

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 24, 2026 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
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

PASTOR MARY B. ROBINSON
COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR

THE REV. DR. DANIEL W. MASSIE
PASTOR EMERITUS

Serving God in Charleston and the world

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SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

10 A.M. SERVICE

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God”

Dietrich Buxtehude

(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. James T. Rogers

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

“All the Earth Sing Praise, Alleluia”

Kirk Choir

Antonio Vivaldi
arr. Hal H. Hopson

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

All: You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

One: May your glory, O Lord, endure forever; may you rejoice in all your works.

All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

One: May these words of mine please you; I will rejoice in the Lord.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy”

Hymn No. 430

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, we have seen your power and glory in the face of your Son, whom you raised from the dead and received unto yourself. By sending us your Spirit, you have shared that same power with us; yet we have turned it aside, trying rather to live by our own strength, on our own terms. We confess that we have not lived and witnessed according to your call. Forgive our stubborn resistance, and fill us with the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead; so that we may rise from the ashes of our weakness, to the strength which you freely give us by your gracious and mighty hand. 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

“There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Hymn No. 398 (Verse 1)

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE TIME WITH CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Peter R. B. Sutton

THE WORD ENACTED

The Sacrament of Baptism

(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

Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-23
New Testament Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

(pew Bible, page 883)
(pew Bible, page 885)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"COME, HOLY SPIRIT"

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

†HYMN OF REFLECTION

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

Hymn No. 128

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.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Set Me As a Seal"
Kirk Choir

René Clausen

†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

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT	“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”	Hymn No. 411
†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers
†BENEDICTION RESPONSE	“The Peace of God”	John Rutter
†POSTLUDE	Improvisation on “Veni Creator Spiritus”	Alfred Fedak

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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.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by George Flynn in loving memory of his wife, Suzanne Flynn, and his mother, Patricia Kolbe.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be administered to **Samuel Legare Daly**, son of **Josephine and Chris Daley**. **Samuel** will be baptized by **The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers**. **Elder Janice Key** will deliver a prayer of dedication.

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:

Todd Garrett, Campbell Smith

USHERS:

Todd Plaxco (Captain), Barb Plaxco, Andy Beall,
Jackson Beall, Greg Sheppard, Keith Blake

DEACONS:

Catie Smith (Lead Deacon), Jason Wall

BEADLE:

John Robinson

LAY READER:

Slade Metcalf

MEDIA MINISTRY:

Matt Bucknam

ELDER ON CALL: (May 25 - 31) - Campbell Smith (843) 991-8891

DEACON ON CALL: (May 25 - 31) - Carolyn Gildersleeve (201) 486-0532

PASTOR ON CALL: (May 25 - 31) 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
Scarlett Crawford, Church Administrator
Jennifer Cromwell, Kindergarten Director
Ashley DesChamps, Christian Education Assistant
Maria Massie Hagan, Youth Ministry Coordinator
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

Welcome to First (Scots)



If you feel called, please prayerfully consider online giving, accessible using this QR code! In addition to the offering plate, pledges may be made through the website, through Realm, and in the church office.

Calendar of Events May 25 - 31

Monday, May 25, Memorial Day
Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 7 - 8 a.m.
L'Organo Series - Piccolo Spoleto, 10 - 11 a.m.
Open Door Initiative, 10 - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, May 27

Open Door Initiative, 10 - 2 p.m.
Charlestowne Neighborhood Asso., 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Kirk Adult Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 28

Thursday Tabletalk, 12 - 1 p.m.
Open Door Initiative, 10 - 2 p.m.

KINDERGARTEN

Our 5K program provides an engaging and nurturing Christian environment where children grow academically, socially, and emotionally while developing a lifelong love of learning. If you are interested in learning more, contact Jenn Cromwell, Kindergarten Director, at 843-722-8882 or by email at fspckindergarten@first-scots.org. Tours are available by appointment.

STEPHEN MINISTERS

A Stephen Minister provides one-to-one care for people facing life challenges. They are a child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting, has received 50 hours of training in providing personal care, and will "be there" for their care receiver for as long as is needed. If you are interested in learning more, contact Pastor Mary Robinson at (843) 722-8882.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Bring your lunch and come gather on Thursdays at noon in Room 227/228 and learn about the depth and beauty of the Word of the Lord.

1731 LEGACY SOCIETY UPDATE

Many generous donors have created a gift that will benefit our church for many years to come by including First (Scots) Church in their estate plan. By adding a few specific words to your Will, you, too, can make a gift to the church. Contact Bill Prewitt directly at (843) 620-0158 or wmcprewitt@gmail.com.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, June 28 at 9:35 a.m. All are encouraged to attend.

COME JOIN US FOR

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE VBS!



JULY 27 - 31, 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.

\$75 PER CHILD

AGES 4 THROUGH 5TH GRADE

FIRST [SCOTS] PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SCAN TO SIGN UP!



