

# FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401*

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2024 AT 8:45 & 11:15 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**

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

J.S. Bach

(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**

“People, Look East”

arr. Martin Shaw

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

*Kirk Choir (11:15)*

**†CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

One: Gracious God, shake us awake, for we await you.

**All: We wait for signs of hope.**

One: Shaping God, awaken the earth and come, for we await you.

**All: We wait for signs of peace.**

One: Mysterious God, enliven our hearts as we worship you in wonder and trust.

**All: We wait for signs of love.**

One: Surprising God, tear open the heavens and come, for we await you.

**All: We wait for signs of joy, on this day and in this season.**

**†PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Hymn No. 8

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

God of light, once again we approach the season of Advent unprepared. We are not alert to your coming; we are too busy with preparations of our own design. We are exhausted by trying to do everything ourselves and cannot keep awake to watch for you. Like your people of old, we do not call upon your name, except to blame you; still, you are our maker, and we are the people of your pasture, and the sheep of your hand. Forgive us and restore us. Illumine our lives, that we may be witnesses to your faithfulness; 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.*

**LIGHTING OF THE HOPE CANDLE AND ADVENT WREATH**

8:45 - Chett & Anna McCubrey & Family

11:15 - Scott Evans Family & David Warren Family

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

†CHILDREN’S HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Hymn No. 28 (Verse 3)

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!*

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.)

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David Hay (8:45)  
David Gaston (11:15)

THE WORD READ

Old Testament: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (pew Bible, page 645)  
New Testament: Mark 13:24-28, 32-37 (pew Bible, page 826)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“READY OR NOT, HE WILL COME.” 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

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Hymn No. 9

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Mary B. 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

“Mary, Did You Know?” Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene  
*Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Timmi Winston, mezzo soprano* arr. Lloyd Larson (8:45)  
“Creator of the Stars of Night” arr. John Scott (11:15)  
*Kirk Choir*

†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.*

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“People, Look East”

Hymn No. 12

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“And the Blessing of God”

Martin Shaw

†POSTLUDE

“Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending”

Robin Dinda

**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.

**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 and meet your docent at the harpsichord following the service for a 10-15 minute tour.

Today's docents are Nonie Crosby (8:45) and Carol Rees (11:15)

**ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY**

**8:45 A.M. GREETER:** Julianne Farnsworth

**COFFEE GREETER:** Emily Topham

**8:45 A.M. USHERS:** Greg Robinson (Captain),  
Joe Thompson, CJ Kerr, Woody Kerr,  
Chris Hawk, Clark Truluck

**8:45 A.M. DEACONS:**

Elizabeth Bernat (Lead Deacon), Heidi Whaley

**8:45 A.M. BEADLE:** David Hay

**8:45 A.M. LAY READER:** David Hay

**11:15 A.M. GREETERS:**

Bob George, Brenda Dukes

**11:15 A.M. USHERS:** Slade Metcalf (Captain),  
Dawson Smith, Adam Yount, Chase Jasso,  
Meredith Harley, Michael Bryan

**11:15 A.M. DEACONS:**

Chett McCubrey (Lead Deacon), Susan Leland

**11:15 A.M. BEADLE:** David Hay

**11:15 A.M. LAY READER:** David Gaston

**MEDIA MINISTRY:**

**ELDER ON CALL (December 1 - 8) -** Matt Spath (843) 324-5990

**DEACON ON CALL (December 1 - 8) -** Emily Topham (843) 670-0479

**PASTOR ON CALL: (December 1 - 8) -** The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers (843) 513-3717



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  
Alison Beskin, Kirk Choristers Director  
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  
Brandon Snow, Day Porter  
Garry Stone, Facility Maintenance Coordinator  
Christina Wilhoit, Handbell Choir Director  
Dr. Anthony Williams, Organist and Director of Music



# Welcome to First (Scots)

 @firstscots1731 & @firstscotsyouth  First Scots Presbyterian Church  www.first-scots.org

If you feel called, please prayerfully consider online giving, accessible using this QR code!



