

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 7, 2024 AT 10 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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THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Andante sostenuto”

Charles-Marie Widor

(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

CHORAL INTROIT

“God is in This Holy Place”

Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Timmi Winston, mezzo soprano

Johannes Brahms

arr. Hal Hopson

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Mary Robinson

One: We come before Almighty God, who rules over all nations.

All: **We come from different places and different walks of life, but in Christ, we are one.**

One: We come to worship the Living God, in whom we find true freedom and unity.

All: **In spirit and truth, we worship the one who unites us in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

Hymn No. 561

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, ruler of all the peoples of the earth, forgive, we pray, our shortcomings, for all the ways we fail to live up to your expectations; for our propensity to unite around people and causes rather than you. Purify our hearts, Merciful God, that we may love your truth; give wisdom to our leaders and steadfastness to our people. Bring us at last to that fair city of peace, whose foundations are mercy, justice and goodwill, and whose builder and maker you are; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†GLORIA PATRI

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.

†CHILDREN'S HYMN

“God Bless America”

God bless America, land that I love, stand beside her and guide her

Through the night with the light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans, white with foam,

God bless America, my home sweet home;

God bless America, my home sweet home.

† Those who are able, please stand.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

Trudy Marosok

THE TIME FOR TEENS

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Martha Jane Hudnall

THE WORD READ

Old Testament: Psalm 133
New Testament: Ephesians 4:1-6

(pew Bible, page 501)
(pew Bible, page 951)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"A DECLARATION OF UNITY"

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.

COMMISSIONING OF THE CHIAPAS YOUTH MISSION TEAM

Call to Discipleship

One: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind;

All: The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

Commissioning Prayer

†HYMN OF REFLECTION

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Hymn No. 420

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 choose to give electronically, by texting FIRSTSCOTS to 73256, or by scanning the QR code found on the bulletin insert.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"O God Beyond All Praising"

Gustav Holst/arr. Lloyd Larson

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

†DOXOLOGY	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Hymn No. 592
	<i>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.</i>	
†PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
†HYMN OF COMMITMENT	“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”	Hymn No. 564
†CHARGE AND BLESSING		The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.
†BENEDICTION RESPONSE	“Amen”	Leo Delibes
†POSTLUDE	Postlude on “America the Beautiful”	John S. Dixon

FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul R. Benson from Joan Benson.

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 at the harpsichord following the service. The tour will last approximately 10-15 minutes. Today’s docent is L.W. McAnally.

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETERS: John Marko, Jr., Jon Carter

LEMONADE IN THE SHADE: Danielle Hood

USHERS: Jim Buckley (Captain), Jane McNeill, John McNeill, Tap Gresham

DEACONS: Debbie Rice-Marko (Lead Deacon), Elizabeth Bernat

BEADLE: Wade Davis

LAY READER: Martha Jane Hudnall

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Bucknam

ELDER ON CALL (July 8- 14) - Byron Frick (843) 543-7144

DEACON ON CALL (July 8 - 14) - Danielle Hood (404) 934-3663

PASTOR ON CALL: (July 8 - 14) - 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	Trudy Marosok, Interim Christian Education Director
Dakota Carte, Administrative Assistant	Shelby Olinger, Church Accountant
Katherine Clarkson, Kirk Choristers Director	Martha Ann Siegling, Christian Education Assistant
Scarlett Crawford, Church Administrator	Chris Silva, Communications Coordinator
Jennifer Cromwell, Kindergarten Director	Garry Stone, Facility Maintenance Coordinator
Karen Kuhn, Administrative Assistant	Christina Wilhoit, Handbell Choir Director

Dr. Anthony Williams, Organist and Director of Music

WELCOME TO FIRST (SCOTS)

Hands of Christ Opportunity



First (Scots) has been a part of and a major supporter of the Hands of Christ ministry since the program began. The mission of Hands of Christ is to provide school uniforms and school supplies to children in need. On Saturday morning, August 3, First (Scots) will work with host church Second Presbyterian to conduct an in-person Hands of Christ distribution. Volunteers are also needed to help with the set-up on Friday, August 2. MANY volunteers are needed! If you have participated in an in-person distribution event, you know how rewarding and fun it is to support these elementary kids! If you have not, join us and find out! Come be the Hands of Christ reaching out to help each child have a positive and exciting beginning of school! Sign-up sheets and information will be on the portico after church each Sunday in July.



