FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401 Organized 1731

Service for the Lord's Day Second Sunday In Lent March 16, 2025 at 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.



Abraham's Farewell to Ishmael, 1987 by George Segal

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

THE VISION OF GOD

Prelude on "Song 46" Dr. Anthony Williams, Organist (8:45) "Have Mercy, God, Eternal Father" BWV 669 "Have Mercy, Christ, Savior of the World" BWV 670 Lee Kohlenberg, Organist (11:15)

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

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

Katherine Clarkson, Soprano; Timmi Winston, Mezzo-Soprano (8:45) *Kirk*. *Choir* (11:15)

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is with his people and dwells in their midst!

All: We worship and serve the One who renews our strength.

One: God's Holy Spirit leads us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

All: We worship and serve the One who sanctifies our deepest distress.

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" **†PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

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 and need. Like the psalmist, we cry: "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?" Yet in our distress, we must also confess that we are the ones who have turned away from you. You bore the weight of our sins on the cross, O Lord, yet we bend and even break under the slightest pressure. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us to trust that, even in the darkness, the story of our life does not end in forsakenness, but in the victory over death that you have secured for us in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose blessed name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; **†**GLORIA PATRI As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

"The Wise Man Built His House Upon The Rock" **†CHILDREN'S HYMN**

> The wise man built his house upon the rock. The wise man built his house upon the rock. The wise man built his house upon the rock, and the rains came tumbling down.

The rains came down, and the floods came up. The rains came down, and the floods came up. The rains came down, and the floods came up, and the house on the rock stood firm.

† Those who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

K. Lee Scott

The Rev. Dr. Peter R. B. Sutton

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

Hymn No. 84

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

Leo Sowerby

J. S. Bach

"My Soul Waits for the Lord"

The Word of God

THE TIME WITH CHILDREN

THE WORD ENACTED

THE TIME FOR TEENS

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD READ

Old Testament: Genesis 21: 1-21 New Testament: Matthew 27: 32-56 ildren's Church.) John McNeill (8:45)

The Rev. Dr. Peter R. B. Sutton

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:15)

John Witty (11:15) (pew Bible, page 14)

(pew Bible, page 810)

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"MY GOD, MY GOD, Why Have you Forsaken Me?"

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 Sacred Head, Now Wounded"	Hymn No. 98
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

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	"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"	arr. Lloyd Larson
	Katherine Clarkson, Soprano; Timmi Winston, Mezzo-Soprano (8:45)	
	"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"	Bryan L. Greer
	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

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Hymn No. 151

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

†Hymn of Commitment **†**Charge and Benediction **†**Benediction Response **†**Postlude

"Amen"

"Allabreve in D" Dr. Anthony Williams, Organist (8:45) "Have Mercy, God the Holy Spirit" BWV 671 Lee Kohlenberg, Organist (11:15)

J. S. Bach

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John Stainer

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be administered during the 11:15 a.m. service to **Preston Lewis Stewart** and **Travis Corey Stewart**. **Preston** is the son of **Travis Corey Stewart** and **Brooker Leigh Stewart** and **Grandson of Debbie Brooker**. **Preston** and **Travis** will be baptized by **The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.** and assisted by **Elizabeth Riddle**. **Elder Elizabeth Riddle** will deliver a Baptismal Prayer.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of her husband Chris, in celebration of what would've been his 77th birthday, by Julie Smith.

The pedestal flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in appreciation to the Office Staff for their patience and tolerance of people nicknamed Duckie by Debbie Rice-Marko.

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 Harold Davis (11:15).

