

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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



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

THE REV. DR. JAMES T. ROGERS
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

THE REV. DR. DANIEL W. MASSIE
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THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Robert Hobby

(May the beginning of the prelude serve as a call to silent meditation and prayer.)

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Pastor Mary Robinson

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Linda Stout (8:45)

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†PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

“Jubilate Deo”

Healey Willan

Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Timmi Winston, mezzo soprano (8:45)

Kirk Choir (11:15)

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Martha Jane Hudnall

One: We come to worship this morning from different places.

All: O God, do not be far from us.

One: We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

All: O God, do not be far from us.

One: We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

All: O God, do not be far from us.

One: We hear Jesus' words with different ears.

All: O God, do not be far from us.

One: “Deny yourselves.”

All: O God, do not be far from us.

One: “Take up your cross.”

All: O God, do not be far from us.

One: “Follow me.”

All: O God, we thank you for drawing near to us in this place, in our lives. Amen.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

Hymn No. 145

PRAYER OF ADORATION

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

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

You call out to us, Holy God, from city streets, town squares and our homes and automobiles, but we refuse to listen. Preoccupied with our projections of you, we fail to see how these thoughts disrupt our communion with each other. You offer an outstretched hand to join you in transforming our lives, but we deny such a dance with Divinity is possible, choosing complacency to your counsel. Forgive us, God of Love, when we ignore your unremitting call to live in the way of love. By your mercy, may we heed your call to examine our foolishness so we may live as you want us to live. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

†**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** “Morning Has Broken” Hymn No. 469, verse 1
*Morning has broken like the first morning, black bird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the word!*

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 Regina Yost (8:45)
Helen Ross (11:15)

THE WORD READ Old Testament: Proverbs 1:20-33 (pew Bible, page 509)
New Testament: Mark 8:27-38 (pew Bible, page 820)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED “WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?” Pastor Mary Robinson

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†**RESPONSE TO THE WORD** (unison) From Confession of 1967

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

†**HYMN OF REFLECTION** “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” Hymn No. 84

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 (8:45)
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” David Willcocks (11:15)

†**DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom 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.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE WORD ENACTED

The Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Prayer of Consecration

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

Communion Anthem "The Gift of Love" Hal H. Hopson/arr. Lloyd Larson (8:45)
"Holy, Holy, Holy" Franz Schubert (11:15)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

†**HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" Hymn No. 393
†**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Pastor Mary Robinson
†**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "Amen" Felix Mendelssohn
†**POSTLUDE** "Finale (from Symphonie No. 3) Louis Vierne

FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary are given in honor of Myrtle Ann Dennis for her dedication to the First (Scots) Flower Guild and in memory of her husband, Dr. Patrick Dennis.

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

Join us for a guided tour and brief history of First (Scots) following the worship service. Please come and meet the 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 L.W. McAnally (11:15 a.m.).

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

8:45 A.M. GREETER: Whit Smith **11:15 A.M. Elizabeth Riddle, Strait Fairey**

COFFEE GREETER: Emily Warr

8:45 A.M. USHERS: David Hay (Captain), Henry Hay III, Henry Hay IV, Mayrelle Semken, John White, Sr., Keith Blake

11:15 A.M. USHERS: Todd Plaxco (Captain), Barb Plaxco, Ben King, Anne Dukes, Bobby Sumner, Greg McKenzie

8:45 A.M. DEACONS: Margaret Ann Pearson (Lead Deacon), Lisle Henderson

11:15 A.M. DEACONS: Anna Smith (Lead Deacon), Ginger Liner

8:45 A.M. BEADLE: Henry Hay IV **11:15 A.M. BEADLE:** Harold Davis

8:45 A.M. LAY READER: Regina Yost **11:15 A.M. LAY READER:** Helen Ross

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Bucknam

ELDER ON CALL (September 16 - 22) - Todd Garrett (843) 408-8846

DEACON ON CALL (September 16 - 22) - Michelle Parks (843) 300-8865

PASTOR ON CALL (September 16 - 22) - The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. (865) 456-2235

WELCOME TO FIRST (SCOTS)

Scan this QR code for online giving!



