

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 5, 2025 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
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

THE REV. DR. PETER B. SUTTON
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

PASTOR MARY B. ROBINSON
COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR

THE REV. DR. DANIEL W. MASSIE
PASTOR EMERITUS

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THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“How Lovely Shine the Morning Star”

Robin Dinda

(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

“Praise the Lord, Be Joyful”

Franz Joseph Haydn

Timmi Winston, Mezzo-Soprano (8:45)

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Kirk Choir (11:15)

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Mary B. Robinson

One: God's light has come to reveal the way our feet would go in this New Year.

All: Arise! Shine! The Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

One: God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

All: Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.

Arise! Shine! The Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Hymn No. 411

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Ever-patient God, we are a people who live in deep darkness. We stumble around, bombarded by news that breaks your heart. The maelstrom of issues and circumstances can overwhelm and paralyze us. Help us to be people of the light, shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy into all the dark places of our lives and world. Unlock to us, once again, the mystery and glory of the babe born in Bethlehem. Because Jesus came, our aimless wanderings have turned into a journey of purpose guided by your star. Let the light of Christ's love break into our lives and our world and transform us for your service. In Jesus' name 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

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Hymn No. 22 (Verse 3)

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;

Seek the great desire of nations; Ye have seen His natal star:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

† Those who are able, please stand.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE TIME WITH CHILDREN

Trudy Marosok

THE TIME FOR TEENS

(Children through 5 years old may be 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: Isaiah 52:7-10

(pew Bible, page 596)

New Testament: John 1:1-14

(pew Bible, page 862)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“THE REVELATION OF EMMANUEL” 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

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Hymn No. 66

(Verse 1, All; Verses 2-4, Men only (All on Refrains); Verse 5, All)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

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.

One: To you, O Lord, we pray:

All: come and save your people.

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

“Qui Dedes ad Dexteram”

Antonio Vivaldi

“You Who Sit at the Right Hand of the Father”

Timmi Winston, Mezzo-Soprano (8:45)

“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”

James Proctor Harding

Kirk Choir (11:15)

†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

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Hymn No. 417

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Tchesnokoff/arr. Hal H. Hopson

†POSTLUDE

“In Thee is Gladness”

J. S. Bach

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:

Matt Spath

COFFEE GREETER:

Susannah Spath

8:45 A.M. USHERS:

David Hay (Captain), Henry Hay III, Henry Hay IV,
Walker Avant, Mayrelle Semken, John White, Sr.

8:45 A.M. DEACONS:

Chett McCubrey (Lead Deacon), Courtney Buxton

8:45 A.M. BEADLE: Whit Smith

8:45 A.M. LAY READER: Regina Yost

11:15 A.M. GREETERS:

Byron Frick, Bob George

11:15 A.M. USHERS:

David Warren (Captain), Greg McKenzie,
Rodney Sims, Carolina Barnes

11:15 A.M. DEACONS:

Elizabeth Johnson (Lead Deacon), Wes Henderson

11:15 A.M. BEADLE:

Jan Key

11:15 A.M. LAY READER:

Helen Ross

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Bucknam

ELDER ON CALL (January 6 - 12) - Lynn Graves (843) 270-6513

DEACON ON CALL (January 6 - 12) - Susannah Spath (843) 475-6237

PASTOR ON CALL: (January 6 - 12) - Pastor Mary B. Robinson (843) 872-1527



The Reverend Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr., Senior Pastor
The Reverend Dr. James T. Rogers, Associate Pastor
The Reverend Dr. Peter B. Sutton, 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
Meredith Sharma, Cherub and Alleluia Choir Director
Martha Ann Siegling, Christian Education Assistant
Brandon Snow, Day Porter
Garry Stone, Facility Maintenance Coordinator
Christina Wilhoit, Handbell Choir Director

Dr. Anthony Williams, Director of Music and Organist

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

January 6 - 12

Monday, January 6

Monday Prayer Group, 12 - 1 p.m.

Tuesday, January 7

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, 7 - 8 a.m.
Presbyterian Women Board Meeting,
9:30 - 11 a.m.

Wednesday, January 8

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

Thursday, January 9

Thursday Table Talk, 12 - 1 p.m.

Saturday, January 11

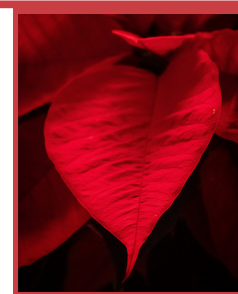
Presbyterian Women's Retreat,
9 - 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 11

Dan Adams Class, 10 - 11 a.m.
The Mere Christian Class, 10 - 11 a.m.
Young Adult/Parenting Class, 10 - 11 a.m.

