

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 16, 2026 AT 10 A.M.



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

THE REV. DR. JAMES T. ROGERS
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10 A.M. SERVICE

THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Air”

Gerre Hancock

(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

Presbyterian Pilgrimage Camp

Trudy Marosok

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

“All the Earth Sing Praise, Alleluia”
Summer Choir

Antonio Vivaldi/
arr. Hal H. Hopson

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Mary Robinson

One: Come, let us draw near to God, not with our lips alone, but with hearts inclined toward Him.

All: We come to worship the God who knows our hearts and still loves us.

One: The Lord is holy! The Lord is merciful!

All: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Hymn No. 138

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, we confess that we are often more concerned with how our faith looks on the outside than with what is happening within us. We know how to say the right words and follow the right traditions, yet our hearts can wander far from you. Turn our hearts toward you, O God, so that our worship may be faithful and our lives may reflect the love of Jesus Christ. We ask this in the name of the One who came not simply to make us clean, but to make us whole. 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 oil in my lamp, keep me burning; give me oil in my lamp, I pray;
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning; keep me burning till the break of day.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!*

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

Harold Davis

THE WORD READ

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 29: 13 - 16

(pew Bible, page 572)

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 15: 1 - 20

(pew Bible, page 796)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"THE HEART OF THE MATTER"

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

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Hymn No. 383

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

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

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

Clara H. Scott

Summer Choir

†DOXOLOGY

Hymn No. 592

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*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

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Hymn No. 280

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen”

Danish

†POSTLUDE

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

David German



The flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of Clark and Joyce Remsburg who launched a life together on August 17, 1957, and lived into that as they crisscrossed our nation and while raising a family and loving one another. They lived Jesus' commandment to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and they loved their neighbors as themselves, especially their First (Scots) family!

Love, Clark and Marilyn, Shiloh, Rachel, Luke, and Hannah.

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 Harold Davis.

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETERS: Beth Evans, Harvey Mason

LEMONADE IN THE SHADE: Michael Branch

USHERS: Slade Metcalf (Captain), Joe Thompson,
Wilson Pickren, Sam Rowe,
Kitty Green, Dave Green

DEACONS: Anna Smith (Lead Deacon),
Walker Avant

BEADLE: Greg Robinson

LAY READER: Harold Davis

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Bucknam

ELDER ON CALL: (August 17 - August 23) - Bob Baldwin (843) 856-0303

DEACON ON CALL: (August 17 - August 23) - Michael Branch (843) 224-3768

PASTOR ON CALL: (August 17 - August 23) - 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
Pastor Mary Robinson, Commissioned Lay Pastor
The Reverend Dr. Daniel W. Massie, Pastor Emeritus



Ricard Bordsa, Director of Choral Music
Dakota Carte, Administrative Assistant
Scarlett Crawford, Church Administrator
Jennifer Cromwell, Kindergarten Director
Ashley DesChamps, Christian Education Assistant
Nathaniel Finn, Communications Coordinator
Chef Robyn Guisto, Food Services Director
Maria Massie Hagan, Youth Ministry Coordinator

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 August 17 - 23

Monday, August 17

Worship Staff Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

General Staff Meeting, 10:30 a.m.

Monday Prayer Group, 12 - 1 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 - 3 p.m.

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

Diaconate Meeting, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, August 18

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, 7 a.m.

Open Door Initiative, 10 - 2 p.m.

Thursday, August 20

First Day of School, All Day

Thursday Tabletalk Bible Study, 12 p.m.



TUESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Isaiah ~ Good News for the
Wayward and Wandering
by Jonathan Gibson*

Study the Old Testament prophet as he peers forward several centuries to describe Jesus Christ in precise detail. Isaiah speaks across generations to people living in an assortment of eras and situations.

His message about God's glory is timeless. Come ready for Isaiah to speak God's Word to you through this Bible study.

Questions? Contact Ruthie Edwards at halfsouthern1@gmail.com or Martha Jane Hudnall at mj.hudnall@comcast.net.



KIRK CLUB REGISTRATION

Registration for Kirk Club is now open for 2026-2027! Kirk Club is an awesome opportunity for kids to learn, play, and make new friends. Our first day is Wednesday, September 16 and drop off begins at 3:30 p.m. and ends at 5:40 p.m. The registration fee is \$100 per child.



Scan to sign up!



BUILD A HOME AND CHANGE A LIFE!

First (Scots) is preparing to build a mini-house dedicated to the memory of Bryan Dillon, son of Shary and Rob Dillon. Please volunteer! Your participation will help provide a safe and stable home for an individual in need. No prior construction experience is necessary, just a willingness to help and a positive attitude. You will be contacted when dates and times are finalized.



