FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401 Organized 1731

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 23, 2025 AT 8:45 & 11:15 A.M.



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

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THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

"Allemande" from Cello Suite No. 1 Joseph Brown, Cellist

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Kairos Prison Ministry

Pastor Mary B. Robinson

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

"Come, Let Us Join"

K. Lee Scott

Katherine Clarkson, Soprano (8:45)

Kirk Choir (11:15)

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

One: Come, let us worship the One who calls us to faithfulness;

All: faithfulness as we run the race that is set before us and trust in the future of God's

promises.

One: Here God sustains us with heavenly food, equipping us for ministries of grace.

All: We worship with grateful hearts, for in this place we are nourished, strengthened, and

sent forth in love.

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Hymn No. 482

PRAYER OF ADORATION

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and Merciful God, you have called us to faithfulness, to press on toward the goal, to run the race with perseverance. Yet we confess that we become distressed when life's route takes unexpected turns or when the finish line comes early; more often than we care to admit, O Lord, we stumble! Forgive us for neglecting paths of service and for all the times when we turn away from those in need instead of bearing one another's burdens. Strengthen us through our worship this day and at your blessed table, that we may receive your all-sufficient grace; 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

"The Servant Song"

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

† 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)

Gary Gildersleeve (11:15)

THE WORD READ

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

(pew Bible, page 168)

New Testament: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

(pew Bible, page 968)

One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"SO CLOSE, YET SO FAITHFUL"

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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY COMMISSIONING

(11:15 a.m.)

†HYMN OF REFLECTION

"Here I Am, Lord"

Hymn No. 525 (Verses 1 and 3)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Pastor Mary B. Robinson

(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

"He Shall Feed His Flock" from Messiah

G. F. Handel

Katherine Clarkson, Soprano (8:45)

"Sing to the Lord a New Song"

Robert Lau

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE WORD ENACTED

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

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

(We are pleased to offer all gluten-free bread and grape juice for communion)

Communion Anthem "The Call" from Five Mystical Songs Ralph Vaughan Williams

Katherine Clarkson, Soprano (8:45)

"Very Bread, Good Shepherd Tend Us" Healey Willan

Kirk Choir (11:15)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

†HYMN OF DEDICATION "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" Hymn No. 210

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE "The Grace of Our Lord Jesus" K. Lee Scott

†Postlude Toccata on "Great Day" Adolphus Hailstork

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

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Billy & Julia McGill's Wedding Anniversary.

The flowers in the choir loft are given in celebration of the wedding of Emma & Will who were married at First (Scots) Saturday evening.

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 Martha Jane Hudnall (8:45) and Rob Dillon (11:15).

Assisting with the Service Today

8:45 A.M. GREETER: COFFEE GREETER: 11:15 A.M. GREETERS:

Karen Prewitt Debbie Rice-Marko David Warren, Elizabeth Riddle

8:45 A.M. USHERS: 11:15 A.M. USHERS:

David Hay (Captain), Dave Neff, Todd Plaxco (Captain), Barb Plaxco, Greg McKenzie,

Henry Hay IV, Walker Avant

Ben King, Pat Dietz, Andy Beall

8:45 A.M. DEACONS: 11:15 A.M. DEACONS:

Ansley Feussner (Lead Deacon), Ginger Liner Lisle Henderson (Lead Deacon), Margaret Ann Pearson

8:45 A.M. BEADLE: 11:15 A.M. BEADLE:

David Hay David Hay

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

11:15 A.M. LAY READER:
Gary Gildersleeve

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Bucknam

ELDER ON CALL: (February 24 - March 2) - Shary Dillon (843) 906-1074

DEACON ON CALL: (February 24 - March 2) - Kathy Rhodes (843) 856-8358

PASTOR ON CALL: (February 24 - March 2) - The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. (865) 456-2235

Welcome to First (Scots)

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



Calendar of Events February 24 - March 2

Monday, February 24

Monday Prayer Group, 12 - 1 p.m. Bridge, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Christian Ed Meeting, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Congregational Care Meeting, 6 - 7 p.m. Finance Meeting, 6 - 7 p.m. Session Meeting, 7 - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, February 25

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

Wednesday, February 26

Ladies Bible Study, 10 - 11:30 a.m. The Seekers Circle, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Kirk Club, 4 - 5:30 p.m. Taize Chapel Service, 5 - 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Kirk Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 27

Lectio Divina, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Thursday Table Talk, 12 - 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 2

Dan Adams Class, 10 - 11 a.m. The Mere Christian Class, 10 - 11 a.m. Young Adult/Parenting Class, 10 - 11 a.m. Wire Word Class, 10 - 11 a.m. Nominating Committee Meeting, 12:15 - 2:15 p.m. Financial Peace University, 6:15 - 7:45 p.m.

Looking to Serve?

First (Scots) is in need of volunteers for our Sunday morning livestream during the 11:15 a.m. service. Minimal technical knowledge is required, and the learning curve is very easy! If you'd like to help our congregation in this way, please contact Chris Bucknam at bucknamc@gmail.com.

