

Scots Kirk Presbyterian

A congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church



Morning Worship

11:00 A.M. – December 14, 2025

1435 Old Trolley Road, Summerville, SC 29485

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

Elder Barry

Montoya

Preparation for Worship

Hebrews 10:19-22

“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:8

***Hymn of Glory to God**

Trinity Hymnal #214

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

***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, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements and those when I have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Lord Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole. In your precious name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:8-

2:2

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

***Confession of Faith Creed**

The Apostles'

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,

and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Elder

Joel Reed

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 5

Prayers for the Church and the World

Pastor Jim

Mitchell

***Hymn of Joy**

Blue

Notebook #12

"Joy Has Dawned"

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Deacon Ward Morgan

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

The Reading of the Word

1 Peter 2:1-5

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Jim Mitchell

The Preaching of the Word

“Living Stones in a Spiritual House”

***Hymn of the Advent of Our Savior**

Trinity Hymnal #196

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14

Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

***Threefold Amen**

Trinity Hymnal #740

Postlude

This Week at a Glance

- Next Sunday, our morning worship service will include traditional *Lessons and Carols* – using Scripture readings and hymns, along with an exposition of 1 Pet 2:6-8, we will consider the incarnation of our Lord and Savior! Join us, invite a friend.
- This Wednesday the Bereans study will not meet.

Looking Ahead

- **Sunday School for all ages** is held at the church each Sunday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- **The Ladies Bible Study** is in the Gospel of John on Mondays at 10:00 a.m.
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be held at 5:00 PM on the 24th. Join us!
- **Officer Elections Process:** The Session is preparing for the nomination and election process for 2026 officers (Elder, Deacon, Treasurer and Congregational Chairman). All members of Scots Kirk are encouraged to make nominations for these offices based on the Scriptural qualifications for Elder and Deacon (1 Timothy 3, Titus 1, 1 Peter 5) and wisdom (Treasurer, Congregational Chairman). The duties and qualifications are found in the ARP Form of Government (see ch. 3, 5 and 6) which is available on the ARP Church website. Any nominations should be cleared with the person being nominated and then provided to any member of the Session by January 4, 2026. Note, all names submitted will be considered but the Session acts as the nomination committee and is not bound to include them in the final list of candidates to be presented at our congregational meeting on January 25 (see below).
- **Congregational Meeting:** We have *two* congregational meetings coming up in January (both held immediately after morning worship) – please plan to attend both unless providentially hindered. On **January 11**, we will meet for the purpose of considering our new Child and Teen Protection policy, along with an explanation of the training that will be involved for all those volunteering with minors. On **January 25**, we will have our annual congregational meeting for the purpose of approving the budget for 2026 as well as officer elections (see announcement above).

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 12/7 (Week 49)

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>2025 Annual Budget</u>	<u>Received to Date</u>
52	\$265,203.00	\$258,312.25

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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: Bereans Study: The Bereans Bible Study has started the series “The Life of Peter” using videos from Dr. Derek Thomas. This study will complement the preaching series by Pastor Mitchell on the Epistles of the Apostle Peter. It will reveal that Peter is an example of how sinful men who are molded by God can lead the Church despite their flaws. Bereans meets every Wednesday evening at Scots Kirk at 6:30 PM. All adults and teens are invited.