

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Organized 1731

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 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
PASTOR EMERITUS

PASTOR MARY B. ROBINSON
COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR

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SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

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

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Pastorale” Alex Rowley (8:45)
“Ah, Holy Jesus” Terry Osman (11:15)
“And He Never Said A Word” Michael Ryan (11:15)
Handbell Choir

Caroline Barnes Elizabeth MacAnally
Candace Brace Helen Reid
Brenda Dukes Anne Smith
Anne Lewis Christina Wilboit, director

(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

Scots on the Go

Lisle Henderson

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

“Praise the Lord, Be Joyful” Franz Joseph Haydn
Timmi Winston, mezzo soprano (8:45) arr. Hal H. Hopson
Kirk Choir (11:15)

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

One: Jesus, in his final moments, entrusted his mother to the care of the Beloved Disciple,

All: and in that act, we see the depth of Jesus' love, and we affirm our own call to love and care for one another.

One: In our worship, O Lord, we return to you the love and grace that we have received.

All: With hearts filled to overflowing, we offer our thanks and praise!

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“For The Beauty of the Earth”

Hymn No. 473

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, like most of your disciples who were nowhere to be found when you looked down from the cross, we too have abandoned you in times of trial and suffering. Not only have we failed to stand with you in times of adversity, but we have also failed to stand by those of your children who need our support and comfort. By your Holy Spirit, may we be more like your Beloved Disciple who stood by Mary at the foot of the cross. May we have the courage to be present with all those who are hurting, that ours may be a listening ear, a helping hand, and a compassionate heart; 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.

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

THE WORD OF GOD

†CHILDREN'S HYMN

"Love Divine, All Excelling"

Hymn No. 376 (verse 1)

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.*

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

THE WORD ENACTED

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:15)

THE TIME FOR TEENS

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Henry Hay (8:45)

John McNeill (11:15)

THE WORD READ

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 2:1-10

(pew Bible, page 214)

New Testament: John 19:25b-27

(pew Bible, page 882)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"WHEN BEING PRESENT IS ENOUGH" 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

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Hymn No. 555

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

"God Is My Shepherd"

Antonín Dvořák (8:45)

Psalm 150

Bob Chilcott (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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Hymn No. 276

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Blessing”

Katie Moran Bart

†POSTLUDE

“Toccata Giocosa”

Gilbert Martin

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be administered during the 11:15 service to **Grace Croghan Ramsay**, daughter of **Alexander William Ramsay, Jr.** and **Karon Rebecca Blackman Ramsay**. **Gracie** will be baptized by **The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers**, and **Elder John Marko, Jr.** will assist.

The flowers in the front of the Sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory and in loving honor to all mothers.

The flowers at the sanctuary entrance are placed by **Dawn and Tom Blackman** in honor of the baptism of their granddaughter, Gracie Ramsay, and also in honor of Gracie’s great grandmother, Grace Blackman.

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 at the harpsichord following the service.

The tour will last approximately 10-15 minutes.

Today’s docents are Nonie Crosby (8:45 a.m.) and Karen Prewitt (11:15 a.m.).

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

8:45 a.m. GREETER: Karen Prewitt **11:15 a.m. GREETER:** Elizabeth Riddle

COFFEE GREETER: Wesley Henderson

8:45 a.m. USHERS: Whit Smith (Captain), Anne Smith, John Metcalf, Alison Beskin, Stephen Ham

11:15 a.m. USHERS: Todd Plaxco (Captain), Barb Plaxco, Brad Morrison, Andy Beall, Benjamin King

8:45 a.m. DEACONS: Catie Smith (Lead Deacon), Ann Anderson

11:15 a.m. DEACONS: Danielle Hood (Lead Deacon), Gene Childers

8:45 a.m. BEADLE: Whit Smith **11:15 a.m. BEADLE:** Jan Key

8:45 a.m. LAY READER: Henry Hay **11:15 a.m. LAY READER:** John McNeil

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Bucknam

ELDER ON CALL (May 13 - May 19) – Elizabeth Riddle (843) 718-7551

DEACON ON CALL (May 13 - May 19) – Courtney Buxton (843) 870-2914

PASTOR ON CALL (May 13 - May 19) – The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. (865) 456-2235



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



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
Karen Kuhn, Administrative Assistant

Shelby Olinger, Church Accountant
Martha Ann Siegling, Christian Education Assistant
Chris Silva, Communications Coordinator
Garry Stone, Facility Maintenance Coordinator
Christina Wilhoit, Handbell Choir Director
Dr. Anthony Williams, Organist and Director of Music

WELCOME TO FIRST (SCOTS)

BLOCK PARTY

MAY 19, 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.

