

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 31, 2025 AT 10 A.M.



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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PASTOR MARY B. ROBINSON
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THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Prelude in D-flat Major”

Frederic Chopin

(May the beginning of the prelude serve as a call to silent meditation and prayer.
You are welcome to use this time to mark your attendance in the pew friendship pads.)

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

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

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Rally Day

Elizabeth Riddle

CHORAL INTROIT

“Praise the Lord, Be Joyful”
Summer Choir

Franz Joseph Haydn
arr. Hal H. Hopson

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Peter R. B. Sutton

One: God calls us to service

All: rather than honor.

One: God calls us to love the stranger,

All: not simply the friend.

One: We come to this time of worship,

All: trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

One: who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hymn No. 356

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength. Open us to your Spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone. We pray 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.*

†CHILDREN'S HYMN

“This Little Light of Mine”

African-American Spiritual

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

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

Bob Ross

THE WORD READ

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14
New Testament: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

(pew Bible, page 849)
(pew Bible, page 979)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"ENTERTAINING ANGELS"

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

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

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

Hymn No. 421

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

(As the offering plates are passed down each aisle, we celebrate those who contribute through various means, including electronically, by texting FIRSTSCOTS to 73256, or by scanning the QR code on the bulletin insert.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"The Lord's My Shepherd"
Summer Choir

Bob Chilcott

†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

"O for a World"

Hymn No. 386

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Christ, Now Go Before Us"

Franz Schubert/arr. Hal H. Hopson

†POSTLUDE

"Impromptu in F Major"

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

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

*The flowers in the sanctuary are in celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of
Charlotte and Strait Fairey on September 9, 2025.*

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 L.W. McAnally.

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETERS: Betsy Martin, Byron Frick

LEMONADE IN THE SHADE: Debbie Rice-Marko

USHERS: Jon Carter (Captain), David McCormack, Margaret McCormack, Lindsey Melville,
George Smythe, Todd Plaxco

DEACONS: Mayrelle Semken (Lead Deacon), Whitney Stoddard

BEADLE: Jan Key

LAY READER: Bob Ross

ELDER ON CALL: (September 1 - 7) - Todd Garrett (843) 408-8846

DEACON ON CALL: (September 1 - 7) - Joanne Mauldin (803) 493-2287

PASTOR ON CALL: (September 1- 7) - The Rev. Dr. Peter R. B. Sutton (843) 805-2506



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
Ashley DesChamps, Christian Education Assistant
Dr. Anthony Williams, Director of Music and Organist

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
Garry Stone, Facility Maintenance Coordinator
Christina Wilhoit, Handbell Choir Director

Welcome to First (Scots)

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



New Members Class
The Evangelism Committee invites you to join our next Membership inquiry class on Saturday, September 13 from 9 - 11 a.m. Please contact Karen at the church office at (843) 722-8882 to sign up.

Calendar of Events September 1 - 7

Monday, September 1

Labor Day, Church and Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2

Tuesday Morning Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, 7 - 8 a.m.

PW Board Meeting, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 4

Lectio Divina, 10 - 11 a.m.

Thursday Tabletalk, 12 - 1 p.m.

Sunday, September 7

Return to two services, 8:45 and 11:15 a.m.

Youth Group Kickoff Party, 5 - 7 p.m.



Kirk Club Registration



Scan me to sign up!



Registration for Kirk Club is now open for 2025-26! Kirk Club is an awesome opportunity for your kids to learn, play, and make new friends! This group also includes membership in the children's choir. Our first day is Wednesday, September 10 and drop off begins at 3:30 p.m., running until 5:40 p.m. The registration fee is \$100 per child, and you can scan the QR code to sign up. We hope to see you there!



Rally Day The Christian Education Committee invites all to a special breakfast on Sunday, September 7, at 10 a.m. Rally day is a long standing tradition at First (Scots), where congregants can meet their Christian Ed leaders and learn more about our congregational life. Our theme this year is, "Built on Witness, Bound to Christ," and the scripture is Hebrews 12:1.

Pastoral Care

First (Scots) offers many services in times of need. If you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized, or if you need care yourself, please call the church office during daytime hours at (843) 722-8882. After hours, call or text our Parish Associate, Mary Robinson, (843) 872-1527 or the on-call minister.

Join Congregational Care!

The Congregational Care Committee is seeking new members. If interested, please contact Anna Smith at (843) 729-9241. If you know of members in need of support and not listed in Joys and Concerns, please send them to Anna.

All women of First (Scots) are invited to **both** of our September 23 gatherings. This is a great time to meet other women of the church, socialize, and enjoy some refreshments! Details below.



10 - 11:30 a.m.

Morning Fellowship at SC Society Hall, 72 Meeting St.



6 - 7:30 p.m.

