

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 2, 2025 AT 8:45 & 11:15 A.M.



THE REV. DR. L. HOLTON SIEGLING, JR.
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THE REV. DR. JAMES T. ROGERS
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

8:45 & 11:15 A.M. SERVICES

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Pastorale”
“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”
Lee Koblenberg, Organist (11:15)

Alex Rowley (8:45)
Dietrich Buxtehude (11:15)

(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

Souper Bowl of Caring

Charlie Gresham

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

“Come, Let Us Bow Down”
Katherine Clarkson, Soprano; Timmi Winston, Mezzo-Soprano (8:45)
Kirk Choir (11:15)

Giuseppe Verdi/
arr. Hal H. Hopson

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

One: The Psalmist declared, “How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?”

All: Though we sometimes wrestle with our inward thoughts and sorrow can fill our hearts, we trust in God’s unfailing love.

One: Like the Psalmist, our hearts rejoice in God’s salvation! We will sing to the Lord, for he has been good to us!

All: Let us worship God, who hears our cries and holds us in steadfast love!

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Hymn No. 487

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Written by Kirk Club Worship Skills Children

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and Everlasting God, forgive us when we come to you in prayer as if you are at our beck and call. We question your timing and your wisdom as if we somehow know best. Instead of resting in your goodness, we let frustration take root in our hearts, failing to realize that you are always at work. In our life and in the life of the world, teach us again to confidently pray, "Not our will, but yours be done." Guide us always, to trust in your faithfulness and believe in your promised future. 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

“My God Is So Big”

*My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there’s nothing my God cannot do.
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there’s nothing my God cannot do.
The rivers are his, the mountains are his, the stars are his handiwork too.
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there’s nothing my God cannot do.*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE TIME WITH CHILDREN

THE TIME FOR TEENS

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John Metcalf (8:45)
Elizabeth Riddle (11:15)

THE WORD READ

Old Testament: Daniel 3:16-18
New Testament: Acts 12:1-11

(pew Bible, page 719)
(pew Bible, page 896)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“SOVEREIGN SILENCE”

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

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Hymn No. 404

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

“Come Thou Fount”

arr. Bob Krogstad

Katherine Clarkson, Soprano; Timmi Winston, Mezzo-Soprano (8:45)

“Built On the Rock, the Church Doth Stand”

S. Drummond Wolff

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

“How Firm a Foundation”

Hymn No. 361

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen”

Franz Liszt/ arr. Hal H. Hopson

†POSTLUDE

“Toccatà in D”

John Rutter (8:45)

“Arrival of the Queen of Sheba to Praise God”

George F. Handel (11:15)

Lee Koblenberg, Organist (11:15)

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 David Warren (11:15).

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

8:45 A.M. GREETER:

Whit Smith

COFFEE GREETER:

Chett McCubrey

11:15 A.M. GREETERS:

Jack Callahan, Brenda Dukes

8:45 A.M. USHERS:

Stephen Ham (Captain), Alison Beskin, Kent Owens,
Paige Owens, John McNeill

11:15 A.M. USHERS:

Grayson Liner (Captain), Jay White, Jim Buxton,
Julian Buxton, Anne Dukes, Chase McNair

8:45 A.M. DEACONS:

Gene Childers (Lead Deacon), Bonnie Hutson

11:15 A.M. DEACONS:

Legare Gresham (Lead Deacon), Ansley Feussner

8:45 A.M. BEADLE:

Henry Hay III

11:15 A.M. BEADLE:

Scott Evans

8:45 A.M. LAY READER:

John Metcalf

11:15 A.M. LAY READER:

Elizabeth Riddle

MEDIA MINISTRY: Elizabeth McAnally

ELDER ON CALL (February 3 - 9) - Elizabeth Riddle (843) 718-7551

DEACON ON CALL (February 3 - 9) - Chett McCubrey (843) 475-1678

PASTOR ON CALL: (February 3 - 9) - 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
The Reverend Dr. Peter B. Sutton, Associate Pastor
Pastor Mary Robinson, Commissioned Lay Pastor
The Reverend Dr. Daniel W. Massie, Pastor Emeritus



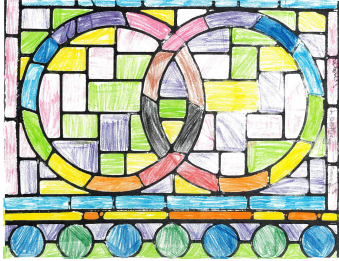
Ricard Bordas, Director of Choral Music
Alison Beskin, Kirk Choristers Director
Dakota Carte, Administrative Assistant
Jack Crawford, Communications Coordinator
Scarlett Crawford, Church Administrator
Jennifer Cromwell, Kindergarten Director
Karen Kuhn, Administrative Assistant

Trudy Marosok, Interim Christian Education Director
Shelby Olinger, Church Accountant
Meredith Sharma, Cherub and Alleluia Choir Director
Martha Ann Siegling, Christian Education Assistant
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!