Assisting with the Service Today

8:45 A.M. GREETER:	COFFEE GREET	TER: 11:15 A.M. GREETERS:		
Julianne Farnsworth	Bonnie Hutson	on Elizabeth Riddle, Maggie Wall		
8:45 A.M. USHERS:		11:15 A.M. USHERS:		
Mikell Thaxton (Captain), Chad Covert,		Grayson Liner (Captain), Keith Blake,		
Rachel Herbet, John Metcalf, George Smythe		Bob Ross, Chase McNair, Bobby Sumner, Gary Gildersleeve		
8:45 A.M. DEACONS:		11:15 A.M. DEACONS:		
Margaret Ann Pearson (Lead Deacon), Joanne Mauldin		Catie Smith (Lead Deacon), Kathy Rhodes		
8:45 A.M. BEADLE:		11:15 A.M. BEADLE:		
Bill Prewitt		Bobby Sumner		
8:45 A.M. LAY READER:		11:15 A.M. LAY READER:		
John McNeill		John Witty		

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Bucknam

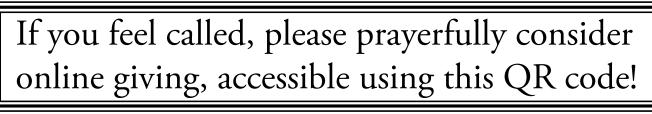
ELDER ON CALL (March 17 - 23) - Ryan Glenn (843) 442-8967

DEACON ON CALL (March 17 - 23) - Bonnie Hutson (843) 697-5001

PASTOR ON CALL: (March 17 - 23) - The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. (865) 456-2235

Welcome to First (Scots)

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Calendar of Events March 17-23

Monday, March 17

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. Christian Ed Meeting, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Congregational Care Meeting, 6 - 7 p.m. Diaconate Meeting, 7 - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, 7 - 8 a.m. Charlestowne Neighborhood Assoc. 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19

Women's Bible Study, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Kirk Club, 4 - 5:30 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 p.m. Financial Peace University, 6:15 - 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, March 20

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. Greece Trip Informational Meeting, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. The Women at the Well - Offsite, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 23

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.

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.



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!



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, Walk for Water events have raised millions across the United States and around the world. First (Scots) is a sponsor for this event, so 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!





Menu

Corned Beef (GF), Cabbage and Carrots (GF), Mixed Green Salad (GF), Roasted Red Potatoes (GF), Sticky Toffee Pudding Cake

Kid's Menu

Cheese Quesadillas, Raw fruit/veggies

Scan the QR Code to RSVP.

Greece Informational Meeting

We hope you'll join us on Thursday, March 20 at 5:30 p.m. to learn more about the exciting trip to Greece with Drs. Siegling and Massie. The inspiring journey includes stops where Paul preached, wrote, and shaped the early Church. The trip is planned for May 18-27, 2026.



The 1731 Legacy Society honors and thanks those who reach beyond their own lives to ensure their gift to future generations attending First Scots Church.

Community Lenten Service and Wednesday Night Supper Events

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, March 19, First (Scots) Presbyterian Church will host the service. On Wednesday, March 26, St. John's Lutheran Church will serve as host. Please see the full schedule in the flyer located at the Usher station.



For the next three Wednesday Supper programs, Dr. Peter Sutton will take us on a Lenten journey through Art. The second work, *Abraham's Farewell to Ishmael*, can be found on the cover of the bulletin for this Sunday.

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 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. and is open to children ages 4 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!





Young Adult Gatherings

We have some exciting events planned to see how we can best engage with and support the young adult members of our congregation!

Young Adults without Children: Sunday, March 23, 5 - 6:30 p.m. at The Blind Tiger Pub Join Peter Sutton for a relaxing adults-only evening as we get together at The Blind Tiger Pub at 36 Broad Street. Appetizers will be provided, but the event is BYOB (buy your own beverage). Scan the QR code to RSVP!



Young Adults with Children: 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.



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!



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 meet of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is Monday, March 17. 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). 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 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

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.

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.

Donate to the

Kairos Prison Ministry

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We are collecting individually wrapped sweet/salty snacks for the Kairos Prison Ministry Retreat on March 19-23. Mary Robinson and Trudy Marosok will attend. Your prayer support is appreciated. Any financial contributions can be made to KAIROS SC. All donations can be delivered to the church office.

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.

Lenten Women's Bible Study on Tuesday Evenings



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, especially 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 halfsouthern1@gmail.com or Martha Jane Hudnall at mj.hudnall@comcast.net









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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.

