

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 30, 2025 AT 8:45 & 11:15 A.M.



Naomi and Her Daughters-in-law
by Marc Chagall

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

THE REV. DR. JAMES T. ROGERS
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

THE REV. DR. PETER R. B. SUTTON
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THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Cantabile”

Cesar Franck

(May the beginning of the prelude serve as a call to silent meditation and prayer.)

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

The Rev. Dr. Peter R.B. Sutton

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Golf Tournament

John McNeill

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

“O Sing Unto the Lord”

Hans Leo Hassler

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

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Kirk Choir (11:15)

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

One: One thing I ask of the Lord,

All: It is the one thing that I seek:

One: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

All: to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his Temple.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

Hymn No. 479

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we come before You confessing our weakness, our failings, and our need. We remember the times when we have found it easier to cut the corners and not go the extra mile in support, not just of our loved ones, but also the strangers in our midst, the times when we have talked a good game but failed to put our words into action. Forgive us when we have rested in our comfort zones, often choosing to walk by on the other side of the road. Forgive us when we have kept the glory and the promises of Your Kingdom to ourselves rather than taking the risk of sharing it with others. May we never forget, as we move ever closer towards Easter, that in following You we commit ourselves to walk in the footsteps of Your son, Jesus Christ, in whose blessed 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

“To God Be the Glory”

Hymn No. 485

*O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.*

*Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth bear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory: great things He hath done!*

† Those who are able, please stand.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE TIME WITH CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

THE TIME FOR TEENS

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bill Prewitt (8:45)

Slade Metcalf (11:15)

THE WORD READ

Old Testament: Ruth 1:14-19

(pew Bible, page 210)

New Testament: Luke 23:32-43

(pew Bible, page 859)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"TODAY YOU WILL BE

The Rev. Dr. Peter R. B. Sutton

WITH ME IN PARADISE"

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**

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

Hymn No. 363

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

"Forsaken"

Dan Forrest

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

"There Will I Be"

Craig Courtney

Kirk Choir (11:15)

Karel Abo, violin; Ben Mekinulov, cello

†**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**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hymn No. 376

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Peter R.B. Sutton

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen”

Claude Debussy

†POSTLUDE

“Fugue in C Major”

Felix Mendelssohn

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 from
Joe Malecki in loving memory of his wife, Bea Smith.*

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 Elizabeth Bernat (8:45) and Karen Prewitt (11:15).

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

8:45 A.M. GREETER:

Karen Prewitt

COFFEE GREETER:

Michelle Parks

11:15 A.M. GREETERS:

Tom Johnson, Jane McNeill

8:45 A.M. USHERS:

Greg Robinson (Captain), Woody Kerr, CJ Kerr,
John Metcalf, Mayrelle Semken, John McNeill

11:15 A.M. USHERS:

Amelia White (Captain), Jay White, Anne Dukes,
David Gaston, Lindsey Melville, David Warren

8:45 A.M. DEACONS:

Catie Smith (Lead Deacon), Kathy Rhodes

11:15 A.M. DEACONS:

Jason Wall (Lead Deacon), Elizabeth Johnson

8:45 A.M. BEADLE:

Woody Kerr

11:15 A.M. BEADLE:

Greg Robinson

8:45 A.M. LAY READER:

Bill Prewitt

11:15 A.M. LAY READER:

Slade Metcalf

MEDIA MINISTRY: Scarlett Crawford

ELDER ON CALL: (March 31 - April 6) - David McCormack (843) 723-0466

DEACON ON CALL: (March 31 - April 6) - Michelle Parks (843) 300-8865

PASTOR ON CALL: (March 31 - April 6) - 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 R. 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
Chef Robyn Guisto, Food Services Director

Donna Lawson, Day Porter
Karen Kuhn, Administrative Assistant
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 and @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 March 31 - April 6

Monday, March 31

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, April 1

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, April 2

Women's Bible Study, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Community Lenten Service at
First Baptist Church, 12 p.m.
Taizé Chapel Service, 5 - 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Supper, 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
Lent Through Art, 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.
Kirk Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Cancer Companions, 6:15 - 8 p.m.
Financial Peace University, 6:15 - 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, April 3

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

Sunday, April 6

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

Presbytery Blessing Box

We are collecting donations for our Presbytery's Blessing Box. Located in both Molly Wier Hall and the Sacristy, we are accepting non-perishable food items for those in need. **Contact Hank Martin (843) 670-3281 or Shary Dillon (843) 906-1074 to learn more.**



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

Gumbo with shrimp, chicken, and andouille sausage, Rice, Sautéed cabbage, squash and carrots, and Coconut cake

Kid's Menu

Chicken tenders, raw fruit/veggies

Scan the QR Code to RSVP.

