

# FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401*

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 9, 2025 AT 8:45 & 11:15 A.M.



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## THE VISION OF GOD

### PRELUDE

Elegiac Prelude on "Jerusalem"

Charles Callahan

(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.

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Youth Coordinator Search Committee

Bill Moore (8:45)

### †PASSING OF THE PEACE

### CHORAL INTROIT

"O Praise the Lord, Be Joyful"

*Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Timmi Winston, mezzo soprano (8:45)*  
*Kirk Choir (11:15)*

George F. Handel  
arr. Hal H. Hopson

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Mary B. Robinson

One: God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

**All: Even though we die, we shall live!**

One: The love that God puts in our hearts cannot be buried or broken.

**All: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

One: Come and worship, people of resurrection hope!

**All: We worship the Lord of life, whose love outlives even death!**

### †PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Hymn No. 478

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and Everlasting God, You are indeed the Lord of life; yet, we confess that we have lived as though death is stronger. We have doubted Your promises, clung too tightly to what is temporary, and forgotten that love endures beyond the grave. Forgive us, O Lord, for our lack of faith and our fearful hearts. Renew us with the hope of resurrection, so that we may trust in what we cannot see and live each day as people redeemed by Christ, who died, was raised, and lives forevermore. 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

"God is So Good"

*God is so good, God is so good,  
God is so good, He's so good to me!  
I love Him so, I love Him so,  
I love Him so, He's so good to me!*

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

## 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

Greg McKenzie (8:45)

Bob Ross(11:15)

### THE WORD READ

Old Testament: Ruth 3:1-13  
New Testament: Luke 20:27-38

(pew Bible, page 211)

(pew Bible, page 855)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"WHEN LOVE OUTLIVES DEATH" 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

"Be Still My Soul"

1. *Be still, my soul! the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul! your best, your heav'nly friend  
Thru' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

2. *Be still, my soul! your God does undertake  
To guide the future as he has the past;  
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while he lived below.*

3. *Be still, my soul! when dearest friends depart  
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
Then shall you better know his love, his heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.  
Be still, my soul! your Jesus can repay  
From his own fullness all he takes away.*

4. *Be still, my soul! the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still my soul! when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

### 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

(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.)

<b>OFFERTORY ANTHEM</b>	“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” <i>Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Timmi Winston, mezzo soprano (8:45)</i>	arr. Lloyd Larson
	“Day By Day” <i>Kirk Choir (11:15)</i>	Martin How
<b>†DOXOLOGY</b>	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” <i>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.</i>	Hymn No. 592
<b>†PRAYER OF DEDICATION</b>		
<b>†HYMN OF COMMITMENT</b>	“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”	Hymn No. 341
<b>†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION</b>		The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.
<b>†BENEDICTION RESPONSE</b>	“Forth in the Name of Christ We Go”	Heinrich Schütz Arr. By Hal H. Hopson
<b>†POSTLUDE</b>	Etude Symphonique	M. Enrico Bossi

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

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God from Suanne and Kevin Trimmer in loving memory of her mother, Jeannette Terpstra Tiberio.

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 Elizabeth Bernat (8:45) and Scott Evans (11:15).

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

<b>8:45 A.M. GREETER:</b> John Marko, Jr.	<b>COFFEE GREETER:</b> Carolyn Gildersleeve	<b>11:15 A.M. GREETERS:</b> Jon Carter, John Robinson
<b>8:45 A.M. USHERS:</b> Mikell Thaxton (Captain), Chad Covet, John Metcalf, Clark Truluck, Elizabeth Bernat, Rachel Herbert		<b>11:15 A.M. USHERS:</b> Grayson Liner (Captain), Greg Sheppard, Bob Ross, Lindsey Melville, Ben King, Jon Bolt
<b>8:45 A.M. DEACONS:</b> Will DesChamps (Lead Deacon), Elizabeth Bernat		<b>11:15 A.M. DEACONS:</b> Lisle Henderson (Lead Deacon), Jason Wall
<b>8:45 A.M. BEADLE:</b> Henry Hay, III		<b>11:15 A.M. BEADLE:</b> Bobby Sumner
<b>8:45 A.M. LAY READER:</b> Greg McKenzie		<b>11:15 A.M. LAY READER:</b> Bob Ross
<b>8:45 A.M. BELL RINGER:</b> Bill Prewitt		<b>11:15 A.M. BELL RINGER:</b> David Warren

# Welcome to First (Scots)

## Calendar of Events

**November 10 - 16**

### Monday, November 10

*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.*

### Tuesday, November 11

*Men's Breakfast and Bible Study - 7 - 8 a.m.*

*PW Betty Noble Circle Meeting, 9:30 - 11 a.m.*

*PW Unbroken Circle Meeting, 10 - 11:30 a.m.*

*Stephen Ministry Meeting, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.*

*Women's Bible Study, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.*

### Wednesday, November 12

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

*PW Seekers Circle Meeting, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.*

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

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

*H.E.A.R.T - Moms Connect, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.*

*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, November 13

*Line Dancing, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.*

*Lectio Divina, 10 - 11:30 a.m.*

*Thursday Tabletalk, 12 - 1 p.m.*

### Sunday, November 16

*Bingo & Ice Cream Social, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.*

**TODAY!**  
**Congregational  
Meeting**

*All are encouraged to attend.*

**10:50 a.m.**

First (Scots) Presbyterian Church sanctuary  
53 Meeting St

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



## Donations

We are still accepting donations of  
non-perishable items for those in need.