## Calendar of Events

December 1 - 8

### Sunday, December 1

God's Gift Shop Catalog Distribution,  
8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Don Adams Class, 10 - 11 a.m.  
The Mere Christian Class,  
10 - 11 a.m.

### Monday, December 2

Bridge, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, December 3

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 7 - 8 a.m.  
Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study,  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 4

Kirk Club, 4 - 5:30 p.m.  
Taize Service, 5 - 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Supper,  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Stephen Ministry  
Training, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

### Thursday, December 5

Line Dancing, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
Thursday Table Talk, 12 - 1 p.m.  
Carols in the Round, 7 - 8 p.m.

### Saturday, December 7

Christmas Decorating, 1 - 3 p.m.

### Sunday, December 8

Sermon in Song  
God's Gift Shop, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## Commitment Season



Again, this Commitment season, our congregation has come together and has supported the church's work enthusiastically. The Stewardship Committee asks that members who have not pledged yet help us keep this momentum going by pledging at their earliest convenience. If for some reason anyone has not received their Commitment Card, or has misplaced theirs, please let the church office know. Additional cards are available in the sanctuary. Members can always pledge online at [first-scots.org/stewardship](http://first-scots.org/stewardship) or by using the link included herein.



## Progressive Dinner

Our Progressive Dinner is Sunday, December 15, at 6 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person and space is limited so reserve now! To RSVP, call the church office with a headcount & submit payment through cash, check, or E-giving with "Progressive Dinner" in the memo line. Contact Lizzie Hamilton at [lizziehamilton@outlook.com](mailto:lizziehamilton@outlook.com) or (843) 276-3466 with questions.

## Wednesday Night Supper

Come gather to enjoy the simple pleasure of a meal with friends.  
5:30 p.m. in Molly Wier Hall: \$10 per adult, \$25 for families



You can reserve your place and pay online using this QR Code.

### Menu

Lasagna, Garden salad, Garlic bread, Pound cake

### Kid's Menu

Grilled cheese, carrots, apple slices

## God's Gift Shop

God's Gift Shop is back! Pick up your catalog today on the portico! The Market will open in Molly Wier Hall this week during Wednesday Night Supper and will be open after worship each Sunday starting next Sunday through December 22.

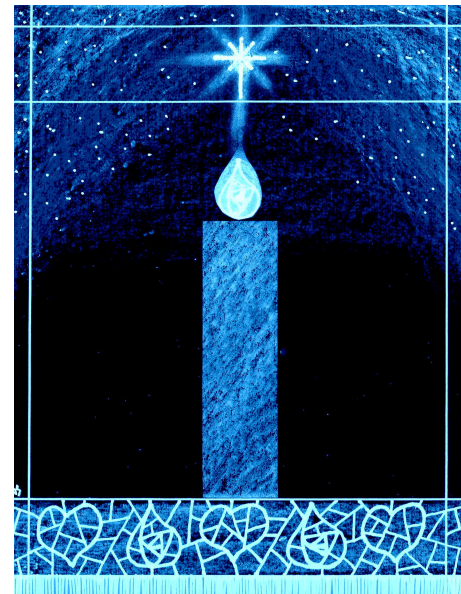


# Longest Night Service

The Longest Night service will take place on December 18 at 5:30 p.m. A light supper is served in Molly Wier Hall following worship. All are invited, no RSVP or payment is required.

Though the Christmas season is a time for joy and celebration, we must also acknowledge those who deal with hardships during this season, whether it be a lost loved one, illness, or emotional struggles. This service is an invitation to those who may feel alone or lost during Christmas, reminding them that community and consolation can always be found in the company of Christ. It is fitting that this service, taking place on the longest night of the year, should be situated so close to the birth of our savior.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it"  
John 1:5



Presbyter

Don't forget to save the date for the January 11 "Saturday with Sisters" in Molly Wier Hall.