From 1731 Legacy Society



The newest members of the 1731 Legacy Society will be recognized during the Rally Day breakfast. You too can create a gift that will benefit our church for many years by including First (Scots) Church in your estate plan, by adding a few specific words to your will. You may contact Bill Prewitt directly at (843)620-0158 or wmcprewitt@gmail.com

A New Stephen Ministry class begins on Wednesday, September 11 following dinner. If you have compassion for others and an hour a week, after training, to walk along someone in need, please contact Mary Robinson for more details.

Join the Kirk Choir!

We invite all church members who love singing to join the Kirk Choir. We rehearse Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m. and Sundays from 10-11:00 a.m. The Kirk Choir sings anthems from the renaissance, baroque, classical, spirituals, romantic, 20th and 21st centuries, world music, folk tunes, and more.

Do not miss the opportunity to
Sing Unto the Lord a New Song
with Joy and Thanksgiving!

Contact

Ricard Bordas (rbordas@first-scots.org)
or
Tony Williams (awilliams@first-scots.org)
or
any choir member for more information.

Help Needed: People who love flowers!

The Flower Guild needs flower arrangers. Please contact Debbie Rice-Marko at (843) 367-8089.

The Flower Guild decorates with poinsettias at Christmas and Easter flowers for Easter. Help is needed to unload poinsettias from the truck for an hour, placing poinsettias in the window boxes, and hanging garland for one to two hours.

Help is always appreciated!



First (Scots) member Carol Rees will offer the nine-week Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University class from 2-4 p.m. on Sundays beginning September 29 through November 24 at Harbor View Presbyterian Church on James Island.

Contact Carol at (618) 402-9304 if you're interested in attending.

Help Wanted - Docents



To lead tours of the church after the Sunday morning worship services. Address inquiries to Rob Dillon at (843) 670-8002 or DillonR@fwgna.org



SAVE THE DATE! FOR THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT

Saturday, January 11 in Molly Wier Hall

Look for more information to come!

Wednesday Night Supper on September 18

Come gather with friends, share a delicious meal, and enjoy a mid-week break.

Menu

Pan Fried Pork Chops
Brown Gravy
Smashed Potatoes
Butter Beans
Banana Pudding

Kids Menu

Cheese Pizza, Carrots,
Fruit Cup

Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. (new time!)

\$10 per adult and \$25 per family

with minor children

Reserve and pay online using the QR code.



Special Program Dates

September 18
Vasco Kachipapa
Malawi

September 25
Elmarie Parker
Presbyterian Outreach

New Members Class on September 28

If you are interested in becoming a member of First (Scots), the fall new members class begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 28. Come and learn more about our community, our faith, and ways to become an active participant in our church family. Those attending the class can join First (Scots) the next day on Sunday. Call Karen at (843) 722-8882 or John White at (843) 514-2486 to learn more.



Scots on the Go September 19:

Join us at noon on Thursday, September 19 for a Dutch treat lunch at The Mill House followed by a walk and self-guided tour of the Powder Magazine Museum on Cumberland Street. Tickets for the tour are \$8, and you can pay there. You may register in advance using the QR code below so that we can make reservations to accommodate our group at the restaurant. Heidi Whaley is the host for the September 19.



Parramore Preaching Series



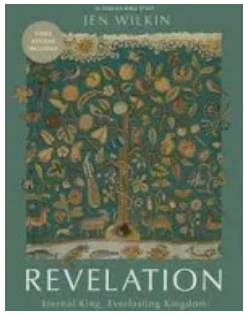
Sunday, September 29, First (Scots) has the honor of hosting Dr. Jonathan Lee Walton, President of Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ. Dr. Walton will preach during the 8:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. services and will give a talk for our congregation's middle & high school students in the evening. Dr. Walton is social ethicist and religious educator and the author of two books: *Watch This! The Ethics and Aesthetics of Black Televangelism* and *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World*.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



You are invited to take part in First (Scots) Prayer Shawl Ministry, which meets September 16 from 1 - 1:30 p.m. Materials & instruction are provided for beginners.

For more information, please contact Pat Dietz at (843) 810-8679.



Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Time: Wednesday 10-11:30 a.m. Place: Massie Building, Room 203

Topic: Revelation; Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom by Jen Wilkin

Jen Wilkin helps us to discover how the last book of the Bible speaks both a steadying word of assurance and a strong call to endure to the church in every age.