Christmas Poinsettias

For those who generously donated to the Christmas Poinsettia decorations this year, thank you! Your contributions helped turn the sanctuary into a beautiful reflection of the joy of Christmas. After today's 11:15 service, you can take home your flowers from the sanctuary. In addition, the Poinsettia Memorial is available here.



Scan to view the
2024 Christmas
Memorials!



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



Menu

Salisbury Steak & Mushroom Gravy,
Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Mixed
Green Salad, Pear & Apple Crumble

Kid's Menu

Kid's Menu to be determined.

Scan the QR Code to RSVP.
Don't miss our guest speaker
on January 8, Rabbi Yosef Bart!

Presbytery Blessing Box



There is a place on the portico and in the sacristy where non-perishable food items may be dropped off for the Presbytery's Blessing Box.

To learn more, you can contact
Hank Martin at (843) 670-3281 or
Shary Dillon at (843) 906-1074.

New Member Class

Want to join First (Scots)?

Save the date for Saturday, February 11!
You're invited to the new member class.
More information to come in January.

We're starting off the new year with a great guest for Wednesday Night Supper: Rabbi Yosef Bart from the Brith Sholom Beth Israel Synagogue! He will join us on Wednesday, January 8 to speak about Israel, its history & events currently taking place therein. There will be time for questions after his presentation. Rabbi Bart graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in Accounting, from Yeshiva University's Sy Syms School of Business. He completed his Masters in Secondary Jewish Education from the David J. Azrieli Graduate Institute of Jewish Education and received his Rabbinic Ordination from the YU Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 1995. He also has completed Ohr Sameach's two-year Ohr Lagolah training program in Israel for Jewish Education, the Rabbinate, & Outreach.



Kirk Club



Kirk Club is back in the new year! If your child has not been signed up, you still have time to register for the new semester! Kirk Club meets most Wednesdays from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Just scan the QR code and fill out the registration Jotform.

Scan me to sign up!



Christian

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Join us at 7 a.m. each Tuesday for a delicious breakfast and insightful discussion on Scripture.

Co-Ed Table Talk Bible Study

Come gather at noon each Thursday and learn about the depth and beauty of the Word of the Lord.

Both of these Bible study groups are lead by The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr!
We hope you can attend in person, but if you are unable to do so, Zoom links can be found in your weekly Kirk News publication.

Taizé

Taizé Chapel services begin again this Wednesday! 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 lasting 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 different side to Christian worship.



Presbyterian Women



Presbyterian Women's circles are meeting again in the month of January! Please join us as your schedule permits for times of communal peace, fellowship, and friendship. Our four circles meet throughout the week, allowing you to choose what fits you best!

The Betty Noble Circle meets Tuesday, January 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Margaret McCormack. Trudy Marosok will be the speaker. For more information, please contact Teresa Tarrant at (843) 509-8937 or teresatarrant@aol.com.

The Unbroken Circle meets Tuesday, January 14 at 10 a.m. at the home of Mayrelle Semken. They will continue their study of Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts. For more information, please contact Julie Cannell at (914) 671-0954 or jmcannell@aol.com.

The Seekers Circle will gather at the January 11 Presbyterian Women event, Saturday with Sisters. For more information, contact Christy Siegling, sieglingchristy@gmail.com or Betsy Middleton, epmiddleton230@gmail.com

The Women at the Well Circle meets on Thursday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jan Key. Betts Gatewood will lead a discussion concerning parenting. For more information, please contact Jane Davis at birdgirl59@yahoo.com.

The PW Board will meet on Tuesday, January 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room in the Massie Building

Presbyterian Women
Saturday with Sisters
Saturday, January 11 in Molly Wier Hall

Guest Speaker: Sherry Bradshaw of Back 9 Ministries	Program: "Walking with God: Through the Trials and Storms of Life"
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8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Conversation, Pastries
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Program

Attendance is \$40 per person.
Lunch and Childcare provided.
Deadline to register is today!
Admission payable through cash or check, in Church Office, or offering plate with, "Sat. w/Sisters" in the memo line, Attn: Kathy Davis.



Scan to sign up!

Stephen Ministers



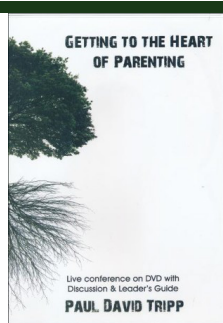
A Stephen Minister provides one-to-one care for people facing life challenges. They are a child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting, has received 50 hours of training in providing personal care, and will "be there" for their care receiver for as long as is needed. Join us Wednesday nights for Stephen Minister training.

Current Stephen Minister team leaders are: Tom Slabaugh (859) 221-5069, Anne Smith (843) 817-1337, & Matt Spath (843) 324-5990

Education

Sunday Morning Parenting Class

You're invited to a new Sunday School class beginning Sunday, January 12. The class will view the multi-part DVD series, "Getting to the Heart of Parenting" by Paul Tripp. Parents of young children are especially encouraged to come!



