

Scots Kirk Presbyterian

A congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church



Morning Worship
11:00 A.M. – January 4, 2026
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 Joel Reed

Preparation for Worship

Romans 13:7-8

Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Call to Worship

John 4:23-24

*Hymn of Praise to Our King

Blue Notebook #18

“Come, People of the Risen King”

*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: 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.

All: Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-19

Leader: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

***Confession of Faith** **Q 1-2**

The Heidelberg Catechism,

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Leader: What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

All: First, how great my sins and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

Children's Sermon

Elder Joel Reed

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

Prayers for the Church and the World

Pastor Jim Mitchell

***Hymn of Submission to the Lord**

Trinity Hymnal #688

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Deacon David Johnston

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 2:13-17

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Jim Mitchell

The Preaching of the Word

“Freedom in Submission”

*Communion Hymn

Trinity Hymnal #264

“Jesus, keep Me Near the Cross”

Vv 1-2 before communion

Administration of Communion

Vv 3-4 after communion

*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.

*Threefold Amen

Trinity Hymnal #740

Postlude

Looking Ahead

- **Sunday School for all ages** is held at the church each Sunday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- **The Ladies Bible Study** continues on Jan 5 at 10:00 am with the study of John's Gospel.
- **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 12/28 (Week 52)

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>2025 Annual Budget</u>	<u>Received to Date</u>
50	\$265,203.00	\$272,184.25

Contact Info for Pastor Jim Mitchell

Email: jim.f.mitch@gmail.com Phone: 843-991-0507 (call, text)

Contact Info for Secretary Emmy Carnes

Email: emmy.a.carnes+scotskirk@gmail.com Phone: 843-990-6891 (call)

Church WiFi Information

Username: Calvin 12 (5g) Password: martinluther!@

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.