21st Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, April 21st is First (Scots) 21st Annual Golf Tournament at the Charleston Municipal Golf Course at 2110 Maybank Highway.

Arrival is at 8:30 a.m. and tee off is at 9:30 a.m. Admission is \$100 which gets you a boxed lunch, a full round of golf, 2 mulligans, and unlimited range balls. Scan the QR code to view the registration form. See you on the course!



2026 Greece Pilgrimage Registration

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. To sign up for this once-in-a-lifetime trip, scan the code below or visit www.first-scots.org



Presbyterian Women



Presbyterian Women April Circle Schedule:

The PW Board will meet on Tuesday, April 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room of the Massie Building. Contact Jane Davis, birdgirl59@yahoo.com, for more information.

The Betty Noble Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Betsy Jones. Teresa Tarrant will lead a devotional on the Holy Spirit. For more information, contact Teresa Tarrant, teresatarrant@aol.com, Circle Leader.

The Unbroken Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 8 at 10 a.m. at the home of Julie Cannell. They will continue their study of "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts." For more information, contact Julie Cannell, jmcannell@aol.com, Circle Leader.

The Seekers Circle will meet on Wednesday, April 9 at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Sugar Slabaugh. Darlene Moak will lead a lesson from "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts." Newcomers are welcome! For more information, contact Christy Siegling or Betsy Middleton, Circle Co-Leaders at either sieglingchristy@gmail.com or epmiddleton230@gmail.com, respectively.

The Women at the Well will meet on Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jane Davis. Betts Gatewood will lead a discussion on parenting. For more information, contact Jane Davis, birdgirl59@yahoo.com.

Community Lent Service & Lent Through Art

Each week during Lent, churches in the downtown area will host a mid-day Community Lenten Service at 12 p.m. followed by a lunch served by the host church. This week, on Wednesday, April 2, First Baptist Church will host the service.



Dr. Holton Siegling will preach at this service. Please see the full schedule in the flyer located at the Usher station. For the next Wednesday Supper program, Dr. Peter Sutton continue his "Lent Through Art" series. The fourth and final work, *Naomi and Her Daughters-in-law* by Marc Chagall, can be found on the cover of the this Sunday's bulletin.

Scots on the Go, May 8: Penn Center Tour

On Thursday, May 8, the Scots on the Go take a tour of Penn Center, followed by lunch in historic Beaufort, SC – Register soon because we will reserve a bus for the trip. We depart First (Scots) at 9:30 a.m. and return at 3 p.m.



For over a century, Penn Center National Historic Landmark District has been central to African American education, historic preservation, and social justice for the Gullah/Geechee people.

After the tour we will have a Dutch-treat lunch in downtown Beaufort. The cost is \$55 plus lunch. A maximum of 23 people may sign up for the trip.



Scan the QR code to sign up!

Young Adult Gathering

We have an exciting event planned for the young adult members of our congregation!

Sunday, April 6, 5 - 6:30 p.m. at the home of Dr. Holton and Martha Ann Siegling!

Find a sitter and join the Sieglings as they welcome Peter Sutton to their home in an adults-only evening from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at 1578 Fiddlers Marsh Drive, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464 for a fun evening gathering. Snacks and drinks are provided.



Join the Kirk Choir

We want to invite all church members who love singing to join the Kirk Choir. We rehearse Wednesdays at 6:15 - 7:30 p.m., and on Sundays at 10 - 11 a.m.

Contact Ricard Bordas (rbordas@first-scots.org) or **Tony Williams** (awilliams@first-scots.org)



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 31; May 5, 12, 19 (5 - 7 p.m.).

Beginner's Line Dancing II will be held on the following Thursdays: 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!

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. The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is Monday, March 31. For more information, contact Pat Dietz at (843) 810-8679.



Cancer Companions

Have you or a loved one been impacted by cancer? Cancer Companions is a 9-week support group meeting on Wednesday nights after supper. The program is held 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 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 you draw 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@muscc.edu).



Taizé

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 Drs. Siegling and Sutton. 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.

1731 Legacy Society

Designating a specific amount, a percentage, or the remainder of your estate allows you to preserve assets now and give the gift of possibility to future generations. You can contact Bill Prewitt directly (843-620-0158 or wmcprewitt@gmail.com) to learn more.



