

# FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401*

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 13, 2025 AT 10 A.M.



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

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

**PRELUDE**

"Little Prelude in C"  
*Jessica Minahan White, Pianist*

J. S. Bach

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

**WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP**

Pastor Mary B. Robinson

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Cancer Companions

Holly Wise and Ned Forney

**†PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

"God is in this Holy Place"  
*Sofi Unsworth, Soprano*

Johannes Brahms  
arr. Hal H. Hopson

**†CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Rev. Dr. Peter R. B. Sutton

One: The world cries to us in its distress. How shall we answer?

**All: We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.**

One: How shall we answer?

**All: We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.**

One: How shall we answer?

**All: We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation and compassion wherever we can.  
In Jesus' Holy Name. Amen.**

**†PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"God is Here!"

Hymn No. 461

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Lord, sometimes we are confused. We hear the bad news continually shouted on TV, radio, in newspapers, and magazines. The whole world seems to be shrieking in pain. Innocent people are being destroyed by the whims of the wicked. Disease and pestilence reign supreme in too many parts of the world. We turn an indifferent ear to the cries of others, often because we are so overwhelmed by the needs and feel helpless in the face of such chaos. We close our eyes. We walk away, often crossing over to the side of self-importance and indifference because we are afraid to become involved. We succumb to those pressures in our fear. Help us, O Lord. Heal our spirits as well as our bodies. Open our hearts and our eyes to see you, O Christ, that we may be empowered to service rather than apathy. Forgive us, Lord, forgive us. Make us ready to truly become your disciples. For we ask these things in Jesus' name. 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.*

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

## †CHILDREN’S HYMN

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Hymn No. 482 (Verse 1)

*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE TIME WITH CHILDREN

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

### THE TIME FOR TEENS

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Slade Metcalf

### THE WORD READ

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

(pew Bible, page 163)

New Testament: Luke 10:25-37

(pew Bible, page 844)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR”

Pastor Mary B. Robinson

## 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

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”

Hymn No. 367

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Peter R. B. Sutton

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

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. Lloyd Larson

*Sofi Unsworth, Soprano*

## †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	“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”	Hymn No. 372
†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		Pastor Mary B. Robinson
†BENEDICTION RESPONSE	“Christ, Now Go Before Us” <i>Sofi Unsworth, Soprano</i>	Franz Schubert/arr. Hal H. Hopson
†POSTLUDE	“Gigue” from <i>French Suite No. V BWV 577</i> <i>Jessica Minahan White, Pianist</i>	J. S. Bach

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

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are in loving memory of Suzanne Randall Cross on the 100th anniversary of her birth (July 14, 1925) given by Christine and Tommy McGee.*

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 Harold Davis.

### **ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY**

**GREETERS:** Julianne Farnsworth, Todd Garrett

**LEMONADE IN THE SHADE:** Elizabeth Bernat

**USHERS:** David Warren (Captain), Dan McClam, Meredith Jasso, Chase Jasso, Greg Sheppard

**DEACONS:** Heidi Whaley (Lead Deacon), Will DesChamps

**BEADLE:** Bob Baldwin

**LAY READER:** Slade Metcalf

**MEDIA MINISTRY:** Matt Bucknam

**ELDER ON CALL: (July 14 - 20)** - Betsy Martin (843) 670-5870

**DEACON ON CALL: (July 14 - 20)** - Legare Gresham (843) 344-3202

**PASTOR ON CALL: (July 14 - 20)** - Pastor Mary B. Robinson (843) 872-1527



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The Reverend Dr. Daniel W. Massie, Pastor Emeritus



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Chef Robyn Guisto, Food Services Director  
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Donna Lawson, Day Porter  
Shelby Olinger, Church Accountant  
Meredith Sharma, Cherub and Alleluia Choir Director  
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 July 14 - 20

### Monday, July 14

Monday Prayer Group, 12 - 1 p.m.  
Bridge, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

### Thursday, July 17

Line Dancing, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
Lectio Divina, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

## Nursery Help Needed!

The nursery is hiring for summer and beyond! If you are at least 14 years old and enjoy working with kids, please consider applying. Contact Emma Seiss at [emma.seiss@gmail.com](mailto:emma.seiss@gmail.com) if interested.



## July Line Dancing!

If you and any of your friends want a cool spot to engage in both fun exercise and fellowship, please come to Molly Wier Hall on the following Thursday mornings (9:30-11:30 a.m.): July 17, and 24. Our Scotties will be dancing to such tunes as Boot Scootin' Boogie, Stand By Me, Marvin Gaye, Country as a Boy can Be, Cry to Me, Boots on the Ground, The Door and many more.