Boxes have been placed in Molly Wier  
Hall for donations of non-perishable food  
items, basic toiletries, baby supplies,  
and anything else that might be considered  
a blessing to someone in need.

FIRST (SCOTS) YOUTH INVITES YOU

**Ice  
cream  
social**



**Sunday, November 16  
5:30 p.m.**

Join First (Scots) Youth on Sunday, November 16 at 5:30pm  
in Molly Wier Hall for pizza, ice cream, & bingo for the  
whole family! Free admission!

Register at the QR code -





## 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.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NOVEMBER MEETINGS

All are welcome at PW's monthly Circle meetings!

The **Betty Noble Circle** will be doing the video series on The 23rd Psalms by Jennifer Rothschild. We meet at 80 South Battery at 9:30 a.m. for fellowship on Tuesday, November 11. The Program will begin at 10 a.m. Please email [teresatarrant@aol.com](mailto:teresatarrant@aol.com) for more information.

All are welcome to join.

The **Seekers Circle** meets

Wednesday, November 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Barbara Plaxco. Please email [epmiddleton230@gmail.com](mailto:epmiddleton230@gmail.com) or [SieglingChristy@gmail.com](mailto:SieglingChristy@gmail.com) for more info as needed.

All are welcome to join.

The **Unbroken Circle** will meet on

Tuesday, November 11 at 10 a.m. We are meeting at the Albermarle condominiums at 498 Albermarle Rd. in the Community Room on the 1st floor. Parking is available in the Visitor Lot accessed from Albermarle Rd.

Please email [susanbridwell@gmail.com](mailto:susanbridwell@gmail.com) for more information as needed. All are welcome to join.

**Women at the Well** will meet

Thursday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. for a Soup & Sweaters themed night at the home of Tori Bohren.

Please email her at [vspearman@elon.edu](mailto:vspearman@elon.edu) with any questions. All are welcome to join.

## TAIZÉ & WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Our mid-week chapel service begins at 5:00 p.m. in Lilly Chapel followed by Wednesday Night Supper which begins at 5:30 p.m. To RSVP for dinner, please follow the QR code or email Karen Kuhn at [kkuhn@first-scots.org](mailto:kkuhn@first-scots.org). The deadline to RSVP is Tuesday, November 11 at noon.

### MENU:

Mixed Green Salad

Pork Schnitzel with mushroom gravy

Spaetzle with herbs and butter

Mixed vegetables

Apple crumble Cake

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RSVP here



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Gift tags can be found in  
Molly Wier Hall.

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information when you take a tag.

Unwrapped, labeled gifts due by  
Sunday, December 7

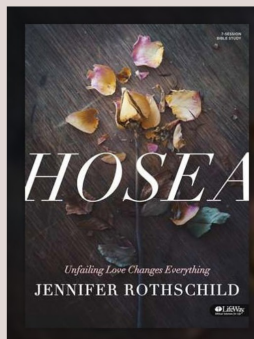
For more info go to [www.charlestonhalos.org](http://www.charlestonhalos.org)

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need your help serving in our nursery and toddler room during worship services. If you feel called to do so, sign up here!



## WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY

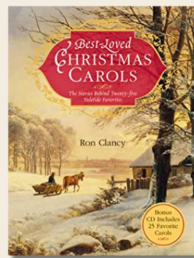


The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study is beginning a new series this Wednesday, November 4 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 203.

We will be studying  
*Hosea: Unfailing Love Changes Everything*,  
by Jennifer Rothschild. This is a seven-week study that reminds us that no matter where you are, God sees who you are and loves you faithfully. His unfailing love changes everything.

### THE VISUAL COMMENTARY ON SCRIPTURE WITH THE REV. DR. PETER 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](mailto:psutton@first-scots.org) to register.



## Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study

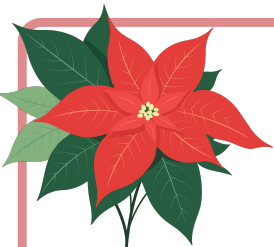
On November 18 the Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study will begin their Advent Study of Ron Clancy's *Best-Loved Christmas Carols*. This book traces the fascinating evolution of Christmas music from the 14th century to modern times. It presents little known factual histories of the origins, composers, scriptural references, and is beautifully illustrated. It comes with a CD featuring hymns and carols sung by various professional groups including the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Vienna Boys' Choir, and The London Symphony Orchestra.

