First (Scots) Presbyterian Church

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 15, 2026 at 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.



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

The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers
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The Vision of God

Prelude "Fugue in E-flat Major (St. Anne)" Johann Sebastian Bach
Lee Kohlenberg, organist

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

†Passing of the Peace

Choral Introit "Worship the Lord, Rejoice and Sing" arr. Hal H. Hopson
Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Timmi Winston, mezzo soprano (8:45)
Kirk Choir (11:15)

†Call to Worship Maria Hagan

One: The Lord has prepared a table before us and invites us to come.
All: We come remembering the grace by which God has delivered us.
One: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
All: Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed.
One: Let us remember His sacrifice, proclaim His death and await His coming again.
All: Let us worship God, who has redeemed us through Jesus Christ our Lord!

†Processional Hymn "O Worship the King All Glorious Above" Hymn No. 476

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 sinners in need of your grace. Too often, we trust in ourselves rather than the righteousness of Christ and take for granted the mercy you have shown us. Forgive our sin, O Lord, renew our faith, and make us one in the love of Christ As we come to your table, give us humble hearts and grateful spirits, that we may follow the One who gave himself for us. In Jesus' name 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 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" Hymn No. 370 (verses 1 & 3)

Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

The Word of God

The Time for Children

The Word Enacted The Sacrament of Baptism (8:45)

The Time for Teens

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

† Those who are able, please stand.

Prayer for Illumination Jane Fleischer (8:45)
Bob Ross (11:15)

The Word Read Old Testament Reading: Exodus 12:1-14 (pew Bible, page 51)
New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (pew Bible, page 933)

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

The Word Proclaimed "A Tale of Two Tables" 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 "In Christ Alone"

1. In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
my Comforter, my All in All;
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh;
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save;
'til on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay;
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ!

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death;
this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings The Rev. Clark Remsberg

(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 "Behold Now, Praise the Lord" Everett Titcomb
Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Timmi Winston, mezzo soprano (8:45)
Kirk Choir (11:15)

†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.

† Those who are able, please stand.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Word Enacted

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God!

The Communion of the People

Communion Anthem "The Lord's Prayer" Albert Hay Malotte
Katherine Clarkson, soprano; Timmi Winston, mezzo soprano (8:45)

"Bread of the World" Trad. Scottish/arr. Alan Bullard
Kirk Choir (11:15)

Prayer after Communion

†Hymn of Commitment "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Hymn No. 281

†Charge and Benediction The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling Jr.

†Benediction Response "Amen" Peter Lutkin

†Postlude "Grand Chœur Dialogué" Eugène Gigout

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be administered during the 8:45 a.m. service to **Scott Austin Bidwell III,** son of **Scott Austin Bidwell Jr.** and **Sylvia Bidwell. Scott (Chip) Bidwell III** will be baptized by **The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.**
Elder Bob Baldwin will deliver a prayer.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Suanne and Kevin Trimmer in loving memory of her mother.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of our brother Richard Wendell, from Kay and Charlie Wendell.

Assisting with the Service Today

8:45 a.m. Greeter:
David McCormack

Coffee Greeter:
Brad Morrison

11:15 a.m. Greeters:
Shannon Ravenel, Todd Garrett

8:45 a.m. Ushers:
David Neff (Captain), Woody Kerr, Chris Hawk, Margaret McCormack, Wes Henderson, George Smythe

11:15 a.m. Ushers:
John Witty (Captain), Ann Dukes, Matt Thomas, Chase McNair, Davis Finnen

8:45 a.m. Deacons:
Laura Greaver (Lead Deacon), Ben O'Dell

11:15 a.m. Deacons:
Caroline Spitznagel (Lead Deacon), Mary Orr

8:45 a.m. Beadle:
J-Bo Wall

11:15 a.m. Beadle:
Jay White

8:45 a.m. Lay Reader:
Jane Fleischer

11:15 a.m. Lay Reader:
Bob Ross

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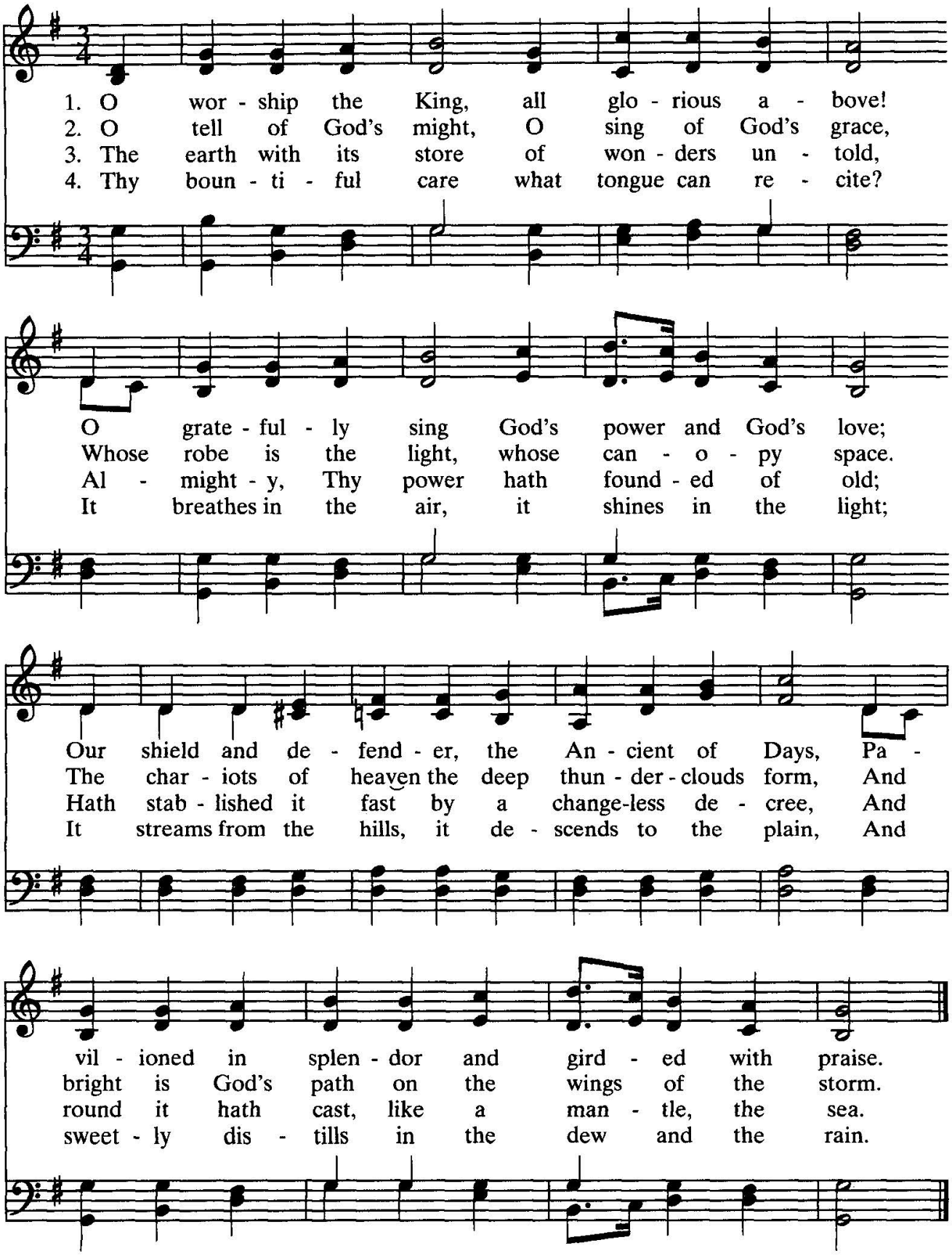
Robert Grant, 1833; alt. Attr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737–1806); alt.



