

Scots Kirk Presbyterian

A congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church



Morning Worship

11:00 A.M. – March 16, 2025

1435 Old Trolley Road, Summerville, SC 29485

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 Joel Reed

Preparation for Worship

Isaiah 28:15-16

Because you have said, “We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have an agreement, when the overwhelming whip passes through it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter”; therefore thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: ‘Whoever believes will not be in haste.’”

Call to Worship

Psalm 3:8

***Hymn of Praise to Our Redeemer**

Trinity Hymnal #181

“We Come, O Christ, To You”

***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: Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. In Christ's name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 3:13-14

Leader: Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

***Confession of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism Q60

Leader: How are you righteous before God?

All: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ; that is, although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God, have never kept any of them, and that I am still inclined always to all evil, yet God, without any merit of my own, out of mere grace, imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness and holiness of Christ, as if I had never had nor committed any sin, and as if I had myself accomplished all the obedience which Christ has fulfilled for me, if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.

Children's Sermon

Intern Don Walker

Scripture Reading

Joel 2:18-32

Prayers for the Church and the World

***Hymn of Thanks for Our Salvation**

Blue Notebook p38

“My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness”

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Deacon David Johnston

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

Romans 10:1-13

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Jim Mitchell

The Preaching of the Word

“Righteousness to Everyone who Believes”

***Hymn of Our Righteousness in Christ**

ARP Psalter #32A

“What Blessedness”

***Benediction**

Romans 15:13

Minister: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

***Threefold Amen**

Trinity Hymnal #740

Postlude

*Please stand if able

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.

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 Shelnutt, 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 3/9 (Week 10)

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>2025 Annual Budget</u>	<u>Received to Date</u>
43	\$265,203.00	\$50,781.00

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Church WiFi Information

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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.