**The Women at the Well Circle** will meet on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Caroline Smith to share Christmas fellowship. For information, contact Jane Davis at birdgirl59@yahoo.com.

**The Betty Noble Circle** will meet on Tuesday, December 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Teresa Tarrant for Christmas fellowship. Contact Teresa Tarrant at (843) 509-8937 to learn more.

## Christmas Line Dancing!

Those of you who wish to rock around the Christmas tree this year should join the Dancing Scotties as they line dance to Christmas tunes in December! Classes will be held in Molly Wier Hall on December 5, 12, and 19 (9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.). Please contact Pam Arnett (pampagearnett@gmail.com) if you have any questions!



## Weekly Bible Studies

### Men's Bible Study & Co-Ed Table

**Men's Breakfast** and Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7 a.m. in Molly Wier Hall. **Table Talk Bible Study** meets Thursdays at noon in Room 227-228 of the Massie Building. Both meetings are lead by Dr. Holton Siegling! If you cannot attend in person, refer to the Kirk News for Zoom links.

**We are currently studying St. John's Epistle**

## Taizé, Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

Are you interested in a different kind of worship? Consider joining us for a weekly candlelight Taizé service. Taizé services are held every Wednesday evening in Lilly Chapel beginning at 5 p.m. and lasts for 30 minutes. With roots in the Christian monastic tradition, Taizé offers worshippers a uniquely contemplative & meditative service consisting of song, prayer, scripture, & communion. We hope you join us in discovering a new side to Christian worship.



## Christmas Sanctuary Decorations

Thanksgiving is around the corner, meaning Christmas isn't far behind! We invite you to help decorate our sanctuary on Saturday, December 7 from 1 - 3 p.m. in preparation for Christmas. We hang wreaths, drape garland, and arrange poinsettias! This is a time of fun, fellowship, and friendship!

Contact Debbie Rice-Marko at (843) 367-8089

**HALOS**  
Because Family Matters.

**Angel Tree**

Share the joy of the season by giving back to those in need.

Gift tags are found on the tree in Molly Wier Hall

Unwrapped, labeled gifts due by Sunday, December 8

**More info**

[www.charlestonhalos.org](http://www.charlestonhalos.org)



# Stephen Ministers

A Stephen Minister provides one-to-one care for people facing life challenges. A Stephen Minister is a child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting, 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



## Carols in the Round

Carols in the Round, the most popular concert at Charleston Southern University, and directed by Ricard Bordas and Jennifer Luiken, comes to First (Scots) on Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. Come and celebrate the holidays with the choirs of the Horton School of Music and Performing Arts! Tickets are \$10. Scan the QR code to get tickets while they last!



## Worship Women

er Hall! Sherry Bradshaw, author, public speaker, and devout Christian, will be joining us!

**The Unbroken Circle** will meet on Tuesday, Decmber 10 at 11 a.m. at the home of Jane Davis for a Christmas potluck luncheon. For information, contact Julie Cannell at (914) 671-0954.

**Seekers Circle** will meet on Wednesday, December 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the home of Marulyn Johnson. Join as they sing Christmas carols. contact Christy Siegling at (843) 810-4905 or Betsy Middleton at (843) 345-6375 to learn more.

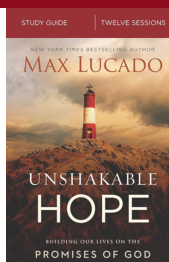
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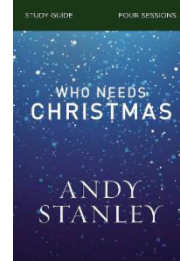
### Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study Group

**Time:** Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Massie Building, Room 203  
**Dates:** December 3, 10, 17  
**Study Guide:** "Unshakable Hope: The Promises of God" by Max Lucado  
**RSVP:** Ruthie Edwards at halvesouthern1@gmail.com



### Sunday School Parenting & Young Adult Class

Beginning December 1 and lasting until December 22 in room 203, a class will be viewing the four-part DVD series, "Who needs Christmas" by Andy Stanley. Contact Nan & Tod Williams or Whitney & Robert Stoddard to learn more.