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

Roasted Pork Loin with Brown Gravy, Potato Gratin, Succotash, Mixed Green Salad, and Peach Cobbler

Kid's Menu

Chicken Tenders, Fruit, Veggies, Dessert

Scan the QR Code to RSVP.

First (Scots) trip to Greece!

Join Drs. Siegling and Massie for an unforgettable pilgrimage to Greece and beyond from May 18-27, 2026! This inspiring journey includes stops in Thessaloniki, the Isle of Patmos, Ephesus, Corinth, Athens, and more, highlighting some of the places where Paul preached,



wrote, and shaped the early Church. Experience the rich history of Biblical sites and deepen your faith through fellowship and reflection. This is a journey you won't want to miss!

Water Missions Walk For Water

Saturday, March 29 will be the 2025 Walk for Water at Riverfront Park! This event raises funds to help people around the world get access to safe drinking water.

Starting in Charleston in 2007, millions of dollars have been raised through Walk for Water events across the United States and around the world.

First (Scots) is a sponsor for this event, meaning 30 church members can register for free!

To sign up and claim your free spot, scan the QR code or call the church office at (843) 722-8882. Let's do our part to make a difference!





Presbyterian Women

PW Circle March Schedule

The PW Board will meet on Tuesday, March 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room in the Massie Building. For more information, contact Jane Davis, birdgirl59@yahoo.com.

The Betty Noble Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of JoJo Mauldin. Mary Robinson and Holly Wise will discuss cancer care. For more information, contact Teresa Tarrant, teresatarrant@aol.com, Circle Leader.

The Unbroken Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 11 at 10 a.m. at the home of Myrtle Ann Dennis. Their speaker will be Dr. Peter Sutton. For more information, contact Julie Cannell, jmcannell@aol.com, Circle Leader.

The Seekers Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 12 at noon at St. Michael's Church, 71 Broad St., for the Lenten Service and lunch. The Seekers Circle will meet again on Wednesday, February 26 at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Anne Dukes. A light lunch will be provided. All are welcome - please join us! For more information, contact Circle Co-Leaders Christy Siegling at sieglingchristy@gmail.com, or Betsy Middleton at epmiddleton230@gmail.com,

The Women at the Well will meet on Thursday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Janice Key. Lindsey Melville will lead a discussion from "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts." For more information, contact Jane Davis, birdgirl59@yahoo.com.

St. Philip's Flower Design Demonstration

On Tuesday, March 25 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., First (Scots) has been invited to attend a workshop that offers both novice and advanced flower arrangers an opportunity to learn from the internationally renowned worship floral designer, Laura larocci of Faith Flowers.

In this demonstration, you will learn about purchasing practices, conditioning, and arranging flowers for church sanctuaries. To sign up, please contact **Debbie**

Rice-Marko at dricemarko@gmail.com.





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: March 17, 24, 31; May 5, 12, 19 (5 -7 p.m.).

Beginner's Line Dancing II will be held on the following Thursdays: March 20, 27; May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (9:30 - 11:30 a.m.). All classes will be held in Molly Wier Hall.

Contact Pam Arnett (pampagearnett@gmail.com)

if you have any questions!

March 12, 9:30 a.m. Scots on the Go - The Glass Menagerie

Next month, the Scots on the Go are trying something different: We're visiting the Dock Street Theatre for a production of Tennessee Williams' Tony Award-winning play, *The Glass Menagerie*. We need a minimum of 8 people to attend, so sign up as soon as possible! The show is at 9:30 a.m. You won't want to miss this!

In this play, we are invited into the fragile world of the Wingfield family. There are glimmering rays of hope for single mother, Amanda Wingfield, who shares her depression-era apartment with her would be writer son Tom and her unmarried daughter Laura. While the challenges of making ends meet hang over the family, each finds the balm of hope in their dreams and diversions. When a gentleman caller comes to dinner, the dreary shadows of their day-to-day lives momentarily fade away in the bright shining moments of hope and possibility. The performance is 70 minutes with no intermission. Tickets are \$35. Scan the QR code to sign up!



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 March 3from 1 - 3 p.m. For more information, contact Pat Dietz at (843) 810-8679.

Cancer Companions

Have you or a loved one or neighbor been impacted by cancer? Cancer Companions begins a 9-week support group on Wednesday nights (following supper) beginning March 12 from 6:15 - 8 p.m. in the second floor conference room. We are the first church in the state to offer this ministry. This group offers guidance and assistance whether you personally have or have had cancer, or if you know someone who is battling cancer. It is the mission of this group to provide a safe and supportive environment for cancer families and help draw you closer to Christ. For more information or to register, you may contact Pastor Mary Robinson (843-722-8882 or mrobinson@first-scots.org) or Dr. Holly Wise (cancer survivor) at (843-442-7632 or wisehh@musc.edu).



Taizé

Taizé Chapel services are back! 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 and meditative service consisting of song, prayer, scripture, and 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.