Contact Trudy Marosok at Gmarosok@first-scots.org to learn more.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on January 6 from 1 - 3 p.m. For more information, contact Pat Dietz at (843) 810-8679



The Prayer Shawl Ministry creates handmade shawls as a tangible expression of God's love. These shawls offer comfort and peace to those in need of celebrating a life event. We welcome anyone interested in joining whether a novice or advanced knitter. Knitting supplies are provided or you can bring your own! This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship while also helping others in the process!

Financial Peace University

Imagine your kids never knowing debt.

The average American household spends 24 percent of take-home pay on consumer debt. It doesn't have to be that way. The nine-week Financial Peace University class will be offered again this Spring. Video/discussion classes are tentatively scheduled from 6:15 - 7:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 12 - April 9. For more information contact Carol Rees, 618-402-9304.



Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study

The Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study will begin again in the new year, with a tentative start date of Tuesday, January 21! Be on the lookout for more details as they come.

For more information, contact Ruthie Edwards at halfsouthern1@gmail.com

Spring Line Dancing



Come dance away your winter blues by taking one of our two weekly Line Dancing Classes! Check out the schedule for our two classes!

Beginner's Line Dancing I will be held on the following Mondays: February 3, 10; March 17, 24, 31; May 5, 12, 19 (5 -7 p.m.).

Beginner's Line Dancing II will be held on the following Thursdays: February 6, 13; March 20, 27; May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (9:30 - 11:30 a.m.).

All classes will be held in Molly Wier Hall.

Please contact Pam Arnett (pampagearnett@gmail.com) if you have any questions!

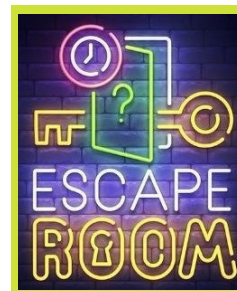
Youth Ministry Sunday, January 5, 5-7 p.m.

The High School Youth are having an Epiphany Party in the Kirk House. Epiphany, which occurs each year on January 6, is the day we celebrate the Wise Men visiting Jesus and presenting their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Join us as we catch up after Christmas break, enjoy dinner, and play some games. Please bring a wrapped gift for our gift exchange game (re-gifting items is encouraged; if you choose to purchase something, please don't spend more than \$10). As always, friends are welcome. If you have any questions about this event, please contact James Rogers.



Youth Group Linktree

The Middle School Youth are participating in an escape room event at Escape in 60 in downtown Charleston. Please meet at Escape in 60 (45 S Market St, Charleston, SC 29401) at 4:45 p.m., in preparation for our 5 p.m. game time. Participants will experience one of two games: After Hours or The Egyptian Chamber. Afterwards the group will enjoy a free ice cream treat from Kilwins Ice Cream (59 S Market Street), where youth can be picked up at 7 p.m. Reserve your spot by using our Escape Room SignUpGenius and paying your \$25 fee through Youth Ministry E-Giving, designating the payment to "Youth Group Activity." If you have any questions, please contact James Rogers (jrogers@first-scots.org).



Join Us This Summer!

Registration for the following summer youth trips is scheduled to open on January 6. **New for 2025! Trip registrations will happen through Realm.** Over the past several months you should have received an email invitation to join Realm Connect (our online community and church directory) as well as a second email that reflects your entrance into that online community. If you have any trouble with trip registration through Realm, please contact Dakota Carte at (843) 722-8882 or dcarte@first-scots.org.



Youth Summer Trip Schedule

- Montreat High School Youth Conference: June 7-14, 2025 (current 8th-12th graders)
- Charlotte, NC Middle School Youth Mission Trip: June 22-28, 2025 (current 6th-8th graders)
- Paradise, California High School Youth Mission Trip: July 13-20, 2025 (current 9th-12th graders)
- Middle School Youth Conference at Maryville College: July 16-20, 2025 (current 5th-8th graders)

First (Scots) Preschool and Kindergarten Admissions



The Admissions process for First (Scots) Kindergarten & Preschool for the 2025-2026 school year will be held in January. In accordance with our Admission policies, existing students are offered an opportunity to enroll first. We then offer active church members & siblings of existing students an opportunity to enroll (provided spaces are available) prior to opening it to families in the community. For church members to receive this priority status, they must have been active for the past 12 months, attended worship regularly & supported First (Scots) Presbyterian Church financially through a recorded pledge or contribution. Contact Jenn Cromwell, Kindergarten Director, at (843) 722-8882 or at fspckindergarten@first-scots.org for more information. Tours are also available by appointment. Applications can be found in the reception area on the 2nd floor of the Massie Building.