

# FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401*

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 4, 2024 AT 10 A.M.



THE REV. DR. L. HOLTON SIEGLING, JR.  
SENIOR PASTOR/HEAD OF STAFF

THE REV. DR. JAMES T. ROGERS  
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## THE VISION OF GOD

**PRELUDE**

“The Gift of Love”

Joel Raney

*Allison Williams, piano*

(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**

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

Genevan Psalter

*Summer Choir*

**†CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Mary Robinson

One: Too often we are afraid to take risks for the sake of the Gospel, yet we gather before the one who calls us to step out in faith.

**All: With God's help, we will trust in the Lord with all our hearts and lean not upon our own understanding.**

One: Fill us, O Lord, with courage and hope, that we may worship you with confidence and joy.

**All: We lift our voices in praise, trusting in the promises of God!**

**†PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Hymn No. 260

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Almighty and Everlasting God, forgive us for all the times when, out of an abundance of caution, we hinder the work of your Spirit. We are often slow to respond to your gracious promises, slower still to be a part of their fulfillment. Help us to take bold steps in life and faith, so that we may speak your truth in love and act with the confidence that comes from knowing you are with us; through 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**

“This Little Light of Mine”

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

*Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine! Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!*

*Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine! Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

**† Those who are able, please stand.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

**THE TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Vacation Bible School Children

**THE TIME FOR TEENS**

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Courtney Buxton

**THE WORD READ**

Old Testament: 1 Kings 17:8-16

(pew Bible, page 282)

New Testament: Matthew 25:14-30

(pew Bible, page 807)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

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

“THE PROBLEM WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION”

### 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**

“All Glory Be to Christ”

(sung to the tune of “Auld Lang Syne”)

*Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive, unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.*

*To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me, what is your life? A mist, it vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ.*

**Refrain:** *All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ! His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ!*

*His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above, who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love.*

*Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price. We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ! [Refrain]*

*When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true, the Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.*

*Behold our God shall live with us, and be our steadfast light, And we shall ere his people be, all glory be to Christ!*

[Refrain]

**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.

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

## 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.)

<b>OFFERTORY ANTHEM</b>	“Fairest Lord Jesus”	Silesian folk song/arr. Martin How
<b>†DOXOLOGY</b>	“Praise God, from Whom 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>	
<b>†PRAYER OF DEDICATION</b>		
<b>†HYMN OF COMMITMENT</b>	“Lift High the Cross”	Hymn No. 371
<b>†CHARGE AND BLESSING</b>		The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.
<b>†BENEDICTION RESPONSE</b>	“Amen”	Peter C. Lutkin
<b>†POSTLUDE</b>	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”	L. Beethoven/arr. Larry Wolz

**FLOWERS:** The flowers in the sanctuary this week are to the glory of God and with gratitude for this great country and our many blessings by Jan and Tom Litton.

**GUEST ORGANIST:** First (Scots) welcomes and extends our gratitude to visiting organist, Nancy Lefter.

**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 docent is Baillie Pretzer.

### ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

**GREETERS:** Strait Fairey, Todd Garrett

**LEMONADE IN THE SHADE:** Lisle Henderson

**USHERS:** Slade Metcalf (Captain), Anne Dukes, Keith Blake, Benjamin King, Tap Gresham, Adam Yount

**DEACONS:** Ansley Feussner (Lead Deacon), Elizabeth Johnson

**BEADLE:** Tita Massie **LAY READER:** Courtney Buxton **MEDIA MINISTRY:** Cathy Hill

**ELDER ON CALL (August 5 - August 11)** - Jane McNeill (843) 693-2156

**DEACON ON CALL (August 5 - August 11)** - Lisle Henderson (678) 428-1624

**PASTOR ON CALL: (August 5 - August 11)** - Pastor Mary Robinson (843) 872-1527



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)

## Vacation Bible School 2024: Camp Firelight

The children at Vacation Bible School had an incredible time filled with joy, laughter, and meaningful experiences. Throughout the week, they learned about the importance of trusting God in all things, a lesson beautifully woven into every activity. From engaging science experiments that sparked their curiosity to creative arts and crafts that let their imaginations soar, the kids were constantly inspired. Musical interludes had them singing and dancing, while captivating Bible stories and skits brought powerful messages to life. The children enjoyed a variety of games and delicious snacks, making each day fun and fulfilling. VBS offered education and entertainment ensuring that every child left with a heart full of faith and wonderful memories.

*A very special thank you to all of our dedicated VBS leaders and volunteer staff!*



### Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering Tuesday, September 10

All women of First (Scots) are invited to drop-in for fellowship & refreshments, to see old friends and make new ones, and to learn about monthly Circle meetings & other PW activities.

No RSVP or registration required. Save the date!

**A NEW STEPHEN MINISTRY** class will begin on Wednesday, September 15 following dinner. If you have the gift of compassion and an hour a week to walk alongside someone who needs a friend, please call Mary Robinson for more details and an application. Application deadline is August 15.

#### Bible Study Updates

- Men's Breakfast and Bible study resumes on Tuesday, August 6.
- Table Talk continues on Thursday, August 8.

Scan the QR code for online giving!





## First (Scots) Youth Announcements

### The last youth lunch is this Tuesday!

Our final youth lunch of the summer is Tuesday, August 6, from 12-1:30 p.m. Meet at Rodney Scott's BBQ in downtown Charleston and bring money for lunch. Our host will be Dr. Siegling.

### Youth Leadership Team Planning Retreat

Each August, youth and adult youth advisors meet at the Kirk House to plan the upcoming year of youth ministry by selecting Sunday youth group activities, summer mission trip locations, and retreat opportunities. This year the group will meet on August 9-10 (6 p.m. on Friday to noon on Saturday) in the Kirk House.



## The Fall 2024 edition of the Tartan Tidbit is being prepared for publication!



If you are a committee chairperson, committee member, group leader, deacon, elder, or staff person, please submit for publication information and events that will occur between Fall 2024 and February 2025. Tartan Tidbit also needs **recent photos** of church-related activities and events for publication. Please contact Chris Silva at the church office or email him at [communications@first-scots.org](mailto:communications@first-scots.org) to submit materials for the upcoming publication.

## New Members Class on September 28



We warmly invite all who have been attending First (Scots) Presbyterian Church and are interested in becoming members to join us for our New Members Class. This class will be held on Saturday, September 28, at 8:45 a.m. It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our community, our faith, and the many ways you can become involved. We look forward to welcoming you into our church family.



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!

## Update on the Church Life directory

This week, the office staff began the conversion process from ACS On Demand to Realm. ACS On Demand is the software package that we use for member records, member contributions, facility scheduling, and the church directory application for smart phones. After the new database is online, we will send information and tutorials for updating your online giving, accessing a church directory by smart phone, and much more.

We appreciate your patience as we navigate this process and learn the new system in the coming weeks.