First (Scots) Presbyterian Church

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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Service for the Lord's Day

Commitment Sunday

November 1, 2026 at 10 a.m.



The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.
Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

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Pastor Emeritus

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The Vision of God

Prelude "As With Gladness Men of Old" arr. Anna Laura Page
"Peace Medley" arr. Linda Lamb
Handbell Choir

Welcome and opportunities for discipleship The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

†Passing of the Peace

Choral Introit "Seek Ye First" Karen Lafferty
Cherub Choir, Alleluia Choir, Kirk Choristers

†Call to Worship Pastor Mary B. Robinson

One: Almighty God, Lord of All, you instruct us to give bountifully and cheerfully.
All: In our worship this day, we offer back to you, without hesitation or pressure, a portion of the time, talent and treasure you have generously bestowed upon us.
One: We worship you in the knowledge that our wealth is measured not by what we have but by what we give away;
All: that as the fullness of our lives is offered joyfully and even extravagantly, the world is blessed, and we are blessed.

†Processional Hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Hymn No. 267

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 have blessed us with your grace, sustained us by your love and called us to share in your work. Yet we confess that we often take your gifts for granted. Forgive us when we give reluctantly, serve halfheartedly or fail to encourage one another in love. Renew our hearts by your grace, and make us generous in spirit, joyful in service and faithful in the ministry to which you have called us; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. 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.

Refrain: *Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of Kings!*
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving. Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving. Keep me serving till the break of day. [Refrain]

The Word of God

The Time for Children Pastor Mary B. Robinson

† Those who are able, please stand.

The Time for Teens

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

Prayer for Illumination George Flynn

The Word Read Old Testament Reading: Exodus 35:20-29 (pew Bible, page 72)
New Testament Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25 (pew Bible, page 976)

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

The Word Proclaimed "Our Joyful Response to God's Blessings" 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 "We Give Thee but Thine Own" Hymn No. 428

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Pastor Mary B. 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

(We celebrate those who choose to give electronically, by texting FIRSTSCOTS to 73256, or by scanning the QR code found on the bulletin insert.)

Offertory Anthem "Look at the World" John Rutter
Kirk Choir

†Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn No. 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all the creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†Litany of Dedication

One: Eternal God, You are our Rock and our Redeemer,
All: and Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, the very foundation upon which our lives are built.
One: Accept our profound gratitude for all of the blessings that we have received from your hand, gracious God,
All: and for the time, the talents and the earthly treasures you have entrusted to us stewards of your grace.
One: We commit ourselves afresh to building upon the foundation of Jesus Christ in our individual, family and church relationships.
All: As we have come before you this day with our tithes and offerings, and as we consider our financial commitments for the year ahead, give us the grace of generosity that our living and giving might honor you and serve all of your children here at First (Scots) and far beyond the walls of this place; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

†Hymn of Commitment	"Here I Am, Lord"	Hymn No. 525

(During this hymn, you are invited to place your commitment card in the basket on the Communion Table)

†Charge and Benediction		The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling Jr.
†Benediction Response	"Amen"	John Stainer
†Postlude	Finale (from *Symphony II*)	Charles-Marie Widor

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

Flowers: *The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Russell "Rusty" H. Stout, Jr. by Linda Stout and family.*

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 docent is **Carol Rees**.

Assisting with the Service Today

Greeters: Clarissa McKenzie, Beth Evans

Ushers: Chase Jasso (Captain), Meredith Jasso, Chett McCubrey, Matt Spath, Bob Ross, Jon Carter

Deacons: Wiley Becker (Lead Deacon), Ben O'Dell **Beadle:** John Marko, Jr. **Lay Reader:** George Flynn

Media Ministry: Matt Bucknam

Handbell Ringers: Caroline Barnes, Kristen LaSeta, Anne Smith, Anne Lewis, Helen Reid, Candace Brace

Elder on Call (November 2 - November 8) - Greer Hostetter (843) 813-0536
Deacon on Call (November 2 - November 8) - Emily Topham (843) 670-0497
Pastor on Call: (November 2 - November 8) - Pastor Mary B. Robinson (843) 872-1527

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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
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Donna Lawson, Day Porter
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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

All Things Bright and Beautiful 267

ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6 with refrain

English melody, 17th century Adapt.
Martin Shaw, 1915 Harm. for *The Hymnbook,* 1953

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

Refrain



**Repeat Refrain.*

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We Give Thee but Thine Own 428

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William Walsham How, c. 1858 Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis,* 1850



5. And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be;
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

525 Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD 7.7.7.4 D with refrain

Daniel L. Schutte, 1981

Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; alt. Harm. Michael Pope, Daniel L. Schutte, and John Weissrock, 1983



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Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?
Refrain
Unison
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have
heard You call-ing in the night I will
go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your
Fine
peo - ple in my heart.