Evening Fellowship in the downtown home of Betsy Martin



Contact Betsy Middleton (epmiddle230@gmail.com) or Christy Siegling (sieglingchristy@gmail.com) to RSVP.

Don't forget! The next Presbyterian Women board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 2 at 9:30 a.m. in the Massie Building Conference Room. To learn more, contact Jane Davis at Birdgirl59@yahoo.com



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Youth Group
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Confirmation Class Invitation

Eighth graders and older youth who have not completed the program are invited to be a part of the 2026 First (Scots) Confirmation Class. Confirmation is an eight-month process that prepares youth to publicly profess faith in Jesus Christ and become adult members of the church. Confirmation class will meet most Sundays from 10-11 a.m. in the Kirk House (62 King Street; second floor classroom) from September 14 through May 3, when the class will have the opportunity to be welcomed as adult members at the 11:15 a.m. service. Youth can register by completing the Confirmation Class of 2026 Jotform by September 1 and should invite an adult to serve as their personal Confirmation Mentor. Questions? Please contact James Rogers.



Youth Group Kickoff Party, September 7

All youth in grades six through twelve and their parents are invited to attend our Youth Group Kickoff Party on Sunday, September 7 at 5 p.m. in Molly Wier Hall. We will be enjoying food, playing fun games, and learning about upcoming youth activities! Please add this important event to your calendar.



TUESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY

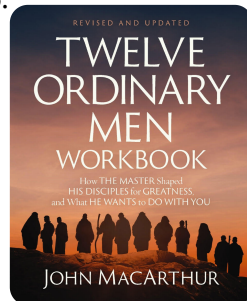
Learn about the men who walked with Jesus during His earthly life. If Jesus can use these ordinary men, He can use us, too.

DATES: September 16 ~ November 18, 2025

TIME: Tuesday evenings from 5:30 p.m. ~ 6:30 p.m. in room 203 of the Massie Building

WORKBOOK: *Twelve Ordinary Men* by John MacArthur (Revised and Updated, 2025)

RSVP: Martha Jane Hudnall (mj.hudnall@comcast.net) or Ruthie Edwards (halfsouthern1@gmail.com)

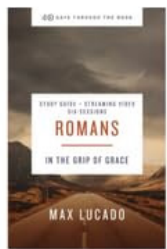


1731 Legacy Society

Come celebrate at Rally Day on September 7, when we recognize those who have become new members the 1731 Legacy Society. Contact Bill Prewitt (843-620-0158 or wmcprewitt@gmail.com) to learn more.



WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY



This fall, beginning September 17, we will follow Max Lucado's study, *Romans: In the Grip of Grace*. For six weeks, we will be led through the letter from Paul to the Romans, revealing what the apostle's words meant to his original readers and how they apply to each of us today. Contact Amy Shubert at ashubert27@gmail.com to learn more.

Transportation Ministry

Are you in need of transportation to and from church services? The Evangelism Committee would like to know if you would benefit from transportation assistance. We are also looking for volunteers interested in assisting in transportation for this ministry. If either apply to you, please contact Karen Kuhn in the church office at (843) 722-8882.

Grief Support Group

The Congregational Care Committee is pleased to announce the formation of a grief support group for widows and widowers based on the premise of Koinonia - meeting in each other's homes for fellowship, a meal, and support. Please watch for more details or email Karolea Lucas (karolealucas@msn.com).

To the Believers at First (Scots):

(This note was received by the church and printed in the worship bulletin a number of years ago)

I never got the chance to say good-bye and wish you all well. My time at First (Scots) was brief, but I wanted to give thanks for all of you whom I met. First I must thank all who attend and prepare the Wednesday Night Suppers, for this is how I first came to First (Scots). Thank you for charity, thank you for providing a meal to a hungry person, and a great special thanks for the gentleman (who I believe coordinates the meals or did at the meals I ate). He always made sure I got enough to eat and greeted me with a smile saying, "We're glad you came," knowing I could not pay. His name escapes me but his face is clear in my mind's eye, and his love is still present in my heart. There were so many of you that demonstrated love to me, I give God thanks. May the God who knows all teach you something new this week. May the God who is One in Trinity make this body of believers one in Spirit and Love, may your eyes be opened to the truth that in Christ there is neither male or female, rich or poor, white or black. May God bring new believers from all walks of life.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 356

Robert Robinson, c. 1758

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Tune: NETTLETON, opposite.

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 357

Washington Gladden, 1879

MARYTON LM

Henry Percy Smith, 1874

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal ensemble (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first line corresponding to the first four measures of the vocal entry.