This study begins September 11 and runs for 10 weeks.

Questions? Contact Amy Shubert at ashubert27@gmail.com

Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study Group

TIME: Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

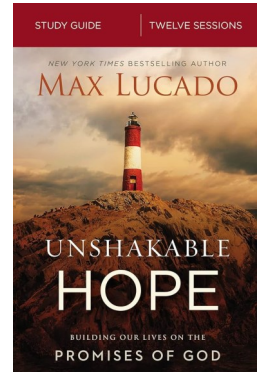
PLACE: Massie Building, Room 203

DATES: September 10, 17, 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29;

November 12 & 19; December 3, 10, 17

STUDY GUIDE: "Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God" by Max Lucado (Study Guides are available through various online stores)

RSVP: Ruthie Edwards at halfsouthern1@gmail.com



Registration is open for the 2024-2025 Kirk Club!



Registration for the season of Kirk Club began September 11 and is still open!

Drop off begins at 3:30 p.m., and Kirk Club begins at 4 p.m.

The cost is \$100/child for the year.

Scan the QR code to register and pay for your child.



Men's Bible Study and Co-Ed Table Talk Bible Study Update

Men's Bible study meets on Tuesdays at 7 a.m. with breakfast in Molly Wier Hall.

Table Talk Bible Study meets Thursdays at noon in Room 227-228 of the Massie Building

If you cannot attend in person, please refer to the Kirk News for Zoom links for each class.

Line Dancing!



Let this September be the month to remember when you let it all go and shake up your soul and dance with everybody. Join us on Thursdays in September for line dancing from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Molly Wier Hall.

Contact Pam Arnett at pampagearnett@gmail.com if you have questions.



First (Scots) House Meetings begin the year for the Charleston Area Justice Ministry. Members of First (Scots) discuss the stark realities faced by many in our community and how, as Christians, we can work to build a community where members have access to the necessities of life. First (Scots) members are invited to attend one of the House Meetings and share concerns about the needs around us, and how CAJM can help.

Meetings will be held on the following dates:

Monday, September 23 at 7 p.m., **Monday, September 30**, at 7 p.m.

Sunday, October 6 at 5 p.m., **Tuesday, October 8** at 7 p.m.

High School Youth: Bible Jeopardy (5 - 7 p.m.)

This Sunday the **High School Youth Group** is playing Bible Jeopardy. Meet at the Kirk House for an icebreaker, devotion, and dinner before Bible Jeopardy begins. You don't need to be a Bible expert since this is a team-based event. Prizes will be awarded. Join us! Questions? Please contact high school youth advisor Carrie Simpson (simpson.carrie@gmail.com).



Middle School Youth: Game Night (5 - 7p.m.)

This Sunday the **Middle School Youth Group** is having a game night. What do you want to play? Bring your favorite board game, card game, or sporting equipment (pickleball anyone?) for an evening of fun. Meet at the Kirk House for an icebreaker, devotion, and dinner, before the games begin. If you have any questions, please contact middle school youth advisor Clarissa McKenzie (ccmac11@gmail.com).



Youth Group Kickoff Party was a Great Success!

About 65 youth, advisors, and parents attended the USA-themed kickoff party last Sunday. Highlights from the night included some intense four-square games as well as a fun Who or What Am I? icebreaker led by Cecilia Ford. While some of our Youth Leadership Team's plans for this

year were announced like our Music and Faith theme and Ski Trip Winter Retreat (January 17-20), the complete high school and middle school youth calendars will be reviewed by our Christian Education Committee soon and published later this month. It's going to be a great year!

Confirmation Class Invitation

Current eighth graders and older youth who have not completed the program are invited to join 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. Confirmation class will 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 scanning the QR code and completing the Confirmation Class of 2025 Jotform and should invite an adult to serve as their personal Confirmation Mentor.

Questions? Please contact James Rogers (jrogers@first-scots.org).



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



Ricard Bordas, Director of Choral Music
Dakota Carte, Administrative Assistant
Jack Crawford, Communications Coordinator
Scarlett Crawford, Church Administrator
Jennifer Cromwell, Kindergarten Director
Karen Kuhn, Administrative Assistant

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