Call to Worship

Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.
We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.
Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.
Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude.

Special Music: "Our Heritage of Faith" *Joseph Martin*
Chancel Choir
Please join us in singing verses 1 & 2
1 God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

***Confession and Pardon:**

When we remember all the mistakes we have made,
all the careless words we have spoken,
all the contempt we have given to those around us,
we have trouble looking God in the eye.
But God gazes at us with mercy and love, waiting to forgive us,
changing us from the inside out. Let us pray:

Heavenly Father,
again we must confess
our struggles to be faithful disciples.
Entrusted with all your gifts,
we become fearful once again of misusing them,
missing the chance to be a blessing to others.
Invited to dance in the light of Your love,
we stand against the wall once again,
keeping company with our old friend, sin.
Have mercy, O God, have mercy on us.
Once again, open our eyes to your kingdom in our midst,
so we might discover that Your day of hope and grace
has already come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Time for silent confession)

Song of Assurance: "Lord Have Mercy" KYRIE
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

God intends for us to find life, to embrace hope,
to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior,
and to live in a manner that points other people to Him.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***Song of Praise:** "Glory Be to the Father" GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed**
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Church Family Moment: Sara Kaczmarski

Prayer of Illumination:

Faithful God, how blessed are those
who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Sanctify us by Your Word and Spirit
so that we may glorify You
in the company of the faithful;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-18
14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

Musical Offering: "Amazing Grace" *Columbian Harmony*
Peter Armstrong, Bagpipes, Jim Moore, Organist and Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:19-30
19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents. 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert
"Wealth Management According to Jesus: Investment Strategies"

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation and Words of Institution

Distribution and Partaking of the Elements
The elders will be distributing the bread and the juice.
Please partake of the elements at any time, as you feel led.

SENDING

***Closing Hymn:** #802 - "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ST COLUMBA

Please bring forward your pledges and place them in the basket.

***Litany of Dedication for Stewardship Pledges**

Gracious God, creator of the world, giver of all that is good,
bless the gifts and the pledges we bring to You today.
These pledges represent our work, our hopes, and our dreams,
and we offer them in thanksgiving for all we have received.
May they be the first fruits of all we have,
and not what we have left over.
May we see these pledges as a sacred offering,
and not a gift of obligation or exchange.
May we use them wisely for Your service,
to reflect Your love to this city and this world.
May they move us to be more faithful disciples,
and energize us for lives of generosity.
In gratitude for the grace of God.
in the warmth of God's hospitality,
and in the spirit of the generosity embodied by Christ,
We dedicate these pledges to the work of God.
Thanks be to God!
Alleluia! Amen.

***Benediction Response:** "God Be with you Till We Meet Again"
Ralph Vaughan

***Recessional:** "Scotland The Brave" *Traditional*
Peter Armstrong, Bagpipes

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert
Sara Kaczmarski, Spiritual Growth Assistant
William Bennett, Director of Music
Jim Moore, Organist
Peter Armstrong, Bagpipes
Chancel Choir
Liturgists: **8:45 am—Ramona Jasso 11:00 am—Bill Collins**
Elder-in-Charge: **8:45 am—Sherry Roberts 11:00 am—Kathryn Tupper**
Ushers: **8:45 am—Pat Tolbert, Julie McCormick, Katie Ryan & Don Moore**
11:00 am—Merrilyn Long, Jay Johnson, Oden & Marylou Semones

WELCOME

We welcome you to worship this morning! Please fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate during the offering. A map of our campus is available in the pew racks. If you are a guest with us, we invite you to Lanneau Hall following the service to visit the Welcome Center. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

Children and Nursery: Nursery is available in Room 103. We kindly ask that children 5 and above not be dropped off in the nursery. Please ask an usher for a pew pal to help occupy your child during the worship service. If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Meyer at summervillepresnursery@gmail.com

Flowers—The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Barbara Norris in memory of her husband, Joe.

Offerings can also be made through the Giving tab at summervillepres.org, scanning the QR code to the right through the Abundant Giving app from Google Play or the Apple Store. Set up your account and choose Summerville Presbyterian Church.

Staff, Elders and Deacons—A listing of staff and SPC ministry leaders can be found in the vestibules and welcome centers.

SUNDAYS

8:30 am-12:15 pm—Nursery (Room 103)
8:45 am—Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
9:45 am—Coffee Fellowship (Lanneau Hall)
10:00 am—Contemporary Service (Gym)
10:00 am—Sunday School
Pre-Readers – Room 102
Readers – Room 104
Tweens – Room 303
High School – Room 301
Under the Hill (The Chosen) – Room 107
Genesis (The Wired Word) – Room 101
Seekers (Sermon on the Mount) – Room 201
11:00 am—Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
11:00 am—Contemporary Small Group (Room 304)

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SCOTTISH HERITAGE/DEDICATION SUNDAY
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday, November 1, 2026



Give from the Heart
Invest for Eternity
MATTHEW 6:21
Summerville Presbyterian Church
Stewardship Campaign 2027

GATHERING

Please prepare your hearts for worship during the prelude.
"Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

**means to stand if you are able,*
*words in **bold** are to be spoken by the congregation*

***Prelude:** "Highland Cathedral" *Ulrich Rover & Michael Korb, 1982*
Peter Armstrong, Bagpipes and Jim Moore, Organist

***Blessing of the Tartans and Families of the Church**

Eternal God, we ask your blessing on all people. We are thankful for our heritage and ask You to bless the families of our church, that they may love and walk humbly with You through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.
We proclaim that we are all united in the covenant of Jesus Christ, for there is but one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all.

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert