

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 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

PASTOR MARY B. ROBINSON
COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR

THE REV. DR. DANIEL W. MASSIE
PASTOR EMERITUS

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THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Cantabile”

Cesar Franck

(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

Habitat for Humanity

Rob Dillon

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

“Worship the Lord, Rejoice and Sing”
Summer Choir

Volckmar Leisring
arr. Hal H. Hopson

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful,

One: for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.

All: Let the faithful sing for joy.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“I Come with Joy”

Hymn No. 507

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

One: From evil, even when it masquerades as good,

All: Merciful God, deliver us.

One: From selfishness and vain desires,

All: Merciful God, deliver us.

One: From irresponsible behaviors, quarreling, and jealousy,

All: Merciful God, deliver us.

One: From hurtful disagreements and irreconcilable differences,

All: Merciful God, deliver us.

Turn us away from the death sin inflicts.

Lead us into the abundant life Christ brings.

Forgive us, we pray, and teach us to forgive, through Jesus Christ. 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.*

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

†CHILDREN’S HYMN

“Zacchaeus Was a Wee Little Man”

*Zacchaeus was a wee, little man, and a wee, little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree, for the Lord he wanted to see.
And as the Savior came that way, He looked up in the tree, and He said,
“Zacchaeus, you come down,” for I’m going to your house today. For I’m going to your house today.*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE TIME WITH CHILDREN

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

Haylea Shuman

THE WORD READ

New Testament Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

(pew Bible, page 923)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

(pew Bible, page 799)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION”

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (From “The Confession of 1967”) (unison)

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life.

**The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community
in which people are reconciled to God and to one another.**

**The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another
and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves.**

**In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become
representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.**

†HYMN OF REFLECTION

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

Hymn No. 358

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 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

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy ”

Maurice Bevan

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

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Hymn No. 438

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“The Grace of Our Lord Jesus”

K. Lee Scott

†POSTLUDE

“Grand Triumphant Chorus”

Alexandre Guilmant

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be administered to **Gwendolyn Lyons Randolph** and **Margot Elizabeth Randolph**, daughters of **Christopher Fitz** and **Audry Akers Randolph**. Gwendolyn will be baptized by **The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers**, and Margot will be baptized by **The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.** **Elder Harry Robbins** will deliver a prayer of dedication.

The flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of our parents from Strait and Charlotte Fairey.

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 David Warren.

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

GREETERS: Jan Key, Ryan Glenn

LEMONADE IN THE SHADE: Matthew Thomas

USHERS: Haylea Shuman (Captain), Billy McGill,
Caroline Barnes, Chet McCubrey, Bob Ross

DEACONS: John White, Sr. (Lead Deacon),
Wilson Pickren

BEADLE: Scott Evans

LAY READER: Haylea Shuman

MEDIA MINISTRY: Matt Spath

ELDER ON CALL: (September 7 - 8) - Bob Baldwin (843) 637-6951

ELDER ON CALL: (September 9 - 13) - Chris Hawk (843) 906-0105

DEACON ON CALL: (September 7 - 13) - Matthew Thomas (919) 306-2027

PASTOR ON CALL: (September 7 - 13) - Pastor Mary Robinson (843) 872-1527



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 Bordas, 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 September 7 - September 13

Monday, September 7

Labor Day, Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

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

Open Door Initiative, 1 - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, September 9

Wednesday Ladies' Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Kirk Adult Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, September 10

Line Dancing, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday Tabletalk, 12 p.m.

Open Door Initiative, 1 - 4 p.m.

Photo Sessions, 2 - 8:36 p.m.

Friday, September 11

Photo Sessions, 2 - 8:36 p.m.

Saturday, September 12

Photo Sessions, 10 a.m. - 3:50 p.m.

Sunday, September 13

Rally Day

RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 13!



Scan for more info!



We are still **in need of the following teaching positions before Rally Day**, please help where you can!

