

# Scots Kirk Presbyterian

*A congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church*



**Morning Worship**

**11:00 A.M. – March 9, 2025**

**1435 Old Trolley Road, Summerville, SC 29485**

**[www.scotskirkarp.org](http://www.scotskirkarp.org)**

**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  
Violinist Crystal Mitchell

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Elder Dale Johannesmeyer

## **Preparation for Worship**

Ephesians 4:31-32

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

## **Call to Worship**

Psalm 105:1-4

## **\*Hymn of Praise to God**

Trinity Hymnal #80

“Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee”

## **\*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.

\*Please stand if able

## **Confession of Sin**

Pray in Unison

All: Lord God, how often I, like Israel of old, act presumptuously and refuse to obey your commandments, forgetting all that you have done for me and desiring to return to slavery to sin, as Israel longed to return to its slavery in Egypt. But Father, you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. So forgive my forgetfulness, rebellion, and blasphemies and destroy any and all idols in my life. Save me from myself! Save me from my sins. Save me from my enemies. Deliver me from all evil. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. In Christ's name, Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Psalms 103:8-12

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

## **\*Confession of Faith**

The Westminster Larger Catechism Q30

Leader: Does God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

All: God does not leave all men to perish in the estate of sin and misery, into which they fell by the breach of the first covenant, commonly called the covenant of works; but of his mere love and mercy delivers his elect out of it, and brings them into an estate of salvation by the second covenant, commonly called the covenant of grace.

\*Please stand if able

**Children's Sermon**

Elder Joel Reed

**Scripture Reading**

Proverbs 28:13-14

**Prayers for the Church and the World**

**\*Hymn of Our Righteousness in Christ**

Blue Notebook p5

“Before the Throne of God Above”

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Deacon Mike Cleveringa

**Collection of Tithes and Offerings**

\*Please stand if able

## **\*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**

Matthew 18:21-35

## **Prayer of Illumination**

Rev. Paul Joyner

## **The Preaching of the Word**

“Forgiveness is Difficult to Master”

## **\*Hymn of Our Forgiveness in Christ**

Trinity Hymnal #251

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

## **\*Benediction**

Jude 24-25

Minister: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

## **\*Threefold Amen**

Trinity Hymnal #740

## **Postlude**

# Announcements

## This Week at a Glance

- The Youth Group will meet tonight at 5 p.m.
- The Ladies Bible will meet tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. at the church. We will continue our study of I and II Samuel. Nursery will be provided.
- Bereans will meet this Wednesday at the church at 7 p.m.
- The Session will meet this Thursday at the church at 6:30 p.m.

## Looking Ahead

- Sunday School for all ages at the church each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday March 23, following the morning worship service, we will have a fellowship lunch followed by a presentation from Lee Shelnett, one of our World Witness missionaries. Lee will be discussing the work of S.E.E.D Ministries, particularly the work in Rwanda. Please plan to join us.

## 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 3/2 (Week 9)

| <u>Attendance</u> | <u>2025 Annual Budget</u> | <u>Received to Date</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 76                | \$265,203.00              | \$47,083.90             |

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### Church WiFi Information

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**Pastor's Bio:** This morning, we welcome Rev. Paul Joyner to preach while our pastor is away with the youth group at the Bonclarken Spring Retreat. Paul is a retired US Air Force chaplain with over 29 years of military service in the US Marine Corps, the South Carolina Army National Guard, and the US Air Force. He is an ordained minister in Catawba Presbytery and a 2002 graduate of Erskine Theological Seminary. Paul is the father of three adult children and grandfather to seven grandchildren.

**Ministry Teams:** Are you part of a ministry team at Scots Kirk? If not, please consider serving the Lord by gathering with others to think, plan and pray for specific ministries where your gifts will be used for God's glory. The responsibilities of each ministry team are outlined on our website: <https://scotskirkarp.org/ministry-teams/> Please contact the pastor or any elder for more information about how to join.

**Bereans Study:** This week the Bereans Bible Study will continue with the series "*Lessons from the Upper Room*". Using videos from Dr. Sinclair Ferguson, this teaching series will use chapters 13 through 17 from the Gospel of John as we look to gain greater knowledge of Jesus Christ. Bereans meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the church, and both men and women are encouraged to attend.

**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 Jim Mitchell know if you have not received your invitation from Ligonier.