

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

JANUARY 28, 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
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

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

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Carillon”

John Behnke

(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

Congregational Survey

Jessica Garrett, Ashley Nutley (8:45)

Jason Wall (11:15)

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

“Come, Let Us Bow Down”

Giuseppe Verdi/ Arr. Hal. H. Hopson

Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Timmi Winston, mezzo-soprano

(8:45)

Kirk Choir

(11:15)

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

One: God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness. God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

All: God embraces the wounded and broken. God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

One: God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days. God is the light of our lives.

All: God is the one who makes all things new. Glory be to God, now and forevermore!

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Hymn No. 288

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We know who you are, O Lord! You are the one who called forth order out of chaos and created the world; you pronounced it good and gave us the freedom and responsibility to yield ourselves to you. In countless ways, Merciful God, we have failed, yet time and time again you speak, silencing any voice but your own. By your grace help us to listen to your voice, and to celebrate your redemptive and restorative presence in our lives; 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

“In Christ Alone”

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

*No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand,
til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

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

Regina Yost (8:45)

Michael Johnson (11:15)

THE WORD READ

Old Testament: Psalm 93

(pew Bible, page 478)

New Testament: Mark 1:21-28

(pew Bible, page 812)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"GOD IS BIGGER THAN THE BOOGIE MAN" 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 for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Hymn No. 466

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.

One: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Deep River/Shall We Gather at the River"

arr. Lloyd Larson (8:45)

"The Word Was God"

Rosephanye Powell (11:15)

†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.*

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

†**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

†**HYMN OF COMMITMENT** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Hymn No. 260

†**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

†**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “Amen” Franz Liszt/ Arr. Hal. H. Hopson

†**POSTLUDE** “Allabreve in D” J.S. Bach

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be administered during the 11:15 a.m. service to **Harrison Banks Holt. Banks** will be baptized by The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr., and **Jason Wall** will assist. **Banks** is the son of **Matt Holt & Ellen Taylor Holt**.

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

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

8:45 a.m. GREETER: Whit Smith **11:15 a.m. GREETERS:** Bob George, John Robinson

COFFEE GREETER: Karen Danielowski

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

11:15 a.m. USHERS: Amelia White (Captain), Jay White, Jane McNeill, Chris Bucknam, Matt Bucknam

8:45 a.m. DEACONS: Ann Anderson (Lead Deacon), Dee Pridgen

11:15 a.m. DEACONS: Margaret Todd Truluck (Lead Deacon), Virginia Maybank

8:45 a.m. BEADLE: Whit Smith **11:15 a.m. BEADLE:** L.W. McNally

8:45 a.m. LAY READER: Regina Yost **11:15 a.m. LAY READER:** Michael Johnson

ELDER ON CALL (January 29 - February 4) - Tita Massie (843) 709-0780

DEACON ON CALL (January 29 - February 4) - Greg McKenzie (843) 834-4157

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Spath

PASTOR ON CALL: (January 29 - February 4) - The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers (843-513-3717)



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 with love by Ellen and Matt Holt in honor of their son Banks, in celebration of his baptism today.



A very hearty First (Scots) welcome to our newest members who are joining with us today! We are so glad you are here.

CHURCH PARKING

Church parking on Sunday mornings is limited. People with disabilities or those recovering from surgery, expectant mothers, older adults, and others for whom closer parking is important are especially welcome and encouraged to use our on-site church parking spots.



Wednesday Night Fellowship

Please make your reservations for the Wednesday Night Supper and fellowship with our church family. Remember to call Karen Kuhn at (843) 722-8882 or email to kkuhn@first-scots.org by Monday Noon!