Please contact Pam Arnett for additional information at [pampagearnett@gmail.com](mailto:pampagearnett@gmail.com).

Join us on the portico after the service for some lemonade in the shade!



## Hands of Christ

The mission of Hands of Christ is to provide school uniforms and school supplies



to children in need. Please join First (Scots) and Second Presbyterian church to be a part of the in-person distribution at Second Presbyterian on Saturday, July 26, from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Come be the Hands of Christ reaching out to help every child have a positive, exciting beginning of school! Sign-up sheets and information will be on the portico after church each Sunday of July, or you can sign up by scanning the QR code. For more information and other distribution dates and locations, visit [www.handsofchrist.net](http://www.handsofchrist.net) or call Betsy Martin (843) 670-5870.



Scan to sign up!

## Open Door Initiative

How many pass the gates of our historic church daily, longing for a moment of rest? The Evangelism Committee offers a new program at First (Scots), opening our sanctuary to visitors during regular weekday hours this summer, and we need your help! Volunteer to serve as hosts in our sanctuary during business hours. No special knowledge is required. Do you hear the call? Contact Rob Dillon at (843) 670-8002 or [DillonR@fwgna.org](mailto:DillonR@fwgna.org).



## Save the Date for S.T.E.P.S.

**S.T.E.P.S.- Studying + Teaching + Equipping + Praying + Serving:** is a wonderful opportunity for church members to enrich their faith and understanding of the church. S.T.E.P.S. will take place on Saturday, August 23. You can find registration information by scanning the QR code or on the presbytery website. Printed brochures have been mailed to your church. We hope to see you at S.T.E.P.S. 2025 exploring ways we can grow and share our faith.



## CALIFORNIA MISSION TRIP

Please keep the California Mission Team in your prayers this week: Tate Bernard, Anc Clarkson, Cecilia Ford, Charlie Hider, Wesley Hider, Hewitt McKenzie, Sam Rowe, Campbell Smith, Lilley Sullivan, Baker Wallace, Anne Werber, Greer Woodward, and Porter Yount (youth); Clarissa McKenzie, Greg McKenzie, James Rogers, Carrie Simpson, and Mark Zuraw (chaperones). From July 13-20 this group will partner with Tiny Pine Foundation, Paradise Stronger, and Habitat for Humanity in support of the rebuilding of the community of Paradise and surrounding areas following the 2018 Camp Fire wildfire.



## YOUTH GROUP LUNCH, JULY 15



Our seventh weekly youth lunch of the summer is Tuesday, July 15 from 12-1:30 p.m. Meet at Raising Cane's in Mt. Pleasant and bring \$ for lunch. This summer each Tuesday youth lunch will feature time for fellowship, food, and a brief devotion. Since eating out can get expensive, join us when you can, but don't feel obligated to come every week. The summer schedule includes the meeting location and links to each restaurant's website, so you can view the menu and prices.

## MONTREAT MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH CONFERENCE AT MARYVILLE

Please keep the following youth and adults in your prayers this week as they attend the "Wonder Full" Montreat Middle School Youth Conference at Maryville College (July 16-20): Carson Benton, Scout Bolt, Quinn Darby, Victoria Evans, Stella Hider, Simon Ladd, Dawson Newberry, Oliver Riddle, Kitty Smith, Max Villas-Boas, McKenzie Warren, and Seraphina Wood (youth); Will Siegling and David & Denee Warren (chaperones). This group was commissioned along with our Montreat High School Youth Conference participants during worship on June 1.



## VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

All middle school and high school youth are encouraged to volunteer at this year's Vacation Bible School from July 28-August 1 (8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.). Sign up using the Youth Volunteer slot at the bottom of the VBS Volunteer SignUpGenius. Email Ansley Feussner if you have any questions.

## HANDS OF CHRIST AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN

Help give out clothes and school supplies to children in our community on Saturday, July 26, from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church. A few volunteers are also needed to help with the set-up on Wednesday, July 23, at 4 p.m. Sign up by completing the Hands of Christ Jotform or by contacting Betsy Martin (843-670-5870 or martine@cofc.edu). Saturday volunteers should arrive earlier than distribution time. Meet at Second Presbyterian.



YOUTH GROUP LINKTREE

## 1731 Legacy Society

By planning ahead, you can meet charitable goals, reduce your taxable income and create a meaningful legacy for the future, all without affecting your current assets or cash flow. You can contact Bill Prewitt directly at (843) 620-0158 or wmcprewitt@gmail.com to learn more.



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**SATURDAY 7.19.25**

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There's no room for "I"! Cross me out and make a **t**. **t** is for team.