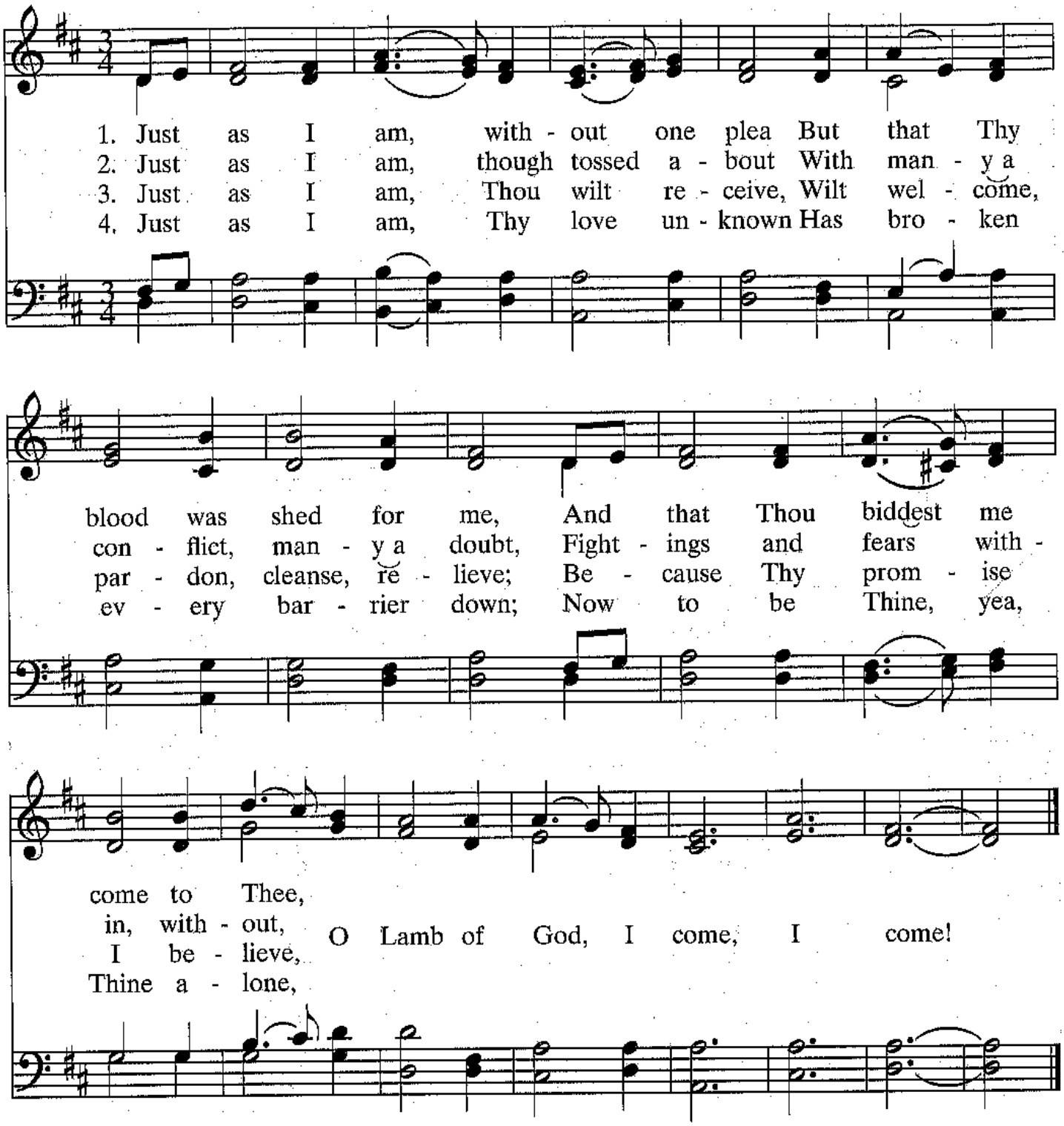
5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

Just as I Am, Without One Plea 370

WOODWORTH LM

Charlotte Elliott, 1834

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849
Harm. *The Hymnbook,* 1955