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.



Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesday Evenings ~ 5:30-6:30 p.m. ~ February 25 and 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

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



FINANCIAL Financial Peace University

There is still time to join Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Classes meet Sundays 5 - 7 p.m. through April 6th. Contact Carol Rees at (618) 402-9304 for more information.

1731 Legacy Society

Many generous donors have created a gift that will benefit our church for many years to come by including First (Scots) Church in their estate plan. By adding a few specific words to your will, you, too, can make a gift to the church.



Youth Workday Fundraiser

The Paradise, California and Charlotte, North Carolina Mission Teams have their annual workday fundraiser on Saturday, March 8 from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Do you have some housework or yard work for them to do? Simply call or email Dakota Carte (843-722-8882, dcarte@first-scots.org) and let her know the type of work (please have all supplies and equipment ready), the number of people needed for the job, and the time frame desired. All donations for work done will go toward the cost of the mission trips.



5unday, March 2, 5–7 p.m.

The High School Youth Group and California Mission Team are putting together care packages for members of our community experiencing homelessness. Care packages will be distributed at God's Hot Dog Ministry on March 30. Youth and adults are invited to review the Care Packages SignUpGenius and sign up to bring items on March 2. Feel free to share this SignUpGenius with others and invite them to join in this effort. Following the service project, the California Mission Team will continue to meet until 7:30pm.





The Middle School Youth Group, Charlotte Mission Team, and Confirmation Class are preparing care packages for the teenagers who live at the Thornwell Home for Children. Youth and adults are invited to review the Care Packages for the Thornwell Home for Children SignUpGenius and sign up to bring items on March 2. Feel free to share this SignUpGenius with others and invite them to join in this effort. Following the service project, the Charlotte Mission Team will continue to meet until 7:30 p.m.

All Signupgenius forms and youth information can be found by scanning this QR code.

2025 Vacation Bible School



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

March 5, Ash Wednesday

We hope you'll join us as we enter into the Lenten season with the Ash Wednesday service on March 5.





The Reverend Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr., Senior Pastor The Reverend Dr. James T. Rogers, Associate Pastor The Revered 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 Scarlett Crawford, Church Administrator Jennifer Cromwell, Kindergarten Director Chef Robyn Guisto, Food Services Director Donna Lawson, Day Porter

Karen Kuhn, Administrative Assistant Trudy Marosok, Interim Christian Education Director Shelby Olinger, Church Accountant Jack Crawford, Communications Coordinator 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

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Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

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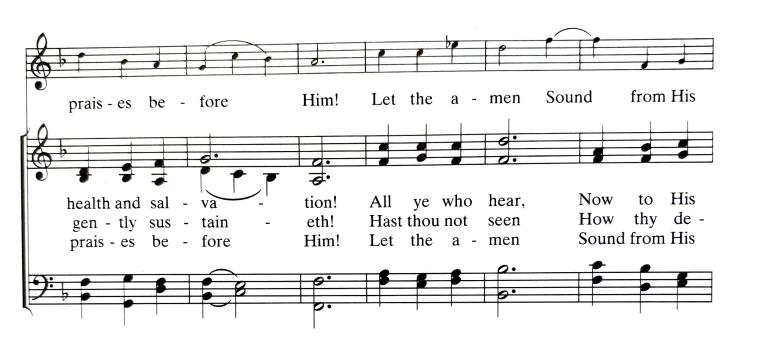
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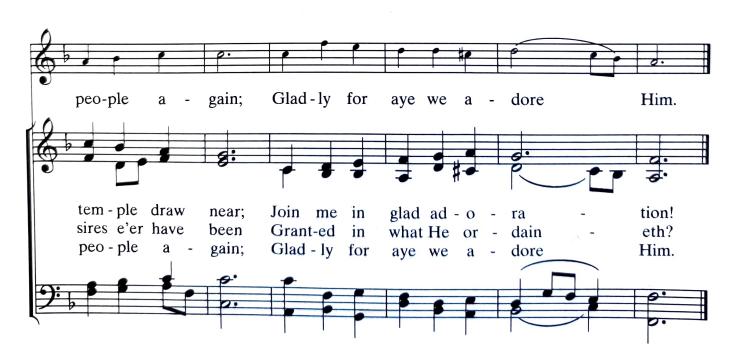
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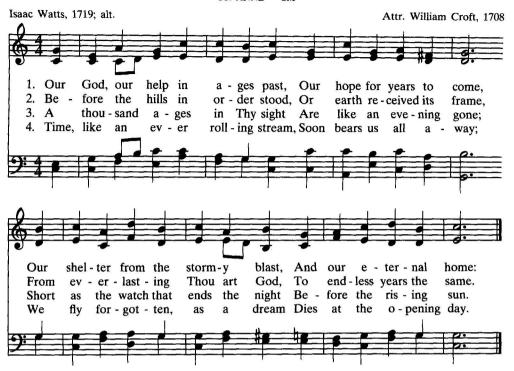
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Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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Our God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
 And our eternal home.