Scots On The Go: Engaging Retirees in Fun, Fellowship, and Faith

Scots On The Go offers fun, social opportunities and Christian education experiences to members of the First (Scots) community who are retired, partially retired, or may be considering retirement. This is a great way to stay connected, make new friends, and continue growing in your faith. 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.

Table Talk is not meeting in July

Our Thursday Table Talk Bible studies will not be meeting during the month of July. Thanks to everyone who has made Table Talk such a vital study. We look forward to picking back up in August.

Livestream Volunteers Needed

The media ministry team needs people to run the Sunday morning worship service live video stream. It's very easy with flexible time commitment. Please contact Chris Bucknam at (843) 324-3557 or bucknamc@gmail.com to learn more.

Line Dancing Classes

If you are old enough to have a driver's license, you are invited to *Kick Up Your Heels and Dance!* Line dancing class returns on Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. If you have questions, please call Pam Arnett at (864) 590-1752 or pampagearnett@gmail.com



Here at First (Scots) we hope everyone had a wonderful Fourth of July. Let's remember to always be grateful to God for our independence here in the United States. We would also like to make mention of a noteworthy birthday that took place on July 4, that of member Janie Farr who celebrated her 94th year.

Scan the QR code for online giving!



Chiapas Youth Mission Trip

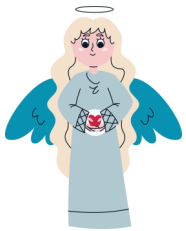
Please keep the following youth and adults in your prayers as they serve in
Chiapas, Mexico from July 13-20:

*Tate Bernard, Cecilia Ford, Charlie Hider, Hewitt McKenzie, Lilley Sullivan, Anne Werber, and Porter Yount (youth);
Clarissa McKenzie and Mark Zuraw (trip co-leaders); Greg McKenzie, John Rowe, and Carrie Simpson (chaperones).*

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

All middle school and high school youth are encouraged to volunteer at this year's Vacation Bible School from July 29-August 2 (9 a.m.-1 p.m.). Volunteers can even specify their area of interest such as lunch, music, crafts, science, preschool, or more.

Express your interest in volunteering by contacting
Martha Ann Siegling at cedassist@first-scots.org



Angel Food Ministry provides a meal to member families bringing home a new baby. We hope to offer relief and joy to families in the First (Scots) family when they come home from the hospital. A meal can be made of the takeout variety or even a Doordash credit. It is the expression of a loving Christian community that we seek! To sign up for the ministry and to be included on the upcoming meal train emails, please contact Lindsay Marko at LindsayBMarko@gmail.com.



Scan to Register

Vacation Bible School

July 29 - August 2

9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

\$75 per child (ages 4 & up)

Includes a T-Shirt and Lunch

Please register by July 5 to ensure that
your child receives a T-Shirt.



Save your CLEAR 2-Liter Bottles and donate to VBS.

Join the Ushers Team!

Ushers play a vital role in the worship team, serving as the welcoming faces of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church. They are responsible for greeting worshipers, ensuring their comfort, and maintaining a safe and welcoming environment. By becoming an usher, new members discover a fantastic opportunity to connect with the broader First (Scots) family. This role not only helps them integrate into the community, but also allows them to make a meaningful contribution to the church's mission.



Every Sunday, we provide children's activity bulletins (for ages 3-7 and 7+) on the back tables near the entrance to the sanctuary. Pick one up, today!