1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with Thee In low - ly
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,
 3. Teach me Thy pa - tience; still with Thee In clos - er,
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the

paths of ser - vice free; Tell me Thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way; In peace that on - ly

help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, And guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 Thou canst give, With Thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

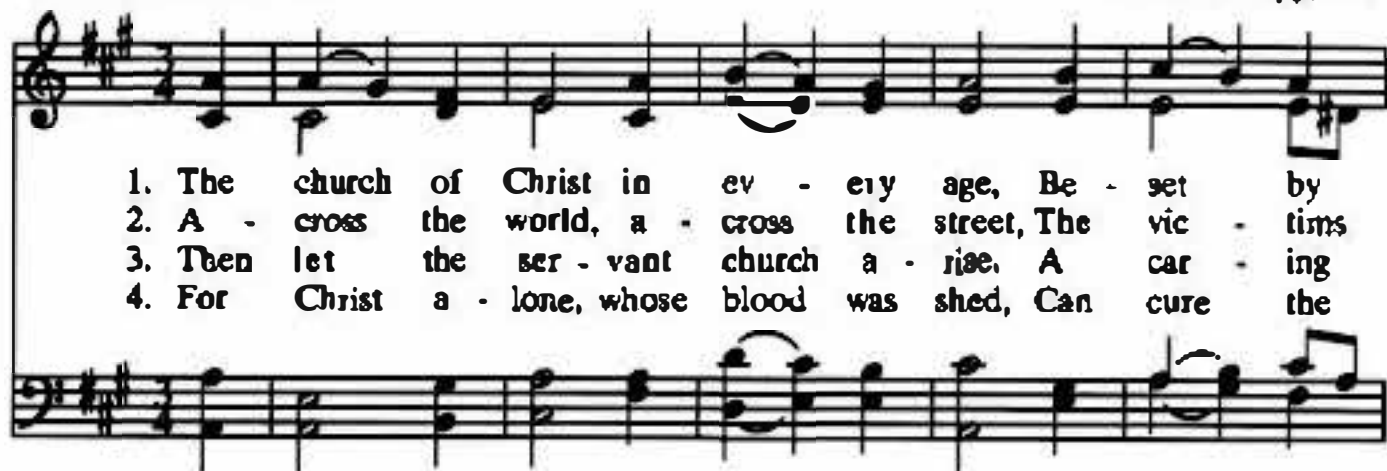
The Church of Christ in Every Age

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WAREHAM LM

Fred Pratt Green, 1969

William Knapp, 1738



1. The church of Christ in ev - ery age, Be - set by
 2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, The vic - tims
 3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, A car - ing
 4. For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the



change but Spir - it led, Must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry For shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be A part - oer in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, And teach us how to



her - i - tage And keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, And nev - er live un - til they die.
 sac - ri - fice, And clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread And feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.

5. We have no mission but to serve
 In full obedience to our Lord:

To care for all, without reserve,
 And spread Christ's liberating word.

Another harmonization of this tune, 266

BALLERMA: C. M.

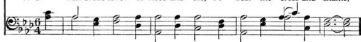
Melody by François H. Barthélemon (1741-1805)

Adapted by Robert Simpson: pub. 1833

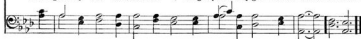
John Newton. 1779



1. Ap - proach, my soul, the mer - cy seat, Where Je - sus an - swers prayer;
 2. Thy prom - ise is my on - ly plea, With this I ven - ture nigh;
 3. Bowed down be - neath a load of sin, By Sa - tan sore - ly pressed,
 4. Be Thou my shield and hid - ing place, That, shel - tered near Thy side,
 5. O won - drous love! to bleed and die, To bear the cross and shame,



- There hum - bly fall be - fore His feet, For none can per - ish there.
 Thou call - est bur - dened souls to Thee, And such, O Lord, am I.
 By war with - out and fears with - in, I come to Thee for rest.
 I may my fierce ac - cus - er face, And tell him Thou hast died!
 That guilt - y sin - ners, such as I, Might plead Thy gra - cious name. A - MEN.



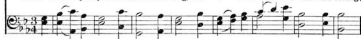
ROCKINGHAM OLD: L. M.

Source unknown

Adapted by Edward Miller. 1790

From Psalm 142
The Psalter, 1912

1. To God my ear - nest voice I raise, To God my voice im - plor - ing prays;
 2. When gloom and sor - row com - pass me, The path I take is known to Thee,
 3. O Lord, my Sav - iour, now to Thee, With - out a hope be - sides, I flee,
 4. Be Thou my help when trou - bles throng, For I am weak and foes are strong;



- Be - fore His face my grief I show And tell my trou - ble and my woe.
 And all the toils that foes do lay To snare Thy serv - ant in his way.
 To Thee, my shel - ter from the strife, My por - tion in the land of life.
 My cap - tive soul from pris - on bring, And thank - ful prais - es I will sing. A - MEN.

