FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401 Organized 1731

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
COMMITMENT SUNDAY
OCTOBER 26, 2025 AT 10 A.M.



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

THE REV. DR. PETER R. B. SUTTON ASSOCIATE PASTOR THE REV. DR. JAMES T. ROGERS
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Serving God in Charleston and the world

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

THE VISION OF GOD

10 A.M. SERVICE

PRELUDE

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"
"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Handbell Choir

arr. Sandra Eithun arr. Sandra Eithun

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

"This Is My Father's World"

Cherub Choir, Alleluia Choir, Kirk Choristers

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Almighty God, Lord of All, you instruct us to give bountifully and cheerfully.

All: In our worship this day, we offer back to you, without hesitation or pressure, a portion of the time, talent, and treasure you have generously bestowed upon us.

One: We worship you in the knowledge that our wealth is measured not by what we have but by what we give away;

All: that as the fullness of our lives is offered joyfully and even extravagantly, the world is blessed, and we are blessed.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Hymn No. 260

PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Rev. Dr. Peter R. B. Sutton

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and Everlasting God, we long to be faithful stewards of your everyday banquets of grace, to serve you and one another with glad and generous hearts. Forgive us when our thoughts, words, and deeds are offered sparingly, and when our spiritual posture is more begrudging than bountiful. Restore us again to a right spirit, lived with cheerfulness and always in joyful response to you, O Lord, the very one from whom all blessings flow. In Jesus' 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

"Give Me Oil in My Lamp"

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving. Give me love in my heart, I pray. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving. Keep me serving till the break of day.

Sing hosannah, sing hosannah. Sing hosannah to the King of Kings. Sing hosannah, sing hosannah. Sing hosannah to the King.

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

Jim Ailor

"We Will Sing Praise" Cherub Choir, Alleluia Choir, Kirk Choristers

THE TIME FOR CHILDREN

† Those who are able, please stand.

THE WORD ENACTED

The Sacrament of Baptism

THE TIME FOR TEENS

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Keith Blake

THE WORD READ Old Testament: Joshua 3:7-17

(pew Bible, page 170)

New Testament: Hebrews 12:1-2

(pew Bible, page 978)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"CARRYING THE BATON"

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

"Take My Life"

Hymn No. 391

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Mary 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 is 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)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

Philip W. Stopford

Kirk Choir

†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.

†LITANY OF DEDICATION

One: Eternal God, You are our Rock and our Redeemer,

All: and Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, the very foundation upon which our lives are built.

One: Accept our profound gratitude for all of the blessings that we have received from your hand, gracious God,

All: and for the time, the talents, and the earthly treasures you have entrusted to us stewards of your grace.

One: We commit ourselves afresh to building upon the foundation of Jesus Christ in our individual, family, and church relationships.

All: As we have come before you this day with our tithes and offerings, and as we consider our financial pledges for the year ahead, give us the grace of generosity that our living and giving might honor you and serve all of your children here at First (Scots) and far beyond the walls of this place; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(During this hymn, you are invited to place your commitment card in the basket on the Communion Table)

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"The Peace of God"

John Rutter

†POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Michael Burkhardt

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be administered during today's service to Paul Tate Finnen (Tate) son of Davis Atherton Finnen and Catherine Taylor Finnen. Tate will be baptized by The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr., assisted by The Rev. Dr. Peter R. B. Sutton.

Elder David Hay will deliver a prayer of dedication.

FLOWERS: The flowers in the choir loft are given in celebration of the wedding of Isabel Brown and Daniel McClam who were married at First (Scots) Saturday evening.

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 Anna Smith.

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETERS: Lynn Graves, Bob Baldwin

USHERS: John Witty (Captain), Anne Dukes, Matt Thomas, Chase McNair, Nancy Edge, Greg McKenzie **DEACONS:** Anna Smith (Lead Deacon), Emily Topham **BEADLE:** Jan Key **LAY READER:** Keith Blake

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Bucknam

HANDBELL RINGERS: Diane Brooks, Anne Smith, Amanda Henley, Caroline Barnes, Helen Reid, Anne Lewis BELL RINGERS: Elaine Neff, Matt Johnson, Kenneth Johnson

ELDER ON CALL (October 27 - November 2) - Beth Evans (843) 860-4882

DEACON ON CALL (October 27 - November 2) - Jason Wall (252) 341-9479

PASTOR ON CALL: (October 27 - November 2) - The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. (865) 456-2235



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 Scarlett Crawford, Church Administrator Jennifer Cromwell, Kindergarten Director Ashley DesChamps, Christian Education Assistant Chef Robyn Guisto, Food Services Director Karen Kuhn, Administrative Assistant
Donna Lawson, Day Porter
Shelby Olinger, Church Accountant
Anne-Clark Peters, Communications Coordinator
Meredith Sharma, Cherub and Alleluia Choir Director
Garry Stone, Facility Maintenance Coordinator
Christina Wilhoit, Handbell Choir Director

Welcome to First (Scots)

Calendar of Events October 27-November 2 Monday, October 27

Worship Staff Meeting, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
General Staff Meeting, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Monday Prayer Group, 12 - 1 p.m.
Bridge, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Security Committee, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
World Missions Committee, 6 - 6:45 p.m.
Finance Committee, 6 - 7 p.m.
Stewardship Committee, 6 - 7 p.m.
Session Meeting, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 28

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study - 7 - 8 a.m. Women's Bible Study, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Property Committee, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 29

Ladies Bible Study, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Cancer Companion Book Club, 4 - 5 p.m.