Menu for January 31st

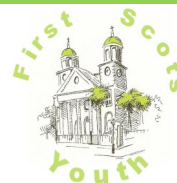
Entrée: Tilapia

Kids: Mac and Cheese



Valentine's Fashion Show

All ladies of First (Scots) are invited to attend a fashion show during the annual Presbyterian Women's luncheon on Tuesday, February 13 at 11:30 a.m. in Molly Wier Hall. Enjoy food, fun, and fellowship as Dr. Holton Siegling and Debbie Rice-Marko emcee the show which features adult and child models from First (Scots). Send payment to Anne Dukes at 80 Bull Street, Charleston, SC 29401. RSVP by February 1st to Betsy Middleton at epmiddleton230@gmail.com.



Help Plan Youth Sunday January 28 (5-7 p.m.)

This Sunday, high school and middle school youth are meeting in the Kirk House from 5-7 p.m. to prepare specific leadership parts and decorations for our "Light" Youth Sunday (February 11). We'll spend time finishing the Saran wrap ball game (thanks, Dr. Siegling!), continuing our Love Does devotion series, and enjoying dinner before getting to work on Youth Sunday. Don't miss out on this opportunity to help lead worship for our entire congregation! Those interested in helping lead worship on Youth Sunday should check out the available Youth Sunday leadership parts and sign up (tinyurl.com/FSYouthSunday24).

If you have any questions about this event, please contact James Rogers (jrogers@first-scots.org).

First (Scots) Parenting/Young Adult Class

Our First (Scots) Parenting/Young Adult classes are beginning a new six-week study on Sunday, February 4th! Please join us in Room 203 from 10-11 a.m. as we discuss the book, "Habits of the Household" by Justin Whitmel Earley. Sunday School for ages 3 years through fifth grade and childcare will be provided in the educational building.



Line Dancing Classes

Beginner line dancing classes begin this Thursday, February 1st in Molly Wier Hall from 10-11 a.m. If you are interested, contact

Pam at (864) 590-1752 or pampagearnett@gmail.com

Presbyterian Women February Circle Meetings

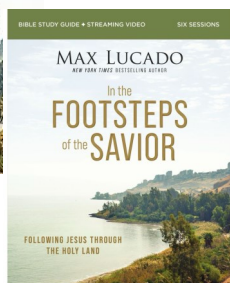
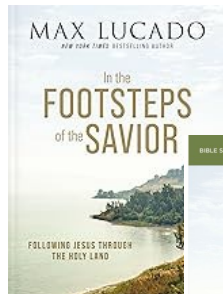
The Women at the Well Circle will meet at 6:30pm on Thursday, February 8 at the home of Anne LeClercq. Contact Tori Bohren, Circle Co-Leader, at vs.bohren@gmail.com.

The Seekers Circle will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 14 at the home of Meredith Mason. They will continue their study of Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke through Acts. Contact Anne Dukes, Circle Co-Leader, at 843-577-0479 or dukesanne62@gmail.com.

High School Youth Bethelwoods Retreat

On February 23-25, high school youth are going to Camp Bethelwoods in York, SC to join youth and adults from local Presbyterian churches. We will have exciting recreation, small groups, worship, and more. Check out the Retreat Flyer at (tinyurl.com/FSYouthHSBethel24) for all the details. Register no later than February 4 by using the Online Registration Form and paying the \$75/person retreat fee through Online Giving. Make sure to designate the payment as "H.S. Bethelwoods Retreat." Space is limited! Both the registration form and payment must be received before registration is considered complete. For questions about registration, contact Linda Deeter (ldeeter@first-scots.org). For questions about the retreat, contact James Rogers, or either Will LeClercq or Susanna Woodward who are both members of our Presbytery Youth Council. You can also reach out to Carrie Simpson who will be chaperoning the trip. We look forward to a special weekend!

Deadline is February 4th.



Please join us for a 6-week Women's Evening Bible Study!

We will study "In the Footsteps of The Savior" Max Lucado on Tuesday nights from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. on February 13, 20, 27 and March 5, 12, 19. We will meet in Room 203 of the Massie Building. You should purchase both the book and the study guide from on-line sources. For more info, contact Martha Jane Hudnall and Ruthie Edwards.