### Christmas Sanctuary Decorations

Honor or remember a loved one by donating to the sanctuary Christmas decoration.

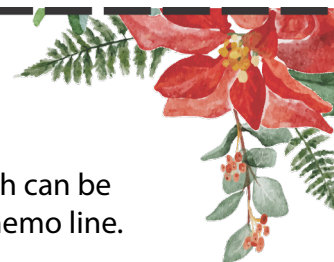
The cost is \$29/flower, payable through E-giving, cash, or check, which can be delivered to the church office. Write "Christmas Decorations" in the memo line.

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

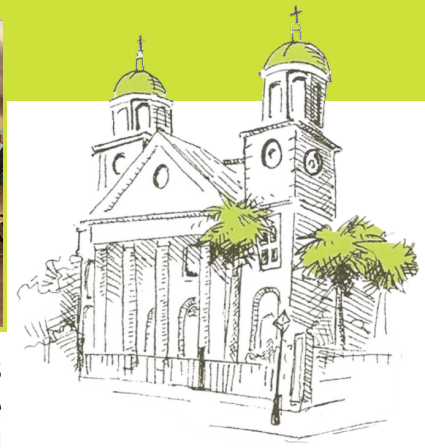
Forms and payments are due by Friday, December 13



# Children's Ministry

The youth of First (Scots) invite Kindergarten through 5th grader(s) to a special Advent & Christmas Party on Sunday, December 8 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Molly Wier Hall. This event will include activity stations, dinner, and the singing of some favorite Christmas carols.

High school and middle school youth and youth advisors, along with members of our Christian Education Committee, are hosting this special dropoff event. Parents of kindergarten through 5th graders can reserve space for their children using the Advent & Christmas Party SignUpGenius and should include a parent name, an emergency phone number, the child's name, grade, and anything special we should know (food allergies, physical limitations, etc.). A pizza supper will be provided, however, you are welcome to bring a different meal, if desired. High school and middle school youth are asked to arrive at 5 p.m. and stay until 7 p.m. for setup and cleanup. Questions? Please contact James Rogers.



Youth Group Link Tree

# Angel Tree Project, December 1

On Sunday, December 1 from 5-7 p.m., high school and middle school youth are participating in the Angel Tree project. We're going to a local store to purchase gifts for four children ages 8-13 in our community who could use some extra joy this Christmas. Meet in Molly Wier Hall and bring \$5-10 to help purchase gifts. This year we will be purchasing gifts for children who are cared for by Halos which provides support and advocacy to abused and neglected children and kinship caregivers. Dinner will be provided. Youth, if you are planning to participate, please:



**RSVP using our Angel Tree SignUpGenius (to help us plan rides) and have a parent complete a Youth Permission and Release Statement, if you haven't turned one in for 2024-2025.**

# Christmas Eve 5 p.m. Service

The annual Christmas Eve Family Service will be on Tuesday, December 24 at 5 p.m. and we need high school and middle school youth to serve as leaders. Please use our Christmas Eve 5 p.m Service Leadership SignUpGenius to review the available leadership parts and sign up. The Sunday, December 15 rehearsal will begin in the sanctuary at 12:15 p.m. and conclude in Molly Wier Hall at 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be served. Questions about this opportunity? Please contact James Rogers.



If you have not yet joined Realm Connect, expect an email to come to you on Wednesday. One email will be an invitation to join our online community and church directory. A second email will reflect your entrance into that online community. You may see an icon like the one above. First (Scots) Presbyterian Church will be referenced in the email. And after Thanksgiving, we will be happy to help you work through any difficulties with online access and the app.