Kirk Club, 3:30 - 5:40 p.m.

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Taizé Worship, 5 - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper, 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Choir Practice, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 30

Line Dancing, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Lectio Divina, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Thursday Tabletalk, 12 - 1 p.m.

Sunday, November 2

Scottish Heritage Sunday Organ Recital & Dedication, 4 - 5:30 p.m. Taizé, Wednesday Night Dinner & Ceilidh

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Enjoy great food and traditional Scottish reels (dancing) - no experience required, and everyone is welcome!

It's a fun way to get ready for Scottish Heritage Weekend!

WEDNESDAY

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5:30 - 8:30 P.M.

OCTOBER

MOLLY WIER HALL

RSVP <u>required</u> no later than noon on Tuesday, October 28. Please call (843) 722-8882 or use the QR code.



MENU: Mixed Green Salad; Cock-a-Leekie Soup: Chicken, Leeks, Potato Soup; Braised Beef Stovies: Beef Tips, Braised with Carrots, Potatoes, Cabbage, Peas in a rich Guiness Broth; Roasted Root Vegetables: Brussels, Parsnips, Squash; Cranachan: Raspberries and Cream with Toasted Oats

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS HERE!

Immediately following worship, we will gather for a Celebration Brunch for the entire church family in Molly Wier Hall. We hope everyone present will enjoy the food and fellowship. We hope to see you there. Even if you have not RSVP'd, you are STILL welcome to join!

2026 First (Scots) Stewardship Commitment Card

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I/We intend to r	nake a contribution to Fi	rst (Scots) in 2026, as able.		
		(please print)		



Join us for a House Meeting hosted by the Charleston Area Justice Ministry (CAJM) to discuss the realities of our diverse community and ways we can ensure access to life's essentials for everyone.

Contact Hank Martin at (843) 670-3281.

Sunday, October 26 at 5:30 p.m. Elizabeth McAnally, Hank and Betsy Martin 6 Smith Street, Charleston, 29401

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Tuesday Men's Bible Study and Thursday noon
Tabletalk (co-ed) are embarking on a new
exploration of 1 Samuel, a book filled with narratives
of calling and faith. We invite you to join us in
person or via Zoom as we deepen our understanding
of God's Word together.

Tuesday Morning Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
Join us at 7 a.m. in Molly Wier Hall for a delicious breakfast
and insightful discussion on scripture.

Thursday Afternoon Tabletalk
Come gather on Thursdays at noon in Room 227/228 and learn about the depth and beauty of the word of the Lord.

ORGAN CONCERT & REDEDICATION

Join us on November 2 at
4 p.m. as we rededicate our
organ with a special musical
program featuring our own
Dr. Anthony Williams,
Director of Music and Organist.

November 2 at 4 p.m. First (Scots) Presbyterian Church



Fall Line Dancing

ATTENTION, EVERYONE:

COOLER TEMPERATURES GIVE US MORE ENERGY!
WHY NOT USE SOME OF THAT ENERGY AND TRY
LINE DANCING TO ADD MORE JOY TO YOUR LIFE!

Please put the following

Thursday mornings (9:30 - 11:30 a.m.) on your calendars and join

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The Dancing Scotties in Molly Wier Hall:

October 30 November 6 & 13 December 4, 11, & 18

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Contact Pam Arnett at pampagearnett@gmail.com to learn more





FIRST (SCOTS)

FALL FESTIVAL

October 26 | 4PM - 5PM

KIRK HOUSE COURTYARD & MASSIE BUILDING TERRACE

Fun and games for all ages! Cupcake walk, mini-basketball, bowling, and so much more! Costumes are encouraged!

CANDY DONATIONS (UNOPENED BAGS) ACCEPTED
AT MASSIE BUILDING RECEPTION AREA

PARENTS ARE ASKED TO ACCOMPANY THEIR CHILDREN

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN
53 Meeting Street, Charleston



Congregational Meeting

All are encouraged to attend.

Sunday, November 9

10:55 a.m.