A Churchwide Volunteer Appreciation Day Celebration

GAMES!

FOOD!

PRIZES!

1731 Legacy Society

The Legacy Society recognizes members and friends who have made a commitment of \$5000 or more in their estate plans. We plan to recognize new 1731 Legacy Society members during a special luncheon after church on Rally Sunday in September. If you are not a 1731 Legacy Fund member, we hope you hear the call to become one. Call Bill Prewitt at (843) 620-0158 or wmprewitt@gmail.com or contact Shelby at the church office at (843) 722-8882. If you're already a 1731 Legacy member, we welcome you to consider a renewal of your commitment.



Scots On The Go offers social opportunities and Christian education experiences to members of the First Scots Community who are retired, are partially retired, or may be considering retirement.

Sign up to help plan the annual calendar of events and activities by contacting Karen Kuhn at the church office or email her at kkuhn@first-scots.org



The Season Grand Finale

Final Taize & Low Country Boil

Our final Taize service will meet in Lilly Chapel at 5:30 p.m.

For supper, RSVP no later than noon, Monday, May 13, by calling Karen in the church office at (843) 722-8882 or emailing kkuhn@first-scots.org.

We need an accurate number, please!

Important Reminder! Beginning next Sunday, May 19, we will hold only ONE worship service which will meet at 10 a.m. every Sunday.



Presbyterian Women Birthday Luncheon

Women of First (Scots) are invited to the annual Birthday Luncheon! We are thrilled to welcome speaker Lalla Lee Campsen, a wife, mother, mentor, leader of prayer groups, and Bible studies, and author of "Daily ACTS: A Yearly Guide to Prayer and Praise."

We will also install our new officers for 2024-25.

When: Tuesday, May 14, at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Molly Wier Hall

To reserve your spot: Email Betsy Middleton, epmiddleton230@gmail.com and send a check for \$25 payable to First (Scots) PW to Anne Dukes, 80 Bull Street Charleston, SC 29401

To reserve childcare: Email Laura Beall, laurabeall77@gmail.com, with number and ages of children.



Scan to Register

Vacation Bible School

July 29 - August 2

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Welcome New First (Scots) Members!

Please be sure to give a warm First (Scots) welcome to our new members.



Steve and Sally Baggett



Bob and Berthe Cowles



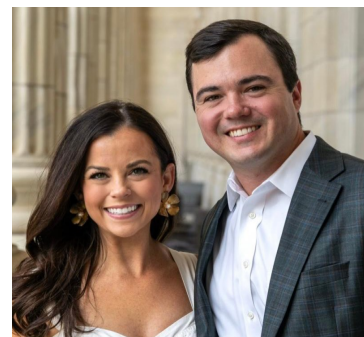
Nancy Evans



**Chase Jasso and
Meredith Harley**



Kristen and Jordan LaSeta



**Mary-Kimble and
Miller Lewis**



Report from the First Scots Organ Commission

In late 2022, the Session established an Organ Commission to assess the state of the sanctuary's pipe organ and recommend necessary repairs and renovations. The commission aimed to ensure the organ's reliability ahead of the church's 300-year celebration in 2031. The organ last underwent significant renovation in 1992, focusing on repairs rather than a complete rebuild. Despite the organ's excellent tonal quality, several mechanical issues need addressing, including unreliable stop mechanisms, electrical control issues, and structural concerns in the organ chamber.