SCAN TO VOLUNTEER!

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider volunteering in the nursery during worship services. Volunteers must be 18+ and background checked (the church will reach out to handle this). Follow the QR code to sign up!

Please reach out to Emma Seiss(emma.seiss@gmail.com) or Ashley DesChamps (cedassist@first-scots.org) with any questions. We appreciate your service!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)

Unbroken Circle: Please join us for a picnic at the home of Linda Stout Tuesday, June 9 at 11:30 a.m. Contact SusanBridwell@gmail.com to RSVP or if questions arise.

The Honorary Life Membership program was established in the Presbyterian Church to honor faithful service to our women's organization and to the Church. Please join us in celebrating this year's recipients, Carolyn Anderson and Anne Dukes. Congratulations, and thank you for your many years of faithful service!



Confirmation Celebration

During the 11:15 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 3, our congregation celebrated the Confirmation Class of 2026 Participants: Eleanor Ashcroft, Gianna Badinger, Carson Benton, Scout Bolt, Ellie Brooks, Bee Dawson, Ginna Decker, Meyer Fairfield, Joaquin Funes, Mo

Gregory, Madeline Hess, Stella Hider, Kathleen Lynn, Patrick Moore, Kitty Mack Smith, Ral Smith, Leland White, and Seraphina Wood. Special thanks to the confirmation class leaders, John McNeill, James Rogers, and John Rowe III, as well as the confirmation mentors Bob Baldwin, Jacquelin Bennett, Lee Benton, Mary Anne Bolt, Susan Bridwell, Matt Bucknam, Mitch Fairfield, Brittany Hagood, Stephanie Hess, Amy Hider, Mary Norvell Hughes, Betsy Martin, Hank Martin, Bill Moore, Effie Smith, Mary Motley Smith, Denée Warren, Jay White, and April Wood, In addition, a reception was coordinated by the Fellowship Committee. What a special day!



Congratulations, Seniors

On Sunday, May 10 during the 11:15 a.m. worship service, we introduced and prayed for a number of our high school seniors, as well as did a special presentation of gifts. As a tangible reminder of God's presence in their lives, each of our seniors was given a Tervis Tumbler with a patch of the Burning Bush which matches the special stained glass window in our sanctuary. Congratulations!



Kirk & Kettle

Last Sunday was a blast! From the joyous worship service to the delicious brunch and fun games, it was a day to remember. Thanks to the many youth, youth families, and youth advisors who helped set up, led the water balloon toss game, brought ice cream, gave out ice cream treats, and cleaned up. And congratulations to Hunter and Burns who won the balloon toss game with a successful throw and catch measuring 44 feet! Hope we can do it again next year!



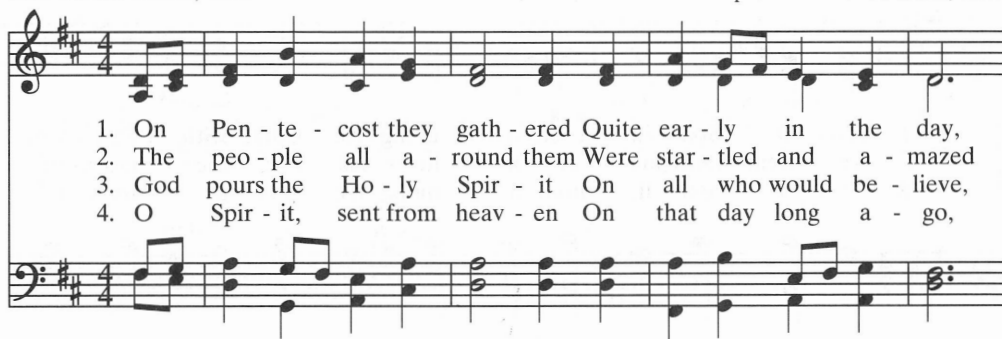
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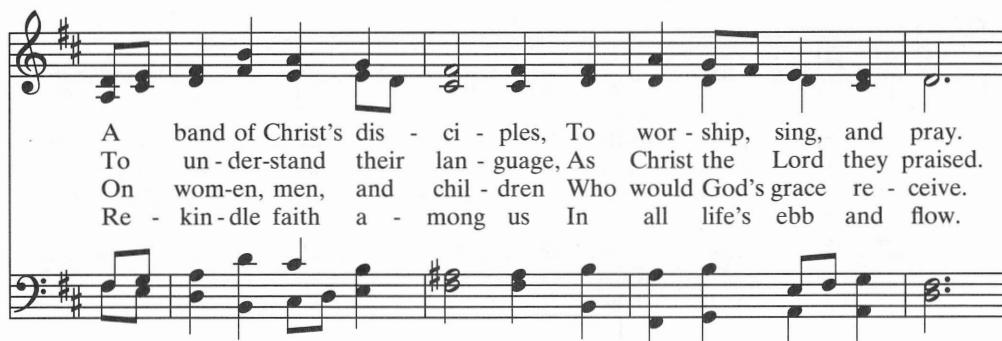
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Neuvermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch, 1693
Adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

