

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER



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Serving God in Charleston and the world

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SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

10 A.M. SERVICE

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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. Peter R. B. Sutton

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

“Make a Joyful Noise”

Isadore Freed

Kirk Choir

†CALL TO WORSHIP

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

One: In the last days it shall come to pass that God's Spirit is poured out on all flesh.

All: Sons and daughters shall prophesy, young men shall see visions and old men shall dream dreams.

One: On the captives, both men and women, God's Spirit will be poured out, and they shall prophesy.

All: Let us call upon the name of the Lord, who alone has given us salvation.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Hymn No. 482

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

“Seek Ye First”

Hymn No. 333

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia, alleluia.*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Alleluia, alleluia.*

† Those who are able, please stand.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE TIME WITH CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Peter R. B. Sutton

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Julianne Farnsworth

THE WORD READ

Old Testament: 1 Kings 19:9-13

(pew Bible, page 284)

New Testament: John 15:1-13

(pew Bible, page 878)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“TRANSFORMED THROUGH SERVICE”

The Rev. Dr. Peter R. B. Sutton

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

“Abide With Me”

Hymn No. 543

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

“Amazing Grace”

Marianne Forman/ed. Dan Forrest

†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

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Hymn No. 210

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Gary D. Noonan

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“In Perfect Peace”

K. Lee Scott

†POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”

Kenneth Leighton

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

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 docent is Graham Heller.

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETERS:

Byron Frick, Jack Callahan

USHERS:

David Neff (Captain), Kent Owens,
Paige Owens, Dawson Smith, Adam Yount

DEACONS:

Susannah Spath (Lead Deacon), Emily Topham

BEADLE:

Regina Yost

LAY READER:

Julianne Farnsworth

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Bucknam

ELDER ON CALL: (May 26 - June 1) - Matt Spath (843) 324-5990

DEACON ON CALL: (May 26 - June 1) - Heidi Whaley (843) 607-0331

PASTOR ON CALL: (May 26 - June 1) - The Rev. Dr. Peter R. B. Sutton (843) 805-2506

FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of John Chrisman Hawk, Jr. from the Children and Grandchildren of John and Nancy Hawk.



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

Karen Kuhn, Administrative Assistant
Donna Lawson, Day Porter
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



Vacation Bible School

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 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." Scan the QR code to sign up. Need help registering? Call (843) 722-8882 and ask for Scarlett or Dakota. We hope to see you there!



New Members



Jane Dixon joins us by reaffirmation of faith. Having spent much of her church life in the Catholic Church, her history in Charleston lended itself to an extensive search for a new church home. Jane spent much of her life in Providence, Rhode Island, where one of her two adult children live, the other one lives in London. Jane has already begun to plug into the life and ministry of our church family and has also enjoyed her previous involvement in such ministries as Habitat for Humanity.

Laura and J.R. Barnhart have been visiting with us for about 6 months, and they join us by Letter of Transfer from a sister church in our area (St. Michael's). They both went to the University of Alabama, though they met after graduation. As their life unfolded before them, they had the opportunity to consider where they wanted to live and raise a family, and they decided upon Charleston (J.R. works with the College of Charleston, with their endowment). They moved here in 2013 and live just a few blocks from the church. They have two children, Elizabeth who is 9 and William who is 7, both of whom are students at Porter Gaud. They enjoy being outdoors and spending time as a family and can often be found on Sullivan's Island.