The Organ Commission, consisting of Darlene Daehler-Wilking, Bob Dawson (Chair), and others, ruled out a total replacement due to the high cost (\$2.5 to \$3 million) and dismissed the option of a digital organ replacement due to tonal and historical considerations. Instead, they pursued refurbishments to extend the organ's life and functionality, focusing on essential repairs to the console, electrical systems, and structural elements within the organ chamber.

R.A. Colby Company of Johnson City, TN, a firm with a history of maintaining the church's organ, has been chosen to conduct the refurbishments. The proposed scope includes replacing the balcony console, introducing a digital system for the electrical controls, and installing fiber optic cabling. The commission also plans to clean and refurbish pipes and other components, alongside necessary structural repairs within the organ chamber, such as addressing plaster decay. These renovations, costing approximately \$800,000, are scheduled for Summer 2025 and are expected to last over 20 years, ensuring the organ's continued role in worship and its historical significance to the sanctuary. The finance committee will oversee the fundraising efforts to support this project.

Do you love to work with children or know anyone who does?

We are looking for someone to be the

Interim Christian Education Director!

This position does not require a DCE certification.

Scan the QR Code to see the job listing.



AVAILABLE POSITION

2024-2025 Academic Year

Kindergarten Assistant Teacher

First (Scots) Presbyterian Kindergarten is looking for an Assistant Kindergarten Teacher who will prepare students for entry into first grade. This teacher is responsible for working with the Lead Teacher in developing and implementing a curriculum in an accelerated kindergarten program with an emphasis on phonics, writing, guided reading, and mathematics.

Please contact Jenn Cromwell at fspckindergarten@first-scots.org or call (843) 722-8882.





Confirmation Class Invitation

Current seventh graders and older youth who have not completed the program are invited to be a part of the 2025 First (Scots) Confirmation Class. Confirmation is an eight-month process that prepares youth to publicly profess faith in Jesus Christ and become adult members of the church.

Those interested are invited to attend one of two informational meetings for youth and parents in the Kirk House (62 King Street):

- Wednesday, May 15 at 6:45 p.m. (email Karen Kuhn (kkuhn@first-scots.org) by noon on Monday, May 13, if you want to attend the 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper beforehand; cost: \$10/person, \$25 family max; menu: Lowcountry boil)
- Sunday, May 26 at 9:15 a.m. (before the 10 a.m. worship service)

Confirmation class will then meet most Sundays from 10-11 a.m. in the Kirk House (62 King Street; second floor classroom) from September 15 through May 4, when the class will have the opportunity to be welcomed as adult members at the 11:15 a.m. service. Youth can register by completing the Confirmation Class of 2025 Jotform (tinyurl.com/FSCconfirm2025) by May 26 and should invite an adult to serve as their personal confirmation mentor. *Questions?* Please contact James Rogers (jrogers@first-scots.org).



Confirmation Celebration

Last Sunday our congregation celebrated the twelve members of our confirmation class: Gretchen Dawson, Cal Fairfield, Hank Garrett, Della Gregory, Burns Hamilton, Wesley Hider, Garland Lynn, Sam Rowe, Caroline Spath, Sally Tillman, Baker Wallace, and Elizabeth Yount. Special thanks to Jack Callahan, Gene Childers, Hunter Dawson, Catherine Fairfield, Amy Hider, Polly Kronsberg, John McNeill (confirmation class leader), Ashley Nutley, Karen Rowe, Ainsley Tillman, Jennifer Wallace, and Adam Yount who served as mentors. In addition, tartan Bible bookmarks were provided by our Prayer Shawl Committee, a reception was coordinated by the Fellowship Committee, and confirmation certificates were prepared by Suzy Edwards.

Volunteer Appreciation Day and Block Party

Sunday, May 19 from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.

All youth and youth advisors are invited to help with our first ever Volunteer Appreciation Day and Block Party. Following the 11 a.m. lunch, youth and youth advisors are hosting a bingo and ice cream event in the Kirk House courtyard. Volunteers are needed to help set up, lead bingo, give out ice cream, and clean up. Donations of individually wrapped ice cream treats and bingo prizes are encouraged as well. Please use the Youth Ministry Block Party SignUpGenius (tinyurl.com/FSYouthBlock24) to sign up to help and then join us at the party on May 19.