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Calendar of Events

February 3 - 9

Monday, February 3

Monday Prayer Group, 12 - 1 p.m.
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1- 3 p.m.
Bridge, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Beginner's Line Dancing I, 5 - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 4

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, 7 - 8 a.m.
Presbyterian Women Board Meeting,
9:30 - 11 a.m.
Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study,
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 5

Ladies Bible Study, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Kirk Club, 4 - 5:40 p.m.
Taize Chapel Service, 5 - 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Supper, 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Training, 6:15 - 8:30 p.m.
Kirk Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 6

Beginner's Line Dancing II, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Lectio Divina, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Thursday Table Talk, 12 - 1 p.m.

Sunday, February 9

Youth Sunday
Dan Adams Class, 10 - 11 a.m.
The Mere Christian Class, 10 - 11 a.m.
Young Adult/Parenting Class, 10 - 11 a.m.
Nominating Committee Meeting,
12:15 - 2:15 p.m.

We are excited to share that Elizabeth Snyder, a cherished member of our First (Scots) congregation, will graduate this May with a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. She has also received her first pastoral call as the Monie Pastoral Resident at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas. We are so proud of Elizabeth! Please join me in congratulating her and keeping her in your prayers as she closes her time at Princeton.



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
Meatloaf, Rice and Brown Gravy,
Broccoli and Cauliflower Cheddar
Casserole, Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Kid's Menu
Chicken Tenders,
Fruit, Raw Veggies, Dessert

Scan the QR Code to RSVP.

On Wednesday, February 12, we will have a special Valentine's Supper that requires a separate RSVP. Admission is \$15 per person, and you must choose your entree beforehand. You have the choice of either a Sliced Beef Tenderloin with Horseradish Cream Sauce, or Seared Salmon with Dill Cream Sauce. Both dishes are served with Whipped Yukon Potatoes and Broccolini. Dessert is a Cookies and Cream Cheesecake with Raspberry Couli. Scan the QR code to the right to sign up!



Wednesday Night Supper Guest

Join us Wednesday, February 19 in welcoming Martha Derrick: Author, 9th generation South Carolinian, and member of First (Scots)! She will be discussing her book, "Meet you at the Top: A Journal of Love and Faith". In addition to her deep southern roots, Martha also has a wealth of experiences travelling around the world with her late husband Fletcher who served in the CIA for 30 years.





Kirk Club is back for the new year! If your child has not been signed up, you still have time to register for the 2025 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!



Taizé

Taizé Chapel services are back! 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. Join us in discovering a different side to Christian worship.



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 each Thursday at noon 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. Don't receive Kirk News? Contact Karen Kuhn in the church office by calling (843) 722-8882.

Presbyterian Women

The PW Board will meet Tuesday, February 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference room of the Massie Building

Prayer Shawl Ministry



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 or 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!

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

*Presbyterian Women
Valentine's Day Luncheon*

Guest Speaker:
Lynne White Poole

Tuesday, February 11 at 11:30 a.m.
Admission is \$25 per person. Childcare is free but please note how many children in the RSVP form. Admission is payable through cash or check at the church office or Sunday offering plate, writing, "PW Valentine's Luncheon" in the memo line.

Scan the QR code to RSVP,
please register by Sunday,
February 9!



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. Training sessions are held Wednesdays from 6:15 - 8:30 p.m. Contact our Stephen Ministry leaders to sign up.

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

Financial Peace University

It's Never Too Late to Set Another Goal or Dream a New Dream – C.S. Lewis



Only 32 percent of Americans could cover a \$5,000 emergency without borrowing. Are you one of those? Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is offered this Spring from Feb. 12 – April 9. Classes will begin at 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays for nine weeks. Students will view videos, followed by class discussion at the approximately one-and-a-half-hour meetings. For more information contact Carol Rees, (618) 402-9304.

Sunday Morning Parenting Class

You're invited to a new Sunday School class! The class will view the multi-part DVD series, "Getting to the Heart of Parenting" by Paul Tripp.