- High School Sunday School teachers
- Elementary Sunday School teachers
- Anyone who can play the piano for Sunday School and/or Kirk Club Children's Choir practice

****Sunday School does rotation by age groups. The more people to add to the schedule, the less frequent the teaching.***

Please reach out to **Ashley DesChamps** at cedassist@firstscots.org or (803) 645-1268
and **Greer Cowden Hostetter** at greer.hostetter@comcast.net or (843) 813-0536.

HEART is a welcoming group of women who gather weekly for fellowship, connection, and conversation. Throughout the year, we read and discuss a variety of Christian books and studies together.

We meet on Wednesdays from 4:30–5:30 p.m. upstairs in the Massie Building, while our children are in Kirk Club. Whether you've been at First (Scots) for years or are new to our church or preschool community, we'd love for you to join us. All are welcome!

For more information, please contact **Lindsay Marko** at (706) 564-5655.



KIRK CLUB REGISTRATION
FOR 2026 - 2027



Kirk Club is an awesome opportunity for kids to learn, play, and make new friends. This group also includes membership in the children's choir. 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.

We hope to see you there!

Scan QR code to join!



SEPTEMBER LINE DANCING

Line Dancing classes will take place in Molly Wier Hall on all Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. during the month of September.



Contact **Pam Arnett** at pampagearnett@gmail.com if you have any questions.



PRAYERS OF CONCERN GROUP

Mondays, 12–1 p.m. in Massie Building, Room 229.

All are welcome. To submit a prayer request, call the church office at (843) 722-8882 or email info@first-scots.org.



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.

When: Tuesdays from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. beginning September 15 and continuing for ten sessions.

Where: In Room 203

Contact Ruthie Edwards at halfsouthern1@gmail.com or Martha Jane Hudnall at mj.hudnall@comcast.net if you have any questions.



WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning ladies Bible study will meet from 10 - 11:30 a.m. beginning on September 9.

We are going to follow The Bible Recap - New Testament chronological reading plan with short passages with weekly video recaps from the author, Tara-Leigh Cobble. This plan is designed to help you read, understand, and love the Bible.

Visit www.thebible Recap.com

Contact Amy Shubert at ashubert27@gmail.com or by phone (843) 810 - 4291.



KOINONIA - SIGN UP FOR FALL AND WINTER

Koinonia is an opportunity for members of the church to meet with others in small groups, most often in one of the group member's homes for a meal and fellowship time. This is not a Bible study event.

Groups this year range from 20 to 44 people in a group. Many age groups and many various activities make up what we all love and enjoy. Currently there are 165 people participating.

At this time, the groups meet one time per month from October through May. Our annual sign up day for new members is Sunday, September 13, between the first and second service and prior to the second service. This will take place at the reception desk of Molly Wier Hall.



CANCER COMPANIONS

The Fall session of the Cancer Companions support group begins on Wednesday, September 16 at 4:00 p.m. Sessions are led by **Mary Robinson, Commissioned Lay Pastor**, and **Holly Wise, cancer survivor**.

We will meet in person or via Zoom for 9 sessions, ending on November 18.

*"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."
James 4:8*

For more information, **scan the QR code to access important details** about Cancer Companions and the course calendar, or **call the church office** at (843) 722-8882.



Fall Fellowship

All women of the church are invited to a drop-in on Tuesday, September 22 at 77 S. Battery St. in Charleston, the home of Margaret Ann Pearson. Please join us to gather with friends and to learn more about PW Circles at First Scots.

For more information, contact Karolea Lucas at karolealucas@msn.com or Sally Baggett at baggettsally@gmail.com.

Morning Event: 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Evening Event: 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

JOIN US FOR OUR FALL KICK-OFF EVENT

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

10 - 11:30 A.M.

6 - 7:30 P.M.

SC PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND

September 17 - September 20

Are you seeking an awakening in your life? A reconnection with God and a renewal of your faith? A chance to release and recharge from the stressors of life? Our upcoming Pilgrimage weekend is the answer to these questions. Awaken and experience God's grace and love in a beautiful setting!

Please use the **QR code below to sign up** or to invite others who may be interested.



Sign up today!

CITADEL CADET

If you would be willing to help transport a Citadel Cadet to church, please let us know and we will make a list and let you know how and when you can help.