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.

November 2 - 8

Monday, November 2

Prayer Group, 12 p.m.
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 - 3 p.m.
Bridge, 1:30 p.m.
Handbell Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, 7 a.m.
PW Board Meeting, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Open Door Initiative, 1 - 4 p.m.
Women's Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4

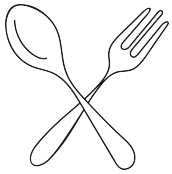
Ladies' Bible Study, 10 a.m.
Cancer Companions, 4 p.m.
Kirk Club, 4 p.m.
Heart Mom's Group, 4:30 pm
Taizé Worship, 5 p.m.
Wednesday Night Supper, 5:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m.
Financial Peace, 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, November 5

Line Dancing - Beginners, 9:30 a.m.
Line Dancing - Experienced, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday Tabletalk, 12 p.m.
Open Door Initiative, 1 - 4 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper at 5:30 P.M.

Menu for Wednesday, November 4:



House Salad
Braised Beef with Guinness
Rumbledethumps
Sticky Toffee Pudding

<u>Please RSVP by Tuesday at noon</u> by calling the church office at (843) 722-8882 or scanning the QR code.

The cost is $10/adult; $25 per family with two adults and minor children; $6 for children ages 6 - 18.



Cowboy Ceilidh

Please plan to attend our November 4 Wednesday Night Supper!

After Chef Robin's delicious traditional Scottish meal, **Pam Arnett will be leading everyone in line dances choreographed by Glasgow's own Maggie Stevenson!**

Scottish Heritage Sunday

Sunday, November 8

Volunteers are needed before, during, and after the reception, to participate in the procession, and much more.
Be a part of the fun!

Contact **Amelia at (843) 568-6391** or call **Jay at (843) 437-8677** to learn more.

For procession participation, contact **Debbie Rice-Marko at (843) 367-8089**.
We hope you can be a part of this wonderful day celebrating Scottish Heritage!

Register to volunteer

Congregational Meeting

All are encouraged to attend.

Sunday, November 15

10:50 a.m.
First (Scots) Presbyterian Church sanctuary
53 Meeting St

Last Opportunity Makeup days for the Church Pictorial Directory

Photos from previous directories will not be used, and these makeup sessions are the **LAST opportunity** to have your picture taken for the new directory.

Appointments are available on the following dates:

Wednesday, November 18 (2 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

Thursday, November 19 (2 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

Use the QR below to schedule your session. If you have any issues registering online, **please call the church office at (843) 722-8882, and we can help register you for a session.**

Church Code: SC345

Church Password: scots

*Please use the exact capitalization above for the Code & Password when you register.

Kirk Club Registration Remains Open!

Scan QR code to join!

Kirk Club is an awesome opportunity for kids to learn, play, and make new friends. Kirk Club is on **Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m.** to **5:40 p.m.**

The registration fee is $100 per child.

Call For Photos!

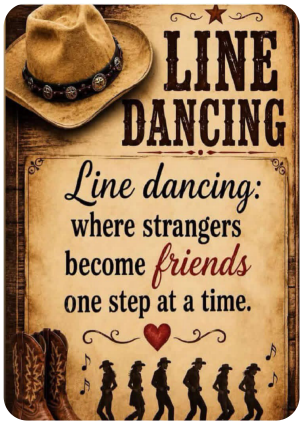
We invite you to share photo memories of past Scottish Heritage Sundays. Whether you were photographed in your finest kilt, took a family picture in tartan on the portico or captured any number of special moments during this beautiful service, we'd love to add your memories to our slideshow. **Send your photos to** scrawford@first-scots.org **by Wednesday, November 4.** Let's relive the joy and tradition of this wonderful event!

Docents Wanted

Love our historic sanctuary? Share it with visitors as a docent leading tours after Sunday morning worship, or greet guests as a host at The Open Door Ministry on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. No experience necessary, just a warm welcome and a willing heart. We'd love to have you! Contact **Rob Dillon** at **(843) 670-8002** or at DillonR@fwgna.org.