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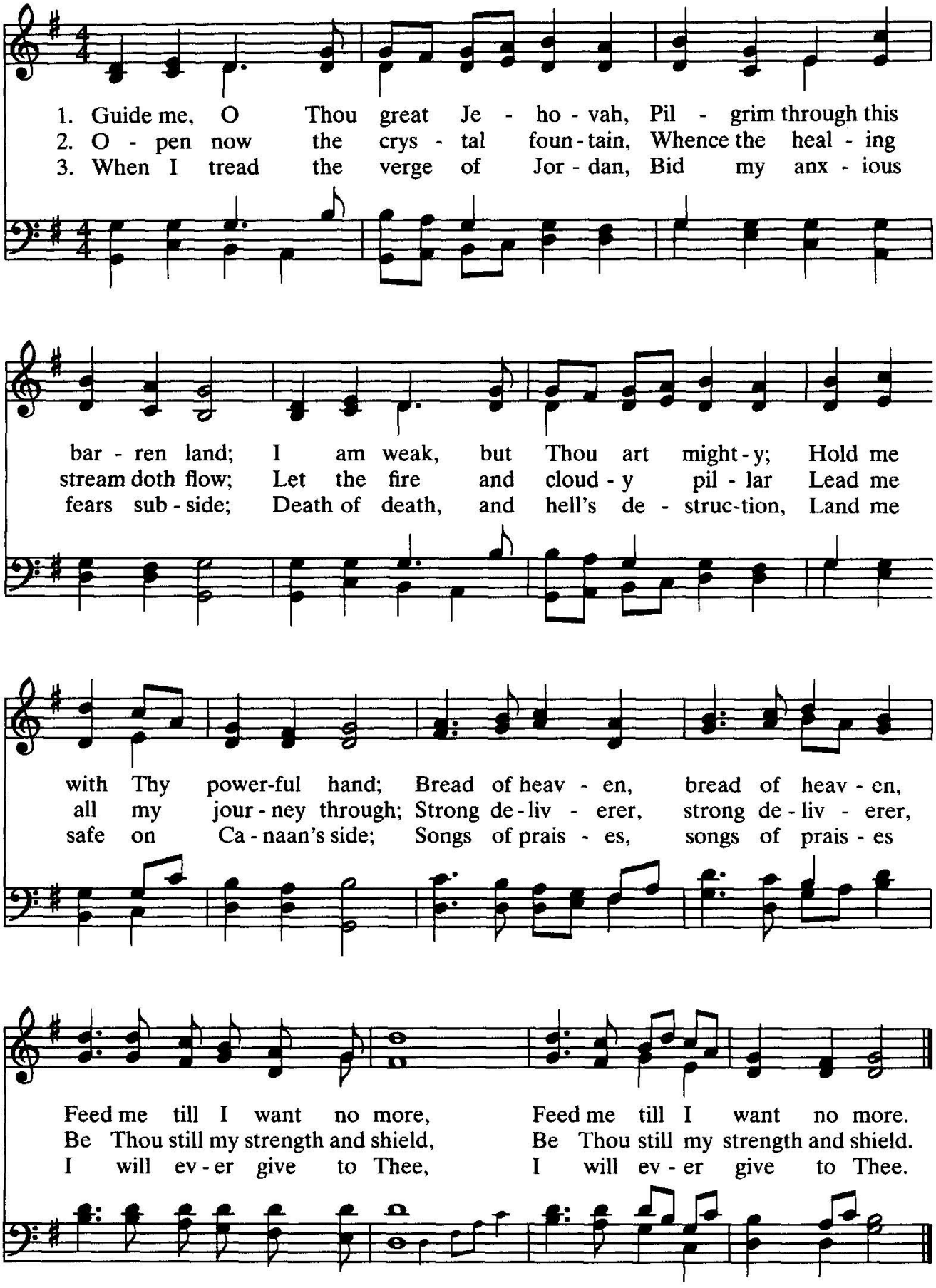
William Williams, 1745
Stanza 1 trans. Peter Williams, 1771
Stanzas 2–3 trans. William Williams, 1772

John Hughes, 1907



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 16 - 22

Monday, November 16

Prayer Group, 12 p.m.
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 p.m.
Bridge, 1:30 p.m.
Christian Education, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Handbell Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.
Evangelism Meeting, 6 - 7 p.m.
Fellowship Committee Meeting, 6 - 7 p.m.
Local Missions, 6 - 7 p.m.
World Missions, 6 - 7 p.m.
Congregational Care, 6:15 p.m.
Diaconate Meeting, 7 p.m.
Session Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 17

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, 7 a.m.
Women's Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.
Worship Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18

Church Directory Pictures, 2 - 8 p.m.
Cancer Companions, 4 p.m.
Kirk Club, 4 p.m.
H.E.A.R.T. Mom's Group, 4:30 p.m.
Taizé Worship, 5 p.m.
Wednesday Night Supper, 5:30 p.m.
Thornwell Guest Speaker, 6:15 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m.
Financial Peace, 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, November 19

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.
Church Directory Pictures, 2 - 8 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper At 5:30 P.M.