Scan to volunteer!



KINDERGARTEN ENDOWMENT FUND

Did you know that there is an endowment fund that helps secure the First (Scots) Kindergarten's future and its mission to help preschool children grow spiritually, physically, socially, emotionally, and intellectually in Christian love? Gifts honor a child, a teacher, or help to remember a loved one. Tax-deductible gifts can be made by check payable to "First Scots Presbyterian Church Kindergarten," with "Endowment Fund" on the memo line, and mailed to: 53 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29401.

Thrilling Youth Daytrip to Carowinds



On Aug. 4, 13 middle and high schoolers with James and Maria piled into a van for a day at Carowinds in Charlotte, N.C. Despite a questionable forecast, they enjoyed a cloudy day with a few showers, no lines and pleasant temperatures. Eleanor braved the loop-the-loop coasters despite earlier objections, Baker (and others) rode until dizzy then recovered to ride again, and James and Maria conquered the newest, intimidating roller coaster, the Fury. Everyone had a great time, even on the ride home. What a great bunch of kids!



Thanks Youth Leadership Team!



Members of our Youth Leadership Team and Youth Advisors met at the Kirk House on August 7-8 and planned the 2026-2027 youth group schedule including youth group activities, summer mission trip locations, and retreat opportunities. After their recommendations are presented to our Christian Education Committee for approval, much of their hard work will be presented at the Youth Group Kickoff Party on Sunday, September 13 at 5 p.m.

Members of the High School Youth Leadership Team include Oliver Bernard, Ellie Brooks, Bee Dawson, Gretchen Dawson, Ginna Decker, Charlie Gresham, Burns Hamilton, Mary Caroline Siegling, Campbell Smith, Caroline Spath, Wit Thaxton, Baker Wallace, Seraphina Wood, and Elizabeth Yount. Members of the Middle School Youth Leadership Team include Charlotte Dawson, Abby Frick, Mia Frick, Lucia Funes, Gus Gresham, Thomas Jackson, William Jackson, Naisy Marko, Everett McCubrey, Henry Rogers, Georgiana Thaxton, McKenzie Warren, and Emerson Watson.



Confirmation Class Invitation



Scan to register!

Eighth graders and older youth who have not completed the program are invited to be a part of the 2027 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. Those interested are invited to attend one of two informational meetings for youth and parents in the Kirk House (62 King Street):

- Sunday, August 16 at 9:15 a.m.
- Wednesday, August 26 at 6 p.m.

Confirmation class will then meet most Sundays from 10-11 a.m. in the Kirk House (62 King Street; second floor classroom) from September 20 through May 2, 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 form in the QR code above by September 1 and should invite an adult to serve as their personal Confirmation Mentor.

Questions? Please contact James Rogers at jrogers@first-scots.org.

PARKING NOTICE

Just a quick reminder that parking on Sundays at First (Scots) in the church parking lot is limited. Our current policy provides first consideration to members who require handicap parking, have mobility issues, or have other special needs, including the elderly and expectant mothers. Please consider others before taking a parking space on campus.



@firstscots1731 and @firstscotsyouth



First Scots Presbyterian Church



www.first-scots.org

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NICAEA 11.12.12.10

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)
As in *Hymns Written and Adapted*, 1827; alt.John Bacchus Dykes, 1861
Desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948

Descant

4. Ho - - - ly,

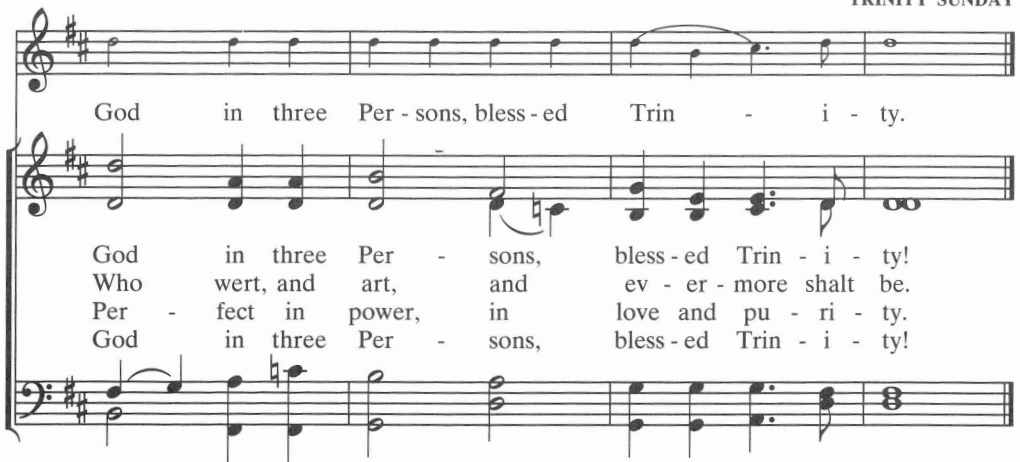
1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide Thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ho - - - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful-ness Thy glo - ry may not see,
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - - - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