Voices Wanted

Come make a joyful noise with the Kirk Choir! Singers of every range are invited, whether you're seasoned or just love to sing. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. in the rehearsal room. Stop by any week, or contact **Tony Williams** at awilliams@first-scots.org to learn more.



NOVEMBER LINE DANCING LESSONS!

Join us for Line Dancing **every Thursday (except Thanksgiving) in Molly Wier Hall!** Whether you're brand new or already know the steps, there's a class for you:

- **Line Dance I (9:30–10:30 a.m.)** — Designed for beginners with no experience
- **Line Dance II (10:30–11:30 a.m.)** — For those with prior line dance experience

Questions? Contact **Pam Arnett** at pampagearnett@gmail.com

Meet Our New Interim Director of Christian Education!



Maria Hagan
Interim Director of Christian Education

We are delighted to welcome **Maria Hagan** as our new **Interim Director of Christian Education,** beginning Monday, November 9. This role will focus on working alongside our staff, teachers, volunteers, and the Christian Education Division to celebrate and strengthen our ministries from Sunday School and Kirk Club to adult Bible studies, Vacation Bible School, and other opportunities for learning and fellowship as we nurture lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ.

While serving full-time in this new interim role, Maria will also continue part-time as our Youth Ministry Coordinator, working with Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers and the students and friends of our church family.

Please join us in welcoming Maria and keeping her in your prayers as she begins these important responsibilities!

Meet Our New Director of Young Adults!



Daira Traynor
Director of Young Adults

We are thrilled to welcome **Daira Traynor** as our new **Director of Young Adults,** beginning December 1. This role will focus on connecting post-college young adults in their 20s and 30s to Christ and our church community through worship, study, service, and fellowship, as well as local outreach. This position is being funded from a generous gift from a First (Scots) family.

Daira brings wonderful ministry experience, having previously served as Associate Minister to Girls at First Baptist Dallas and as Youth Pastor at Vista Ridge United Methodist Church. She is also a gifted speaker, teacher, podcast host (*The Joy Girl*), and author of *Honest-to-Goodness Joy* and *Honest-to-Goodness Peace.*

Please join us in giving a warm First (Scots) welcome to Daira, her husband, Sean, and their family!

From Baptism to Communion: Sacred Treasures of First (Scots)

Article written by Suanne Trimmer

"During weekly services in the historic sanctuary of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church, certain items stand prominently at the front representing the sacraments of baptism and communion.."

Scan QR code to read full article! →

Youth Group on November 1 (5-7 p.m.)

Scan Youth Group Linktree QR code





High School Youth: How to Deal with Anxiety

The **High School Youth** are meeting at the Kirk House for a game, devotion, and dinner, before a conversation on How to Deal with Anxiety. Lisa Van Bergen, a Licensed Pastoral Counselor and the Clinical Director of the Lowcountry Pastoral Counseling Center, will be our guest speaker. In addition, Pastor Mary Robinson, our Commissioned Lay Pastor, will also join us.

Questions about this event? Please contact Youth Ministry Coordinator **Maria Hagan** at mhagan@first-scots.org.

Middle School Youth: Faith in Daily Life

The **Middle School Youth** are meeting at the Kirk House for a game, devotion, and dinner, before a conversation on Faith in Daily Life. We know what it looks like to worship God on Sunday mornings. But how are followers of Christ called to live out their faith the rest of the week? What does Christian discipleship look like in math class on Monday morning or Thursday evening on the soccer field?

Questions about this event? Please contact Middle School Youth Advisor **Meredith Jasso** at meredith.harley21@gmail.com.

Cancer Companions

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

The Cancer Companions support group meets Wednesdays at **4 p.m.** Sessions are led by Mary Robinson, Commissioned Lay Pastor, and Holly Wise, cancer survivor. Scan the QR code to access important details about Cancer Companions and the course calendar, or call the church office at **(843) 722-8882.**



Taizé Worship Service

Join us each **Wednesday from 5 - 5:30 p.m.** for a quiet and contemplative service of prayer, Scripture, silence, and simple, meditative music. Each service includes celebration of the Lord's Supper. All are welcome!

Kirk Cafe Sunday Breakfast



Are you in a rush on Sunday mornings? Is the teenage appetite ever satisfied? We have good news! **On Sunday mornings in the Kirk House, continental breakfast will be provided beginning at 9:45 a.m. and until classes start.** Please stop by the Kirk Café to enjoy breakfast and fellowship!