Menu for Wednesday, November 18:

Greek Salad
Build your own Pita: Sliced Greek Chicken, Tzatziki, Greek dressing, Feta
Rice and Chickpeas Pilaf
Grilled Vegetables
Greek Custard Crisp drizzled with Honey & Walnuts

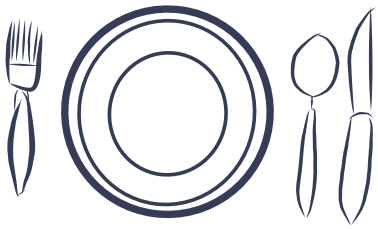
Please RSVP by Tuesday at noon by calling the church office at (843) 722-8882 or scanning the QR code. →

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

RSVP to the Annual Progressive Dinner

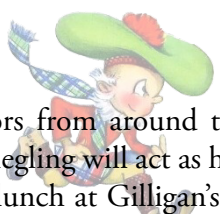
Sunday, December 6, starting at 6 p.m.

Scan QR to RSVP



'Tis the season! The annual Progressive Dinner is **Sunday, December 6, starting at 6 p.m. at Country Club II on James Island.** Thank you to our hosts for opening their homes; addresses will be provided closer to the event. Light bites progress to heavier hors d'oeuvres, then desserts. $35 per person, **space is limited! RSVP with the QR code.** Pay online or by check/cash to the church office. Registration is not complete until payment is received. Questions? **Lizzie Hamilton:** lizziehamilton@outlook.com or **(843) 276-3466.**

SCOTS ON THE GO!



2026 Mepkin Abbey Crèche Festival - "Nativities Accented with Stone"

Visitors from around the world flock to Mepkin Abbey for a unique display of handmade nativity sets. Dr. Siegling will act as host for the event. We'll take a bus from the church to Mepkin Abbey, then to a Dutch treat lunch at Gilligan's Restaurant on the Dock in Moncks Corner. **The bus should return to the church around 2 p.m. Cost is $30 per person.** Join us for this Lowcountry holiday tradition! Group limited to 16 guests, so REGISTER EARLY! $30 per person **(Bus) – donations to Mepkin Abbey are encouraged! Register and pay by using the QR code,** or turn payment in to Karen in the church office to confirm your spot. Questions? Contact **Lisle Henderson** at **(678) 428-1624. The event is Tuesday, December 1 – Bus will leave First (Scots) at 9 a.m.**

This Thanksgiving, Help a Child at Thornwell!

Thornwell
BUILDING TOMORROW'S FAMILIES

A Thornwell Representative will be our guest speaker **at the Wednesday Night supper on November 18!**

Your donation at Thornwell.org can:

- Provide a loving Christian home for children
- Buy clothes and shoes
- Pay for school supplies
- Provide medical care

"...Whoever receives this child in my name receives me..." Luke 9:48

Makeup Days for the Church Pictorial Directory

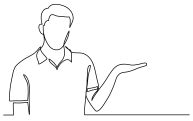
Photos from previous directories will not be used, and these makeup sessions are the **LAST opportunity** to have your picture taken for the new directory. Appointments are available on the following dates:

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 scan & you register.



Volunteer 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.



Choir 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.

Carols in the Round

Celebrate Christmas with the Charleston Southern University Choirs at their annual **Carols in the Round** concert. Featuring all three CSU choirs, the evening includes beloved traditional carols and contemporary holiday favorites. **Tuesday, December 1 at 7 p.m. at First (Scots) Presbyterian.**

Tickets are $15; scan the QR code on the left to purchase online. Bring family and friends!



Retirement Reception Honoring Mary Robinson

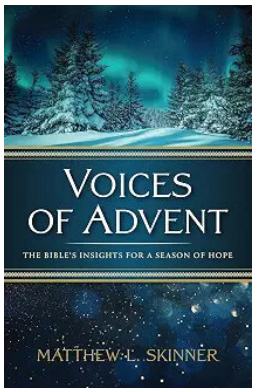


Pastor Mary B. Robinson
Commissioned Lay Pastor

Sunday, December 13 | Sunday School Hour | Molly Wier Hall

Please join us during the Sunday School hour on December 13 for a special reception honoring Mary Robinson as she prepares to retire at the end of the year. We will celebrate Mary's faithful service, express our gratitude for all she has meant to our church, and wish her well in this next chapter!

TUESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - THE VOICES OF ADVENT



The Voices of Advent
by Rev. Matthew L. Skinner

TIME: Tuesdays from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. ~ December 1, 8, & 25

PLACE: First (Scots) ~ Room 203

Please join us for this Scripturally-based study offering insights for this special season of hope. Explore Biblical texts that shape our lives and Christmas celebrations. We will listen as Jesus promises to return to us in the future, to John the Baptist as he prepares the way for the Messiah, to the faithful people and poets who anticipate the magnificence of Jesus's birth, and to the angels and visionaries who praise God when Christmas dawns. The Study Guide is available from online retailers. The evening classes will be accompanied by video presentations. Questions: **Ruthie Edwards** at halfsouthern1@gmail.com and **Martha Jane Hudnall** at mj.hudnall@ comcast.net.

WELCOME RECEPTION FOR DAIRA TRAYNOR



Daira Traynor
Director of Young Adults

Sunday, December 20 | Sunday School Hour | Molly Wier Hall

Please join us during the Sunday School hour on December 20 for a welcome reception honoring Daira Traynor, our new Director of Young Adults. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet Daira, welcome her to the First (Scots) family, and express our excitement for her ministry among us. **And while you're there, be sure to visit God's Gift Shop, which will also be set up in Molly Wier Hall!**

THE GRAVEYARD PROJECT

An exciting new project now underway is aimed at cleaning and restoring the tombstones in our graveyard. Age and lichens have made many of them unreadable.

We have cleaned the Mills family stone in the breezeway so you can see the amazing potential results. This is the beginning of a project that will identify those buried at First Scots and digitize their history into a book.

If you have ancestors buried here and can share family history, please contact Karen Prewitt by text (843) 607-7772.





THANK YOU FROM THE REV. DR. JAMES T. ROGERS

Dear Church,

Thanks so much for celebrating my 20th anniversary with First (Scots) last month. From the reception to the cards to the Disney trip, your expressions of gratitude for my ministry were such a blessing. I'm honored to serve as your Associate Pastor, and the words of Paul's letter to the Philippians (1:3-5) come to mind: **"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."** What a joy it is to be in ministry with you!

Peace of Christ,

James Rogers

Middle School Youth Presbytery Retreat (November 13-15)

Scan Youth Linktree QR



Please keep the following youth and adults in your prayers as they return today from the "Seasons of Change" Middle School Youth Presbytery Retreat at Camp Bethelwoods: Grace Amick, Odette Burgher, Charlotte Dawson, Eleanor Dickert, Abby Frick, Mia Frick, Lucia Funes, Thomas Jackson, William Jackson, Everett McCubrey, Oliver Riddle, and Henry Rogers (youth); Matt Bucknam, Ali Frick, and James Rogers (chaperones). Along with adult advisor James Rogers, First (Scots) high school youth Gretchen Dawson and Burns Hamilton serve on the Presbytery Youth Council which plans and leads this retreat.

Ski Trip Regular Registration Closes Today!

Youth Ski Trip Flyer QR

This January 15-18 the youth of First (Scots) are heading to Winterplace Ski Resort in West Virginia for a long weekend of skiing, snowboarding, fellowship, and worship! The cost is $450. Beginner lessons, bib rental and helmet rental (if desired) cost extra and will be added to the final balance due. Please scan the Youth Ski Trip Flyer QR code for all of the details. Register no later than TODAY, November 15, by using the Realm QR code to access the Online Registration Form. Space is limited, so we encourage everyone to sign up early. Per our Youth Trip Registration Policy, both the registration form and deposit must be received for registration to be considered complete. Questions about your registration? Please contact Dakota Carte at dcarte@first-scots.org. We're looking forward to a special weekend!



Ski Trip Registration QR

Sharing God's Love!

Last Sunday was all about sharing God's love. Following worship, our middle school youth served at Pet Helpers, completing projects to support the important work of caring for adoptable dogs and cats in our community. That evening, our high school youth served dinner at Second Presbyterian Church to hungry community members through God's Hot Dog Ministry. What a blessing it was to provide support to those in need, in the name of Jesus!



Pet Helper's - Middle School Youth
November 2026



Hot Dog Ministry - High School Youth
November 2026