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

Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesday Evenings ~ 5:30-6:30 p.m. ~ February 4, 11, 18, 25 & March 4

WHERE: First (Scots) Presbyterian, Room 203

WHAT: What Happens Next by Max Lucado ~ Book (optional) and Study guide (necessary)



For more information, contact

Ruthie Edwards at halfsouthern1@gmail.com or Martha Jane Hudnall at mj.hudnall@comcast.net

Scots on the Go, February 20

If you don't think they build things like they used to, then you need to tour the American College of Building Arts in Charleston. Located at 649 Meeting Street, their students study the humanistic traditions like architecture, history and English; practical skills like math, foreign languages, and science; and creative skills like drawing and drafting. Taken together, these disciplines develop the creative thinking and problem-solving skills that great artisans need.



You can find ACBA graduates working at Mount Vernon, Williamsburg, Notre Dame, Italy, and any place where they need people that can work on older great architectural sites. Join us for a tour and discussion with its President, Lt. Gen. (ret.) Colby M. Broadwater III.

John Witty serves as host this month. There is no charge for the tour, but there is a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 15 attendees. We will have lunch at Taco Boy after the tour. Scan the code to register.



Spring Line Dancing



Come dance away your winter blues with one of our two weekly Line Dancing Classes! Check out the schedule!

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!

February 9 is Youth Sunday

On February 9 our youth will lead us in worship at both services, and their theme this year is "Animals." Following the services, our young people will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations for One80 Place, as a part of the 2025 Souper Bowl of Caring. Every donation will support those in our community who are in need of shelter, food, and compassion. This annual event started at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in 1990 and since then has raised over 198 million in dollars and food to address hunger.



tacklehunger.org

Youth Sunday Rehearsal, February 2

On Sunday from 5-7 p.m., high school and middle school youth are meeting in the Kirk House for dinner and then moving to the sanctuary for a rehearsal of the "Animals" themed Youth Sunday Worship Service (February 9 at 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.). Those who have speaking parts should bring their final drafts to the rehearsal. Want to be a part of worship leadership, but have not signed up? Check out our Youth Sunday SignUpGenius for available parts.



Register for Summer Youth Trips by February 2

Please see our Youth Summer Trip Registration Email for all of the details. **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)



Youth Group Linktree

2025 Vacation Bible Study



Save the date! This year's Vacation Bible School is set for July 28 - August 1.

1731 Legacy Society

The 1731 Legacy Society encourages planned giving: rather than giving cash now, you can make provisions in your will, life insurance, securities, and other properties that might be valued at \$5,000 or more to become a 1731 Legacy Society Member. While cash gifts are always welcome, planned giving is a long-term way to support First (Scots).



Contact Bill Prewitt at (843) 620-0158 or wmcprewitt@gmail.com to learn more.

Need of Caregiver?

If you or someone you know is looking for a caregiver, please contact Mary Robinson at mrobinson@first-scots.org or (843) 872-1527. An experienced caregiver who has cared for members of First (Scots) in the past, is available to care for those in need.

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6 D

German hymn, c. 1800

Trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858; alt.

Joseph Barnby, 1868

1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A sol - ace here I find:
 3. Let earth's wide cir - cle round In joy - ful notes re - sound:
 4. Be this, while life is mine, My can - ti - cle di - vine:

May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss?
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song

To Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 My com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 From depth to height re - ply: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 Through all the a - ges long: May Je - sus Christ be praised!

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

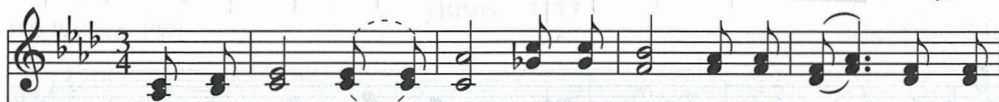
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PRECIOUS LORD 6.6.9 D

George N. Allen, 1844

Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

Arr. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938



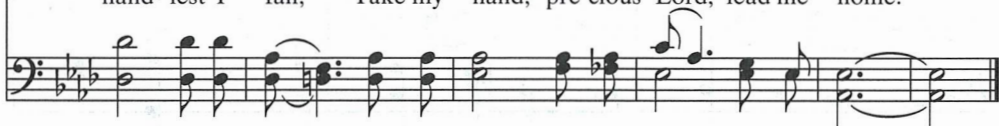
1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand; I am
2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near; When my



tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me
life is al - most gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my



on to the light; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
hand lest I fall; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.



How Firm a Foundation

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"K" in *A Selection of Hymns, 1787*
Ed. John Rippon; alt.

FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11

American folk melody
Funk's *Genuine Church Music, 1832*

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,

Is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
For I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."