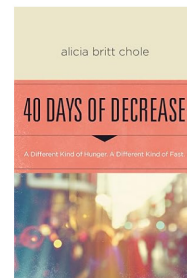
Wednesday Morning Bible Study

WHEN: Wednesday mornings ~ 10 - 11:30 a.m. until May 14

WHERE: First (Scots) Presbyterian, Room 203

WHAT: 40 Days of Decrease - A Different Kind of Hunger, a Different Kind of Fast

The study is based on a 40 day devotional where, guided by scripture passages each week, we take time for reflection, journaling, and suggested daily fasts. Each Wednesday, we will discuss the passages, challenges, and triumphs of the devotional.



Lenten Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study



WHEN: Tuesday Evenings ~ 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. ~ March 18 - April 22

WHERE: In Person: First (Scots) Presbyterian Church ~ Rooms 227/228 or by Zoom.

WHAT: The Hardest Part: Hurt We Carry, Hope We Find by Kate Bowler. This study will reflect on the tender mix of joy, sorrow, love, loss, heartbreak, and hope felt during Lent. We will embrace the rawness of this season, finding courage to stay with the hard parts while trusting that the good is still to come. The group study guide is available for free as a PDF. Upon request, printed copies of the 62 page group study guide will be available for \$12.

CO-LEADERS: Ruthie Edwards, Martha Jane Hudnall, & Elizabeth Snyder

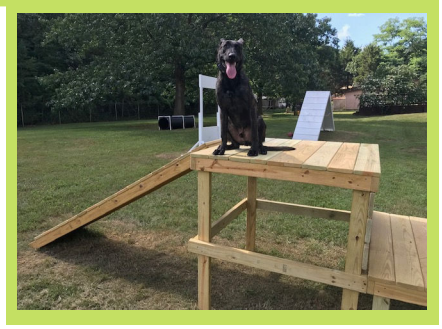


For more information, contact Ruthie Edwards at halvesouthern1@gmail.com or Martha Jane Hudnall at mj.hudnall@comcast.net

Youth Group, March 30

High School Youth: Pet Helpers

This Sunday from 12:15 - 3:15 p.m. the high school youth group is meeting for lunch at the Kirk House and constructing agility items for the dogs at Pet Helpers. A lot of the items in their agility yard are older and falling apart, so we'll be creating things for the dogs to jump up onto. Check out photos of some of the items we've been asked to make. Since we'll be moving lumber and using tools (including some power tools), please wear appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes. Work gloves, safety goggles, and ear protection will also be helpful. If you have any questions, please contact James Rogers (jrogers@first-scots.org or 843-722-8882).



Middle School Youth: Care Packages for College and Boarding School Students

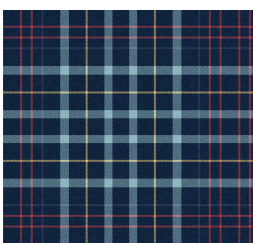
This Sunday from 12:15 - 2:15 p.m., the middle school youth group is meeting for lunch at the Kirk House and preparing care packages for our college and boarding school students. It is certainly not required, but feel free to bring food items, Bible verses, and school supplies to include in the forty or so boxes. Individually wrapped items that can easily travel work best. Use your imagination: what would you like to receive in your care package if you were a college or boarding school student? You can sign up to bring a specific item using our College and Boarding School Care Packages SignUpGenius. Questions about this event? Please contact James Rogers (jrogers@first-scots.org or 843-722-8882).



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

First (Scots) Tartan Gear

Be on the lookout for information about Peter Wilson's visit to First (Scots) on Wednesday, April 9! Mr. Wilson will take orders for ties, sashes, custom fit kilts, and other First (Scots) Tartan gear!



Looking to Serve?

First (Scots) is looking for volunteers to manage the Sunday morning live stream 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.

Vacation Bible School

Save the Date! Registration is now open for this year's Vacation Bible School! Our VBS is from July 28 - August 1 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and is open to children ages 4 years old to fifth grade. The cost to attend is \$75. The theme is "Road Trip: On the Go with God." We hope to see you there!



Scan the QR code to sign up!



First (Scots) Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon

Everyone is invited to a church-wide potluck luncheon immediately following the 11:15 a.m. service! The church will provide fried chicken. Please bring a dish to share based on the first letter of your last name.



- A - I:** Vegetable
- J - Q:** Starch
- R - Z:** Dessert



All children are invited to participate in an Easter Egg hunt immediately following the 11:15 a.m. service! Please bring your Easter basket and join us for this special event. You can help by donating pre-stuffed eggs to the Christian Education office by Wednesday, April 9. Eggs may contain candy, stickers, or small toys. Please, no chocolate or nuts. Contact Anne Jackson at anewjackson@gmail.com to learn more.