Youth Workday Success

On Saturday, March 8, members of our California and Charlotte mission teams participated in a workday fundraiser throughout Charleston. Twenty youth and adults formed five work groups and served at seven worksites raising over \$2,500 in support of our summer mission trips. Special thanks to our worksite hosts! Check out a few photos of this special day: Youth Workday Photo Album.

Gh Croup on March

High School Youth: Lunch for Oldest Members of the Church

On Sunday, March 16 from 12:15 - 2 p.m., the high school youth, California mission team, and Presbyterian Women are hosting a special St. Patrick's Day themed lunch for the oldest members of our church (those 80+ years old and their spouses have been invited). Please be sure to sign up for your specific role using our St. Patrick's Day Lunch SignUpGenius. Then meet in Molly Wier Hall at the time specified for your role and be ready to serve as a meal prep assistant, greeter, prayer leader, table conversation leader, meal assistant, trivia game leader, or benediction leader. After the lunch, we'll clean up Molly Wier Hall and finish at 2 p.m.

Middle School Youth: Pet Helpers

On Sunday, March 16 from 12:15 - 3:15 p.m., the middle school youth, confirmation class, and Charlotte mission team are volunteering at Pet Helpers, a rescue and adoption center for dogs and cats. We'll gather for lunch in the Kirk House following the 11:15 a.m. worship service before driving to Pet Helpers. Possible projects include laundry,

dishes, yard cleaning, and organizing. We'll be working around animals so please dress accordingly and take any needed allergy medications. Reserve your spot using the Pet Helpers SignUpGenius. Also, have a parent complete a Youth Permission and Release Statement, if you haven't turned one in for 2024-2025. The group plans to return to the Kirk House at 3:15 p.m.

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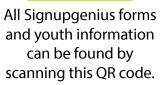
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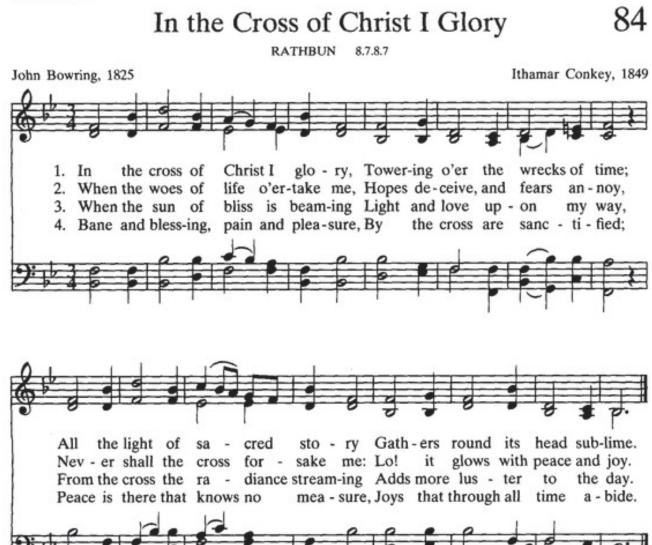




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Galatians 6:14





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Crown Him with Many Crowns

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Matthew Bridges, 1851 George Job Elvey, 1868 1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne; 2. Crown Him the Lord of love; Be hold His hands and side, 3. Crown Him the Lord of power a scep - ter peace; Whose sways 4. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Po - ten - tate of time; Hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own! Rich wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied: to pole, that wars may cease, Ab-sorbed in prayer and praise: From pole tor of the roll-ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly Cre - a sub - lime. sing Of Him who died for thee, A - wake, my soul, and No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, end; And round His pierc - ed feet His reign shall know no hail! For Thou hast died for All hail, Re - deem - er, me; And hail Him as thy match-less King Through all e - ter-ni - ty. But down-ward bends his burn-ing eye At mys-ter - ies so bright. Fair flowers of Par - a - dise ex - tend Their fra-grance ev-er sweet. Thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through-out e - ter-ni - ty.