

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Organized 1731

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 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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THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Praeludium” in D

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

Pastor Mary B. Robinson

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

“My Soul Waits for the Lord”

K. Lee Scott

Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Timmi Winston, mezzo soprano

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Peter R. B. Sutton

One: God has abundantly cast His seeds of love and hope upon us.

All: May we be fruitful soil for the planting and growing of hope and peace.

One: Come, let us praise God who is so generous with us.

All: Let us sing songs of joy to God.

One: Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah!

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Hymn No. 473

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, forgive us when we doubt your mercy and your love. We are so caught up in getting everything that we want; and we want it all right now. We have trouble waiting and remembering that it is in the waiting that we might hear your voice. It is difficult for us to believe that we can be fruitful, good soil for your words and work. We find excuses not to be attentive to you, but to focus instead on our own desires. Slow us down, Lord. Remind us again of your mercy and your love; for we offer this 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

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE TIME WITH CHILDREN

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

COMMISSIONING OF CHIAPAS MISSION TEAM

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

One: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind;

All: The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

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

THE TIME FOR TEENS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD READ

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 119: 105-112

(pew Bible, page 495)

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

(pew Bible, page 794)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"SOWER, SEED, AND SOIL"

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.

THE WORD ENACTED

The Sacrament of Baptism

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

†HYMN OF REFLECTION

"Hymn of Promise"

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
2. There's a song in ev'ry silence, seeking word and melody. There's a dawn in ev'ry darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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

“Give Me Jesus”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Timmi Winston, mezzo 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

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Hymn No. 276

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Mary B. Robinson

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“O Lord, Seek Us”

K. Lee Scott

†POSTLUDE

“Symphonie III: Marcia”

Charles-Marie Widor



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Suzanne Randall Cross on the 101st anniversary of her birth (July 14, 1925) given by Christine and Tommy McGee.

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.

FIRST (SCOTS) HISTORY TOURS

Welcome to First (Scots)! We are glad you are here. After worship, you are invited to meet our docent at the harpsichord for a brief 10-15 minute tour and introduction to our church family. First-time visitors will receive a welcome bag. Today's docent is Graham Heller.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be administered to **Philip Grayson Jolly**.

Philip will be baptized by **The Rev. Dr. Peter R. B. Sutton**.

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETERS: Clarissa McKenzie, Adam Yount

LEMONADE IN THE SHADE: Paige Owens

USHERS: Jim Buckley (Captain), Ben Hess,

BEADLE: Henry Hay, IV

Adam Yount, Jon Bolt, Greg McKenzie,
Davis Finnen

LAY READER: Pam Arnett

DEACONS: Ben O'Dell (Lead Deacon), Holly Wise

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Bucknam

ORGANIST: Lee Kohlenberg

ELDER ON CALL: (July 13 - 19) - Brenda Dukes (843) 224-3660

DEACON ON CALL: (July 13 - 19) - John White, Sr. (843) 514-2486

PASTOR ON CALL: (July 13 - 19) - Pastor Mary B. Robinson (843) 872-1527



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



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 July 13 - 19

Monday, July 13

Worship Staff Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

General Staff Meeting, 10:30 a.m.

Monday Prayer Group, 12 - 1 p.m.

Bridge, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 14

Open Door Initiative, 10 - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, July 15

Open Door Initiative, 10 - 2 p.m.

Cancer Companions, Summer Book Club, 4 - 5 p.m.

Thursday, July 16

Open Door Initiative, 10 - 2 p.m.



On Saturday morning, August 1, First (Scots) will work with host church Second Presbyterian to conduct an in-person Hands of Christ distribution. On Friday, July 31 at 2:00 p.m., volunteers are also needed to help with the set-up. MANY volunteers are needed! The Sign-up sheets, the schedule for all Hands of Christ distributions, and a list of items that you and your family can provide this year will be on the Portico this Sunday and again on Sunday, July 12 and July 19. You can also find it online at the QR code to the right.

