

# Scots Kirk Presbyterian

*A congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church*



*Morning Worship*  
11:00 A.M. – January 25, 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 Herb Uthlaut*

## **Preparation for Worship**

**Romans 12:16-21**

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## **Call to Worship**

**Psalm 96**

## **\*Hymn of Adoration to Our Lord**

**Trinity Hymnal #381**

*"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"*

## **\*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**

**Ephesians 2:1-3**

Leader: And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

All: Silent Confession of Sin

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Ephesians 2:4-10**

Leader: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**\*Confession of Faith**  
**Faith 1.5 "Of the Holy Scripture"**

**The Westminster Confession of**

All: We may be moved and induced by the testimony of the Church to an high and reverent esteem of the holy Scripture; and the heavenliness of the matter, the efficacy of the doctrine, the majesty of the style, the consent of all the parts, the scope of the whole (which is to give all glory to God), the full discovery it makes of the only way of man's salvation, the many other incomparable excellencies, and the entire perfection thereof, are arguments whereby it doth abundantly evidence itself to be the Word of God; yet, notwithstanding, our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit, bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts.

### **Children's Sermon**

*Elder Joel Reed*

### **Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 34**

### **Prayers for the Church and the World**

*Pastor Jim Mitchell*

### **\*Psalm 34:11-22**

**ARP Psalter**

**#34C**

*“O Sons and Daughters, Come”*

### **\*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 3:8-17**

## **Prayer of Illumination**

*Pastor Jim Mitchell*

## **The Preaching of the Word**

*“A Peaceable Defense”*

## **\*Hymn of Christian Service**

**Trinity Hymnal #587**

*“Who is On the Lord’s Side”*

## **\*Benediction**

**Ephesians 3:20-21**

Minister: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

## **\*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 at 10:00 am every Monday with the study of John's Gospel.
- **The next Juliet's Brunch** will be on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am in the home of Mary Voss. If attending, please contact Mary Voss for details.
- **Baby Shower for Carissa and Noah Browning** on February 7, 2026 at 2:00pm at Northwood Baptist at Wando Woods 4123 Dorsey Ave North Charleston, SC 29405. RSVP to Candy Nearhood (843)605-1825
- **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 one congregational meeting coming up (held immediately after morning worship) – please plan to attend unless providentially hindered. 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 1/17 (Week 3)

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>2025 Annual Budget</u>	<u>Received to Date</u>
51		

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### 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.