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m. ~ 6:30 p.m. **ROOM:** 203

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

### 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.



## Christmas Sanctuary Decorations

Honor or remember a loved one by donating to the sanctuary Christmas decoration.

The cost is \$29/flower, payable through E-giving, cash, or check, which can be delivered to the church office. Please be sure to write "Christmas Decorations" in the memo line.

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Forms and payments are due by Monday, December 15*

## Youth Group, November 7-9

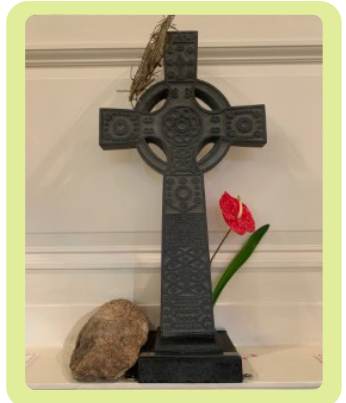


### Middle School Youth Presbytery Retreat (November 7-9)

Please keep the following youth and adults in your prayers as they participate in the "Community" Middle School Youth Presbytery Retreat at Camp Bethelwoods: Ellie Brooks, Bee Dawson, Victoria Evans, Lucia Funes, Gus Gresham, Jules Huhn, Madeline Hess, Oliver Riddle, Kitty Smith, Georgiana Thaxton, Emerson Watson, Seraphina Wood (youth); Matt Bucknam, Elizabeth Riddle, and James Rogers (chaperones). Along with adult advisor James Rogers, First (Scots) high school youth Hunter Dawson and Hewitt McKenzie serve on the Presbytery Youth Council which plans and leads this retreat.

### High School Youth Group, November 9 from 5-7 p.m.

On November 9 the High School Youth are meeting at the Kirk House for a game, devotion, and dinner, before a conversation on strengthening your relationship with God. Spirituality is our innate longing for a connection with God and spiritual practices like prayer, Sabbath keeping, and lectio divina (a slow and contemplative way of reading the Bible) are some ways we can strengthen our connection with God. Questions about this event? Please contact high school youth advisor Janet White at [janetwhite@comcast.net](mailto:janetwhite@comcast.net)



### Ski Trip Registration Opens

This January 16-19 the youth of First (Scots) are heading to Winterplace Ski Resort in West Virginia for a long weekend of skiing, snowboarding, fellowship, and worship! The cost is \$425. Beginner lessons, bib rental and helmet rental (if desired) cost extra and will be added to the final balance due. Please see the Youth Ski Trip Flyer for all of the details. Register no later than November 16 by using our

Online Registration Form. Space is limited, so we encourage everyone to sign up early. Per our Youth Trip Registration Policy, both the registration form and deposit must be received for registration to be considered complete. Questions about your registration? Please contact Dakota Carte. We're looking forward to a special weekend!

ELDER ON CALL: (November 10 -16) - David McCormack (843) 723-0466

DEACON ON CALL: (November 10 -16) - Heidi Whaley (843) 607-0331

PASTOR ON CALL: - (November 10 -16) - The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. (865) 456-2235



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Pastor Mary Robinson, Commissioned Lay Pastor  
The Reverend Dr. Daniel W. Massie, Pastor Emeritus



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Alison Beskin, Kirk Choristers Director  
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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

Dr. Anthony Williams, Director of Music and Organist






## 478 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven


LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; alt.


John Goss, 1869




1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet thy  
 2. Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple  
 3. Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble  
 4. An - gels, help us to a - dore Him: Ye be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,  
 frame He knows; In His hands He gen - tly bears us,  
 face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Dwell - ers all in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

# Blessed Assurance

CROSS AND COMFORT

Words: Fanny Crosby, 1873.

Music and Setting: 'Blessed Assurance' or 'Assurance' Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873.  
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♩ = 100

1. Bless -èd a - ssu -rance, Je -sus is mine! O what a fore -taste of glo -ry di - vine!  
2. Per - fect sub - mis -sion, per -fect de - light, Vis -ions of rap -ture now burst on my sight;  
3. Per - fect sub - mis -sion, all is at rest I in my Sa -vior am hap -py and blest,

Heir of sal - - va - - - tion, pur - - chase of  
An - - gels de - - scend - - - ing bring from a - -  
Watch - - ing and wait - - - ing, look - - ing a - -

God, Born of His Spi - - rit, washed in His blood.  
- bove E - choes of mer - - cy, whisp - ers of love.  
- bove, Filled with His good - - ness, lost in His love.

This is my stor - y, this is my song, Prais -ing my Sa - vior, all the day long;

This is my stor - y, this is my song, Prais -ing my Sa - vior, all the day long.