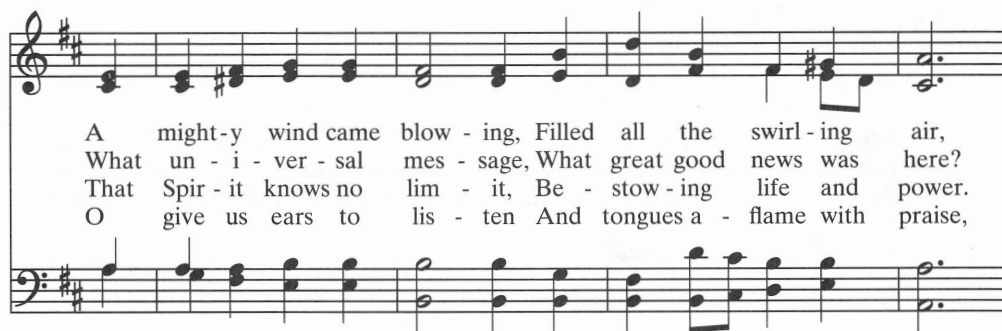
Jane Parker Huber, 1981



1. On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered Quite ear - ly in the day,
2. The peo - ple all a - round them Were star - tled and a - mazed
3. God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it On all who would be - lieve,
4. O Spir - it, sent from heav - en On that day long a - go,



A band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, To wor - ship, sing, and pray.
To un - der - stand their lan - guage, As Christ the Lord they praised.
On wom - en, men, and chil - dren Who would God's grace re - ceive.
Re - kin - dle faith a - mong us In all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, Filled all the swirl - ing air,
What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, What great good news was here?
That Spir - it knows no lim - it, Be - stow - ing life and power.
O give us ears to lis - ten And tongues a - flame with praise,



And tongues of fire a - glow - ing In - spired each per - son there.
That Christ, once dead, is ris - en To van - quish all our fear.
The church, formed and re - form - ing, Re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
So folk of ev - ery na - tion Glad songs of joy shall raise.

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O for a Closer Walk with God

DALEHURST CM

William Cowper, 1772

Arthur Cottman, 1874

1. O for a clos-er walk with God, A calm and heaven-ly frame,
 2. Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, Sweet mes-sen - ger of rest!
 3. The dear-est i - dol I have known, What - e'er that i - dol be,
 4. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and se - rene my frame;

A light to shine up - on the road That leads me to the Lamb!
 I hate the sins that made Thee mourn And drove Thee from my breast.
 Help me to tear it from Thy throne, And wor - ship on - ly Thee.
 So pur - er light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

Alternate tune: CAITHNESS, 396

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There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT 9.11.9.11 with refrain

Doris Akers, 1962

Doris Akers, 1962

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, And I
 2. There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive Till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; There are
 know Him in His full - ness and be - lieve; You're the

sweet ex - pres-sions on each face, And I know they feel the
 one to prof - it when you say, "I am going to walk with

Refrain
 pres-ence of the Lord. Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it,
 Je - sus all the way."

Sweet heav-en-ly Dove, Stay right here with us, Fill-ing us

with Your love; And for these bless-ings We lift our hearts in

praise. With - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived When we shall leave this place.

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

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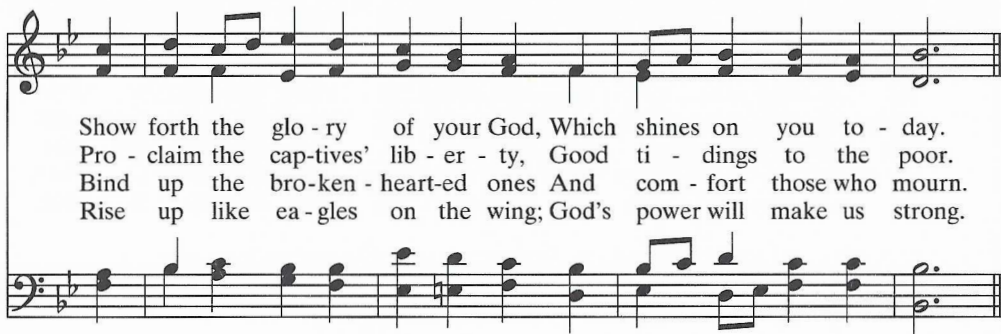
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Ruth Duck, 1974

William H. Walter, 1894



1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



Show forth the glo - ry of your God, Which shines on you to - day.
Pro - claim the cap-tives' lib - er - ty, Good ti - dings to the poor.
Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones And com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea-gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.