

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 8, 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
PASTOR EMERITUS

PASTOR MARY B. ROBINSON
COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR

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THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

Charles Callahan

(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

Evangelism - New Members Class

Jan Litton (8:45)

John White (11:15)

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

“All the Earth Sing Praise, Alleluia” Antonio Vivaldi/arr. H. 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: Blessed are those who delight in the Law of the Lord, who are like trees planted by streams of water, nourished and fruitful in all they do.

All: As we gather today to begin a new church year, we commit to growing in faith, rooted in God's Word and nurtured by the teachings of the Holy Spirit!

One: God has provided the seed and will cause it to grow, helping our faith to flourish.

All: With joy and expectation, we gather to worship and grow in the love and knowledge of God!

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

Hymn No. 476

PRAYER OF ADORATION

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

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and Everlasting God, as we begin a new church year, we confess that far too often we have allowed distractions, doubts, and worldly concerns to pull us away from the nourishment you provide. Renew our hearts and minds, so that we may delight in studying your Word and find fulfillment in the fellowship of your people. By your grace, may we flourish in faith, multiply the blessings you have given us and live lives that reflect your love; 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

“Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet”

[Refrain] *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. [Repeat.]
When I feel afraid, and think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. [Refrain]*

† 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

Anne Smith (8:45)

Elizabeth Riddle (11:15)

THE WORD READ

Old Testament: Psalm 1:1-3

(pew Bible, page 424)

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 9:10

(pew Bible, page 942)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"GROWING IN FAITH"

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

"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

Hymn No. 426

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

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Arr. Lloyd Larson (8:45)

"This is the Day"

John Rutter (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.*

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Hymn No. 263

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Forth In the Name of Christ We Go"

Schütz/arr. H. H. Hopson

†POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "St. Denio"

J. Bert Carlson

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

Large print hymnals and assisted listening devices are available upon request.

If you feel the Spirit of God moving you to affirm your faith in Jesus, please speak to a pastor following the service or contact them this week at the church.

FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Lindsey, Jr. by Jane and John McNeill.

RED ROSE: The red rose in the sanctuary is in honor of the birth of Olive Lane Marko on Monday, August 26. She is the daughter of Lindsay and Evan Marko. Congratulations!

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 John Robinson (8:45 a.m.) and David Warren (11:15 a.m.).

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

8:45 a.m. GREETER: Julianne Farnsworth **11:15 a.m.** Jack Callahan, Harvey Mason

8:45 a.m. USHERS: David Neff (Captain), Kent Owens, Paige Owens, Ryan Glenn, Walker Glenn, Tom Litton

11:15 a.m. USHERS: Amelia White (Captain), Jay White, Andy Beall, Daniel McClam,
Pat Dietz, Patrick Dollason

8:45 a.m. DEACONS: Kathy Rhodes (Lead Deacon), Margaret Ann Pearson

11:15 a.m. DEACONS: Lisle Henderson (Lead Deacon), Anna Smith

8:45 a.m. BEADLE: Scott Evans **11:15 a.m. BEADLE:** Scott Evans

8:45 a.m. LAY READER: Anne Smith **11:15 a.m. LAY READER:** Elizabeth Riddle

MEDIA MINISTRY: Cathy Hill

ELDER ON CALL (September 9 - 15) - Brenda Dukes (843) 224-3660

DEACON ON CALL (September 9 - 15) - Wesley Henderson (843) 893-7825

PASTOR ON CALL: (September 9 - 15) - 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
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

WELCOME TO FIRST (SCOTS)



This Sunday marks the kick-off event for the 2024-2025 church year. On Sunday mornings, there are a variety of classes for adults and opportunities for children to learn and grow in faith. Wednesday, September 11 is the beginning of Kirk Club, Wednesday Night Supper, choir, as well as classes like the Stephen Ministry training program, mothers program, and much more on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you are interested in learning more about the program offerings, use the QR code to access the contact person for each class. We hope you find an interesting and engaging program to join.

"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness." 2 Corinthians 9:10



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

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.

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.

The Congregational Care Committee is looking for new members at large to serve on their committee. If you would be interested in serving, please contact Lisle Henderson at henderson4nyc@yahoo.com.

This committee is responsible for newborn gifts and meals, prayer shawls, flowers to shut-ins, meals to families after the death of a member, funeral receptions, care card ministry, Cancer Companions, and Stephen Ministry. We hope to expand to include more members!

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.



Scan the QR code for online giving!



With the database conversion, our on-line giving has also changed. If you have given to First (Scots) online before, you will be asked to change your password for security purposes.



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 11

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

Menu

Chicken Pot Pie
Squash Casserole
Brownies

Kids Menu
Hot dogs, chips,
carrots, and 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.



Every Sunday, you will find children's bulletins, children's books, and activity bags for any family who might need a little something for a restless child in green bags at the back of the sanctuary or on the portico. Feel free to use during the service.

Stephen Ministers

A Stephen Minister provides one-to-one care to individuals facing life challenges or other difficulties. A Stephen minister is a child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting, who has received 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care, and will "be there" for his or her care receiver for as long as there's a need. First (Scots) has 16 Stephen Ministers.

Current Stephen Minister team leaders are:

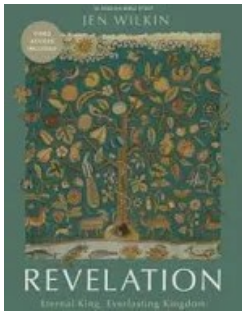
Tom Slabaugh (859) 221-5069

Anne Smith (843) 817-1337

Matt Spath (843) 324-5990

If you would like to speak with a Stephen Minister, call one of us.





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 steady 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.

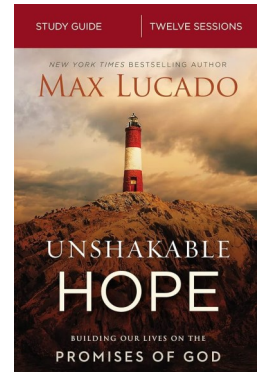
PLACE: Massie Building, Room 203

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 halfssouthern1@gmail.com



Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

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.

Tuesday, September 10
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the
home of
Jane McNeill
450 Wampler Drive
Charleston, SC
(elevator available)



Tuesday, September 10
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the
home of
Jane Davis
705 Leader Lane
Mount Pleasant, SC

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.

Youth Group Kickoff Party

Parents and youth (grades six through twelve), please join us for our USA-themed Youth Group Kickoff Party on Sunday, September 8 from 5-7 p.m. in Molly Wier Hall. We will enjoy food, play fun games, and learn about upcoming youth activities! Feel free to wear your red, white, and blue or other USA-themed clothing. Casual clothing is welcome. Hope to see you there!

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



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 completing the Confirmation Class of 2025 Jotform (tinyurl.com/FSConfirm2025) and should invite an adult to serve as their personal Confirmation Mentor.

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



Registration is open for the 2024-2025 Kirk Club!

Wednesday, September 11 is the opening night of this season of Kirk Club. 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.



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!

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



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 event.

