

Scots Kirk Presbyterian

A congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church



Morning Worship

11:00 A.M. – April 14, 2024

1435 Old Trolley Road, Summerville, SC 29485

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Mission Statement: By God's grace alone, we glorify Him by loving Him and loving others in thought, word, and deed.

Prelude

Pianist Brenda Busch

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jim Mitchell

Preparation for Worship

2 Corinthians 3:12-18

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16:8-11

***Hymn of Praise**

Trinity Hymnal #165

“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaimed”

***Prayer of Invocation (Concluding with the Lord's Prayer)**

All: 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.

Confession of Sin

All: Holy Father, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin and restore us to the joy of your salvation now and forever. In Christ's name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3:3-7

Leader: For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

***Confession of Faith**

Adapted from The Westminster
Larger Catechism, Q 77

Leader: Wherein do justification and sanctification differ?

All: Although sanctification be inseparably joined with justification, yet they differ, in that God in justification imputeth the righteousness of Christ, in sanctification his Spirit infuseth grace, and enableth to the exercise thereof; in the former, sin is pardoned; in the other, it is subdued: the one doth equally free all believers from the revenging wrath of God, and that perfectly in this life, that they never fall into condemnation; the other is neither equal in all, nor in this life perfect in any, but growing up to perfection.

Children's Sermon

Elder Joel Reed

Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:33-48

Vows of Membership

Fred and Donna Legere

Prayers for the Church and the World

***Hymn of the Holy Spirit**

Blue Notebook p. 13

“Holy Spirit”

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Deacon Mike Cleveringa

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology**

Trinity Hymnal #731

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.

The Reading of the Word

1 John 2:1-6

Prayer of Illumination

Dr. Bob Cara

The Preaching of the Word

“Grounded in His Propitiation, Walk as Christ Walked”

***Hymn of Obedience to the Lord**

Trinity Hymnal #238

“My Dear Redeemer and My Lord”

***Benediction**

Numbers 6: 24-26

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

***Threefold Amen**

Trinity Hymnal #740

Postlude

*Please stand if able

Announcements

Guest Minister – Dr. Bob Cara is the Provost and Chief Academic Officer for the Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS) in Charlotte, NC, and has been a professor at RTS since 1993. In addition to numerous book reviews, articles, and commentaries he has written, Dr. Cara is currently working on a commentary on Acts in the new Reformed Exegetical and Theological Commentary series by Crossway. Dr. Cara is an ordained minister in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. He has been very involved at both the presbytery and synod levels and regularly preaches in the Charlotte area.

This Week at a Glance

- The Youth Group will meet tonight at 5 p.m.
- The Discipleship Ministry Team will meet at the church this Monday at 7 p.m.
- Women's Bible Study will meet on Tuesday at the church at 10 a.m. and the Veras' residence at 7 p.m.
- The Session will meet at the church this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Bereans will meet on Wednesday at the church at 7 p.m.
- Meet at the church this Saturday at 9:30 a.m. to help pass out Community Cookout flyers.

Looking Ahead

- Sunday School for all ages at the church each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
- The 2nd Annual Community Cookout will be on Saturday, April 27 at 3 p.m. Volunteer Sign Up Sheet on the bulletin board at the back of the church.
- The Diaconate meets Monday, May 6th at the church at 7 p.m.

Welcome to Scots Kirk Presbyterian

We are glad you are here with us this morning and welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Mt 11:28-29). We value the presence of your children with us as well. A nursery is provided for infants and toddlers during the Worship service. Older children are encouraged to stay and participate in the Worship service. If you choose to use our nursery, we have trained and background-checked volunteers who will gladly assist with their care.

Vital Statistics for 4/7 (Week 15)

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>2024 Annual Budget</u>	<u>Received to Date</u>
77	\$263,610	\$74,938.80

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Bereans Study: This week the Bereans Bible Study will continue with the series focusing on the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians. Using videos from Dr. Steven Lawson, this teaching series will use Paul's letter to help us truly experience the joy of knowing Christ, even on the darkest days. Bereans meets every Wednesday at 7:00 PM at the church, and both men and women are encouraged to attend.

Nursery Help Signup: Scots Kirk seeks volunteers willing to serve (in pairs) on a rotation. Please note, based on our child safety policy, volunteers are limited to background-checked members of Scots Kirk, and related members may serve together in the nursery. Contact Shanna Vera at 516-859-5025 (call, text).

Women's Bible Study: Women's Bible Study meets each Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the church and 7 p.m. at the home of Shanna Vera.

2nd Annual Community Cookout: The Scots Kirk 2nd Annual Community Cookout is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th from 3 – 6 p.m. Please mark your calendars as we will need lots of volunteers. We will be passing out flyers on Saturday, April 20th. We need the contributions of soda, water, and ice. Please reach out to Barbara to assist.

Ligonier Connect: The Elders and Deacons are pleased to announce that Scots Kirk recently partnered with Ligonier Ministries to better equip us for ministry and discipleship through Ligonier Connect. Please let Barbara Kempton know if you have not received your invitation from Ligonier.