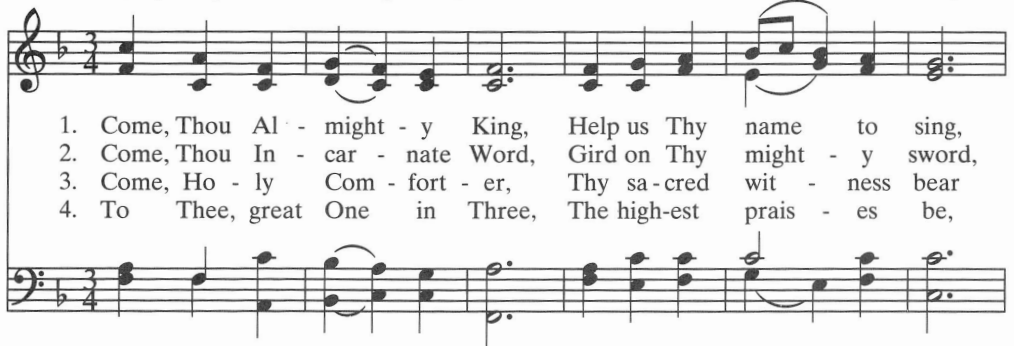
Come, Thou Almighty King

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ITALIAN HYMN 6.6.4.6.6.6.4

Collection of Hymns for Social Worship, 1757; alt.

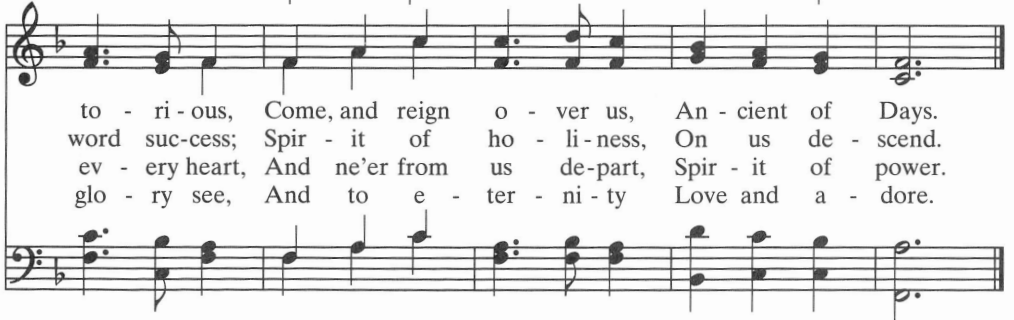
Felice de Giardini, 1769



1. Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help us Thy name to sing,
 2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To Thee, great One in Three, The high - est prais - es be,



Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all - glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -
 Our prayer at - tend: Come, and Thy peo - ple bless, And give Thy
 In this glad hour: Thou who al - might - y art, Now rule in
 Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty May we in



to - ri - ous, Come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.
 ev - ery heart, And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET 6.6.4.6.6.6.4

Ray Palmer, 1830

Lowell Mason, 1831

1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a - round me spread,
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine: Now hear me while I pray, Take all my
 My zeal in - spire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark-ness turn to day, Wipe sor-row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -

guilt a - way, O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 280

AMAZING GRACE CM

Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1779

Stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790*Virginia Harmony*, 1831

Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
 How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand
 years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we'd first begun.

Choctaw
 Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 Hatak ilbusha pia ha
 Is pi yukpalashke

Kiowa

Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy he tsow'haw
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy hee.
 Bay dawtsahy taw, gaw aym ow thah t'aw,
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy h'ee.

Cherokee

Ooh nay thla nah, hee oo way gee'.
 E gah gwoo yah hay ee.
 Naw gwoo joe sah, we you low say,
 E gah gwoo yah ho nah.

Creek

Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 Ah non ah cha pa kas
 Cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 Um e ha ta la yus.

Navaho

Nizhónígo jooba' diits' a'
 Yisdáshítinigí,
 Lah yóóiyá, k'ad shénáhoosdzin,
 Doo eesh'íí da ní't'éé.

Text: Phonetic transcription Cherokee, Kiowa, Creek, and Choctaw: Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference;
 Navaho: phonetic transcription by Albert Tsosie.