you're interested in attending this half-day Inquiry Class, contact:
Karen Kuhn @ (843) 722-8882

January 27, 2024 | 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Molly Wier Hall

Nursery will be provided | Register by January 23rd

LINE DANCING CLASSES

ATTENTION

Senior Members of FSPC

If you are at least 50 years old and you want to add a bit of JOY into the New Year, you should try the Beginners Line Dancing Class held in Molly Wier Hall from 10:00-11:00 a.m. on Thursdays, beginning February 1st.

Instructor Pam Arnett believes that line dancing provides safe cardiovascular exercise, uplifting music, mental focus, socialization, fun & more.

If you are interested, please contact:
Pam @ (864) 590-1752 or
pampagearnett@gmail.com

VALENTINE'S FASHION SHOW

All ladies of First (Scots) are invited to attend a First (Scots) Fashion Show to be held during the annual Presbyterian Women's Valentine's Luncheon on Tuesday, February 13 @ 11:30 a.m. in Molly Wier Hall. Enjoy food, fun and fellowship as Dr. Holton Siegling and Debbie Rice-Marko emcee the show featuring adult and child models of First (Scots).

Tickets: \$25 | Childcare available: \$10 per child

To attend, ***please respond to Betsy Middleton by February 1*** via email: epmiddleton230@gmail.com & send a check to **Anne Dukes** to: 80 Bull St., Charleston, SC 29401

If you or your child would like to model, please contact:

Laura Beall at laurabeall77@gmail.com or Debbie Rice-Marko at 843-367-8089



FIRST (SCOTS) PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN ADMISSIONS

The admissions process for First (Scots) Kindergarten & Preschool for the 2023-2024 school year will be held during the month of January. In accordance with our Admissions policies, the school offers existing students an opportunity to enroll first. We then offer active church members and siblings of existing students an opportunity to enroll (provided spaces are available) prior to opening it to families in the community. For church members to receive this priority status, they must have been active at church for the previous 12 months, attended worship regularly and supported First (Scots) Presbyterian Church financially through a recorded pledge or contribution.

For additional information, please contact: **Jenn Cromwell @ (843) 722-8882**

THE GOD'S GIFT SHOP COMMITTEE

We wish to extend our deepest thanks to our enthusiastic volunteers, helpful staff, and cheerful shoppers. Because of your generosity through God's Gift Shop, \$57,714 was given in gifts to help those around the corner and around the world. Thank you for sharing your joy.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Please make your reservation to Karen Kuhn (kkuhn@first-scots.org) or call (843) 722-8882 **BY NOON ON MONDAY, January 22nd** to give Chef Nancy time to prepare.

Menu for January 24th

Entree: Pork Tenderloin

Kids: Chicken Nuggets

ILLNESS

The doctor called. More tests. It's been dragging on so long already.
The whole family is feeling the strain. Illness.

Are you or someone you care for going into the hospital? A Stephen Minister would like to be there for you, both now and during your recovery. A Stephen Minister will listen and help you find the resources to make it through that difficult time.



HELP PLAN YOUTH SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 (5-7PM)



This Sunday high school and middle school youth are meeting in the Kirk House from 5-7pm and planning Youth Sunday 2024 (February 11)! We'll spend time catching up after the Youth Winter Retreat, continuing our Love Does devotion series, and enjoying a meal before brainstorming and voting on this year's Youth Sunday theme and signing up for parts. Don't miss out on this opportunity to help lead worship for our entire congregation! If you have any questions about this event, please contact:

James Rogers (jrogers@first-scots.org).

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

Last weekend youth and adults participated in the "I Am" ski retreat to West Virginia. In addition to the skiing and snowboarding, the group studied three "I am" statements from the Gospel of John that reveal Jesus' character and ministry to the world: I am the Bread of Life, I am the Light of the World, and I am the Good Shepherd.

