

# Scots Kirk Presbyterian

*A congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church*



*Morning Worship*

*11:00 A.M. – March 15, 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**

**James 4:4-10**

“You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”

## **Call to Worship**

**Psalm 113:1-3**

## **\*Hymn of God’s Faithfulness**

**Trinity Hymnal #95**

*“Though Troubles Assail Us”*

## **\*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: Gracious Father, you sent your son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us. In Christ's Holy name, Amen.

All: Silent Confession of Sin

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Revelation 1:4b-6**

Leader: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## **\*Confession of Faith**

**The Heidelberg Catechism, Q 127**

Leader: What does the sixth petition mean?

All: “And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one” means:

By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment And our sworn enemies—the devil, the world, and our own flesh—never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.

**Children’s Sermon**

*Elder Joel Reed*

**Scripture Reading**

**Luke 22:31-62**

**Prayers for the Church and the World**

*Pastor Jim Mitchell*

**\*Hymn of Our Security in Christ**

**Blue Notebook #5**

*“Before the Throne of God Above”*

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Deacon Josh Blount*

**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 5:6-11**

**Prayer of Illumination**

*Pastor Jim Mitchell*

**The Preaching of the Word**

*“Resist the Devil”*

**\*Hymn of our Strength in the Lord**

**Trinity Hymnal #575**

*“Soldiers of Christ, Arise”*

**\*Benediction**

**Romans 16:20**

Minister: The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**\*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** has resumed study in the Gospel of John on Mondays at 10:00am at the church.
- **Congregational Meeting:** The Session has scheduled a Congregational Meeting for March 22 immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be to seek approval to begin the process of incorporating as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of South Carolina and as a federal 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. We are currently unincorporated. The ARPC recommends that all churches incorporate under the laws of the civil jurisdiction in which they are located. Incorporation will provide legal and financial protection for the church and its leadership; officially recognize our tax-exempt status; ensure all donations are tax exempt; and allow for property tax exemption for land and facilities.
- **On March 29** (5:30-6:30 PM) we will have a **hymn sing** (by request from the Trinity Hymnal, the bluebook or ARP Psalter) along with a time of focused prayer. Join us!
- **World Witness missionaries** Jeff and Suzanne Allers will be visiting with us April 26. We will share a pot luck lunch following the worship service then will hear from the Allers. Please mark your calendars.

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 3/8 (Week 10)

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>2025 Annual Budget</u>	<u>Received to Date</u>
43	\$279, 505.30	\$56,235.00

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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:** 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.

**Copies of Tabletalk magazine,** the monthly publication from Ligonier Ministries, are available for pickup. In these magazines you will find a daily devotional as well as articles on the topic of the month. You will find them on the tables near the restrooms.