Sign up here!



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 (843) 620-0158 or wmcprewitt@gmail.com.

water  mission

Through our partnership with Water Mission, First (Scots) is helping bring both safe water and the hope of the Gospel to communities around the world. Our support provides life-changing access to clean water while sharing the Living Water of Jesus Christ with people in developing countries, refugee camps, and disaster areas. We are grateful to be a part of this ministry of compassion, helping transform lives through God's love, one community at a time.

HISTORICAL CITY GUIDE

Have you ever wondered about the rich history of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church? Explore the Historical City Guide to discover a fascinating timeline of our congregation, unique architectural features, and answers to frequently asked questions about this cherished Charleston landmark. Follow the link below to learn more about the history and heritage of First (Scots).



We are still accepting donations for 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.

USHER MINISTRY

A wonderful way to meet other members, to serve in a very important part of the worship services, and work in a team of other church members is to serve as an usher. The usher teams serve on an 8 week rotation. There are 16 teams for services.

This means that ushers usually only serve two times in the 16 week rotation segment. Couples are encouraged to serve together if desired.

Please consider this opportunity to serve in a very important part of the church's ministry. Notify Karen Kuhn at the church office or Keith Blake if you're interested in serving.



Topgolf & Youth Group Lunch, July 14 (12-2 p.m.)



The Youth Group is experiencing Topgolf Charleston on July 14 from 12-2 p.m. Meet at Topgolf (4878 Tanger Outlet Blvd, North Charleston, SC 29418) by 11:45 a.m., so you can register before game play starts at 12 p.m. While game play fees are covered by the church, please bring cash for your meal. Please reserve your spot through Realm by July 1. In addition, please have a parent complete a Youth Permission and Release Statement, if you haven't turned one in for 2025-2026. Rides are available from the Kirk House, departing at 11:15 a.m. sharp and returning at 2:45 p.m., but must be reserved through Realm.



Stars and Strikes, Youth Group Lunch, July 21 (12-2 p.m.)

The Youth Group is bowling and playing arcade games at Stars and Strikes on July 21 from 12-2 p.m. Please meet at Stars and Strikes (4570 Ladson Rd, Summerville, SC 29485) by 11:45 a.m. to pick up rental shoes and get settled in a bowling lane. The cost is \$20 per person which includes one hour of bowling and one hour of unlimited arcade games. Pizza & drinks are also provided. Please reserve your spot through Realm by July 13. In addition, please have a parent complete a Youth Permission and Release Statement, if you haven't turned one in for 2025-2026. If you have any questions or if financial aid would enable participation, please contact James Rogers (jrogers@first-scots.org or 843-722-8882). Rides are available from the Kirk House, departing at 11 a.m. sharp and returning at 3 p.m., but must be reserved through Realm.



Registration is Open for Carowinds!!

Register here! 



On Tuesday, August 4 we're meeting at the Kirk House (62 King Street) at 8:30 a.m., traveling to Carowinds amusement park in Charlotte, NC, for a fun-filled day experiencing the rides and water park. We will return to the Kirk House at 11 p.m. Participants will need to pack a bag lunch to enjoy on the ride to Carowinds, bring money for dinner at Chickfila on the way home. Please submit a Youth Permission and Release Statement (if one isn't already on file at the church for 2025-2026). Those that want to experience the waterpark should pack a bag that includes a swimsuit, sunscreen, towel, and money to share a locker (\$5). Register through Realm.

VBS Volunteers Needed!!

All middle school and high school youth are encouraged to volunteer at this year's Vacation Bible School from July 27-31 (8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.). Sign up using the Youth Volunteer slot at the bottom of the VBS Volunteer SignUpGenius. In addition, volunteers interested in working in the science area should contact Betsy Martin. Email Ansley Feussner, if you have any questions.



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!

FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD



@firstscots1731 and @firstscotsyouth

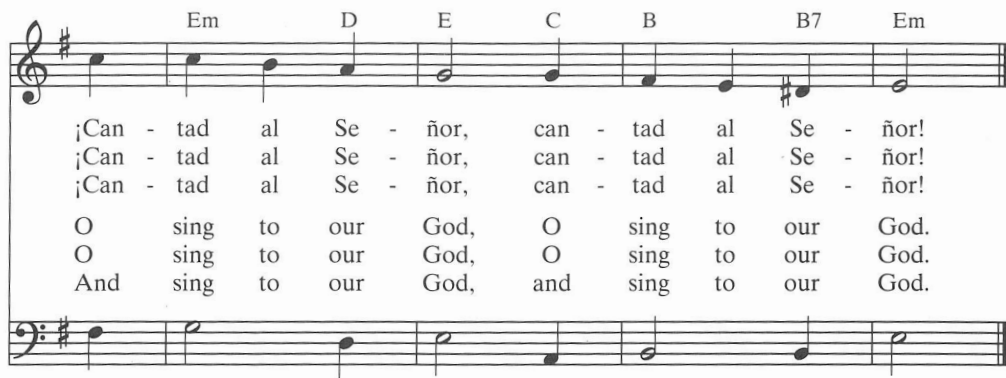


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O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
 O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
 And sing to our God, and sing to our God.

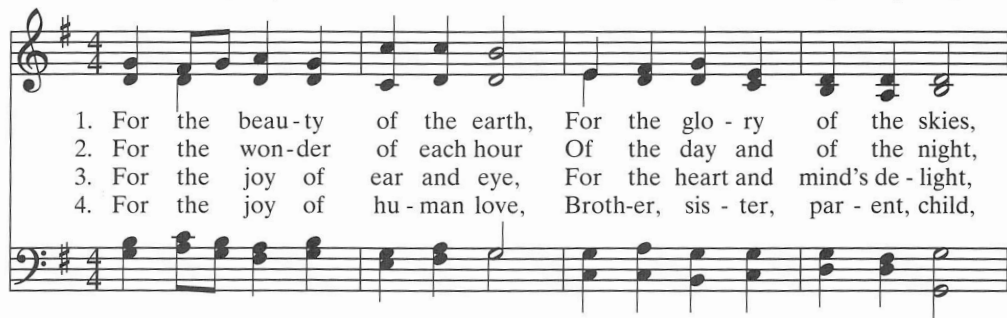
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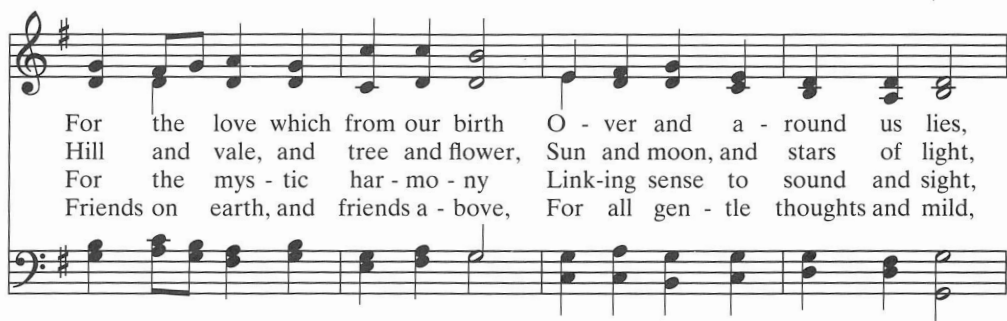
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Folliott Sanford Pierpoint, 1864

Conrad Kocher, 1838
 Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861
 Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906



1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo-ry of the skies,
 2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,
 4. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,



For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
 For the mys-tic har-mo-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild,

Refrain



Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore
 Lifteth holy hands above,
 Offering up on every shore

Her pure sacrifice of love,
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise
 This our hymn of grateful praise.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923

William Marion Runyan, 1923

1. *Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Refrain

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed Thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!