Email **Mary Robinson** at mrobinson@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!



BUILD A HOME AND CHANGE A LIFE!

First (Scots) is preparing to build a mini-house to the Glory of God, in memory of Bryan Dillon, son of Rob & Shary Dillon. Construction starts October 16, and will take place on Fridays and Saturdays through the fall and winter. Please volunteer! Your participation will help to provide a safe and stable home for an individual in need. No prior experience is necessary, just a love of the Lord and a willingness to do his work. Volunteers are also needed to provide lunch!

Scan the **QR code to volunteer**, or contact **Rob Dillon** at DillonR@fwgna.org or call 843-670-8002.



PARRAMORE PREACHING

As a part of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church's annual Parramore Preaching Series, the **Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell** will be speaking at youth group on Sunday, September 27 from 5 - 7 p.m. The Leaders luncheon will be the 28 at noon. RSVP to the church office.

All Wednesday night events begin on September 16! Cancer Companions at 4 p.m., Taizé at 5 p.m., Supper at 5:30 p.m., Financial Peace, and Choir at 6:15 p.m.

Join Us!

SEEKING INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

First (Scots) is seeking an Interim Director of Christian Education to lead and oversee our educational ministries for all ages, including Sunday School, Kirk Club, Vacation Bible School, Bible studies, and small groups.

This role guides our vision for lifelong discipleship, equips teachers and volunteers, and leads weekly chapel for the First (Scots) Kindergarten. For more information or to apply, contact **Scarlett Crawford** at scrawford@first-scots.org, call (843) 722-8882 or **use the QR code to apply** directly on Indeed.



Youth Group Kickoff Party: September 13



Youth Group
Linktree



Parents and youth (grades six through twelve), please join us for our football themed Youth Group Kickoff Party on Sunday, September 13 from 5-7 p.m. in the Molly Wier Fellowship Hall. We will be enjoying food, playing fun games, and learning about upcoming youth activities!

Attendees are encouraged to wear clothing in support of their favorite NFL, college, or school football team: jerseys, t-shirts, hats, and team colors.

Or feel free to dress up as a coach, referee, or cheerleader. Casual clothing is also welcome.

RSVP by using this event QR code!



Confirmation Class Starts September 20



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. Confirmation class will 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 Confirmation Class of 2027 Jotform **using this QR code** and should invite an adult to serve as their personal Confirmation Mentor.



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

We hope you enjoy your long weekend. The office will be closed September 7.

HAPPY LABOR DAY!



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I Come with Joy

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DOVE OF PEACE 8.6.8.6.6

Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1977

American folk melody
Arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, For - giv - en, loved, and
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To find, as all are
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, Each proud di - vi - sion
 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence, al - ways
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, We'll go our dif - ferent

free, In awe and won - der to re - call His
 fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love In
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, And
 near, Is in such friend - ship bet - ter known: We
 ways, And as His peo - ple in the world, We'll

life laid down for me, His life laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 stran - gers now are friends, And stran - gers now are friends.
 see and praise Him here, We see and praise Him here.
 live and speak His praise, We'll live and speak His praise.

Alternate tune: LAND OF REST, 522

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Help Us Accept Each Other

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Fred Kaan, 1975

Doreen Potter, 1975

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er As Christ ac - cept-ed us;
 2. Teach us, O Lord, Your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life
 3. Let Your ac - cep - tance change us, So that we may be moved
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need,

Teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, Each per - son to em - brace.
 We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith.
 In liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;
 Who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, For righ - teous - ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us And bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some,
 To prac - tice Your ac - cep - tance Un - til we know by heart
 We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold - ing on:

CHURCH: MISSION

In vain we seek for rest, for joy, For sense of hu - man worth.
Af - firm You God In - car - nate still And turn sad hearts to You!
In - spire Your church with love and power To ease our cit - ies' pain!
O come, Lord Je - sus, bring to earth The cit - y of our God!

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DENNIS SM

John Fawcett, 1782

Johann Georg Nägeli (1773-1836)
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love:
2. Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4. From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;

The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz-ing tear.
And per - fect love and friend-ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's."