First (Scots) Presbyterian Church sanctuary
53 Meeting St

THE VISUAL COMMENTARY
ON SCRIPTURE WITH
REV. DR. SUTTON
Since joining First (Scots), I've
enjoyed many chats about religious
art. I follow a weekly online
exhibition from the Visual
Commentary on Scripture and
invite anyone interested to join me.
Email me at psutton@first-scots.org
to register. Explore the first
exhibition here:



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)

Join Congregational Care!

The Congregational Care Committee is seeking new members. If you are 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.

LOCAL MISSIONS

TWELVE

Local Missions is filling Blessing
Boxes at the Presbytery during
October. Boxes have been placed in
Molly Wier Hall for donations.
Blessing boxes are stocked with
non-perishable food items, basic
toiletries, baby supplies.

WEDNESDAY MORNING Ladies Bible Study

This fall, 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.

Scottish Heritage Sunday November 2 s

The Very Rev. Dr. Shaw Paterson

with Guest Preacher

Scan the code to volunteer!





Ordained in 1991, the Rev. Dr. Paterson has served in the evolving charge now known as Strathaven Trinity. He was the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for 2024–2025 and has held various leadership roles, including Co-Moderator of Forth Valley and Clydesdale Presbytery and Moderator of Hamilton Presbytery. With a strong focus on ministry support, he has guided candidates in training and served on multiple church committees.

Youth Group, October 26:



Youth Group









We're Hosting a Fall Festival!

On Sunday, October 26 from 4-5 p.m., the high school and middle school youth are hosting a Fall Festival for the children of the church with game booths like go fish, cupcake walk, mini-basketball, and more. Please sign up to lead an outdoor game booth (using our Fall Festival SignUpGenius). Game leaders should prepare their game and bring any supplies needed. The church property will be open by 3:30 p.m. so those leading games can set up game booths before the event begins at 4 p.m.. The event will end at 5 p.m., so clean up and departure can happen by 5:30 p.m.. Costumes are welcome. We'll have candy and toys for you to give out as prizes, if needed. Questions about this youth group event? Contact James Rogers (jrogers@first-scots.org).

Can we send a care package?

We love to support First (Scots) boarding school, college, and graduate school students with care packages and mailings throughout the year. Help us share the love! Please submit mailing addresses using the College/Boarding School Student Address Request Jotform. Please submit addresses by October 30 to be included in the next mailing.

Cherub Choir

Heyward Anderson Elizabeth Grace Beall Libby Becker Corina Commers Sonny Darby Nelson Darby Wes Henderson Whit Kinder Banks Marko Gates McChesney Salters McLeod Warren Miller Wells Rushing Smith Stoddard Sam Thornton Ellis Witty Powell Worsham

Alleluia Choir

Thomas Anderson Elly Becker Isla Branch Libby Byrne Sam Cagle Philip Cagle Reese Darby Charlie Darby Charlotte DesChamps Cora Feussner Tucker Fitzhenry Marion Greaver Florence Ham Mills Henderson Jane Kinder Barrett Leyh Gray Liner

Van Marko Sawyer McChesney Drews McCubrey Henry McCubrey Gracie Ramsay Harrison Rushing Esther Sausser Harriet Shiver Davis Smith Harry Thornton Luis von Marschall Margaret Wagoner Theo Williams Jane Zeigler

Kirk Choristers

Henry Byrne Jack Byrne Jarvis Darby Charlotte Dawson Penn DesChamps Beatrice Evans Davis Feussner Miles Feussner Abby Frick Mia Frick Charlie Fitzhenry Max Fitzhenry Fulton Greaver Louise Greaver Thomas Jackson William Jackson Elizabeth Kunes

Sellars Liner Everett McCubrey Mullins McLeod Mac Newberry Monty Newberry Eva Riddle Henry Rogers June Sausser Jayne Fraser Shiver Sawyer Smith Anna Clarke Thornton Rose Williams Eloise Williams Manning Zeigler



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







A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Take My Life

HENDON 7.7.7.7



- 5. Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.

 Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne, It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD 7.7.7.4 D with refrain

Daniel L. Schutte, 1981 Harm. Michael Pope, Daniel L. Schutte, and John Weissrock, 1983 Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; alt. I have heard My peo-ple cry. I, the Lord sea and sky, I have borne My peo-ple's pain. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I will tend the poor and lame. I. the Lord of wind and flame, All who dwell in deep-est sin My hand will save. have wept for love of them, They turn a - way. will set a feast for them. My hand will save. who made the stars of night, will make their dark-ness bright. will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone. will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. Fin-est bread I



First (Scots) New Members



Elizabeth Kirshy & Bill Metzger



Amy Leitch



Mullins McLeod



Liz & Danny Scott and Family



Jennifer & Kirk Smith



Virginia Smith



Melanie & Mike Velasco



William Velasco



Barret Winter

First (Scots) New Members



Bob Bowen



Philip Bridwell



Isabel Brown



Lindsay & Gabe Carvalho



Charles Cavatori



Courtney & Philip Cavatori



Haley Clift



Morgan Edmonds



Bett & William Henry