

FIRST SCOTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Of Beaufort

— PCA —

THE LORD'S DAY

August 10, 2025

Sunday School: 9:30AM (all ages)

Morning Worship Service: 10:40AM

Evening Worship Service: 5PM

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Prayer of Preparation: “Stoop, Stoop”

by Samuel Rutherford

From *Into His Presence: Praying with the Puritans* by Tim Chester

Humble me, Lord God,
Down, down, for your sake, with my
topsail.
Stoop, stoop, for low is the gate to
heaven.

Be violent with my corrupt nature,
that I might be holy and lie down
under Christ's feet;
that I might quit will, pleasure,
worldly love, earthly hope,
and a heart itching after this faded
and over-gilded world,
and be content that Christ trample
upon all.

Come in, come in, my soul, to Christ,
and see what I want, and find it in him.
He is the exit of all my burdens.
The tongues of angels, even a world of
angels, could not portray him in his true
colors.
Oh, for a soul as wide as the highest
heaven
to contain his love,
O world's wonder!

Oh, that my soul might but lie within the
scent of his love.

Oh, but it is long to that day
when I shall have a free world of
Christ's love!

Oh, what a sight to be in heaven,
in that fair orchard of the new
paradise;
and to see, and smell, and touch,
and kiss that fair field-flower,
the ever-green Tree of life!

Lord, forgive me that I let my love rust,
or waste it on loathsome objects.

Woe, woe is me, that sin has made me
so many mad,
seeking the fool's paradise—
some desirable thing without and
apart from Christ.

Christ, Christ, nothing but Christ.
can cool our love's burning
languor.

O thirsty love, set Christ, the well of life,
to your head, and drink your fill;
drink and be drunk with Christ!

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

AUGUST 10, 2025

Parents, we are delighted for your little ones to join us in worship! If they need to stretch their legs or lungs during the service, please feel free to use the Worshippers in Training (WIT) room or the nursery.

WELCOME

Rev. Alex Mark
Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

[5]Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, [6]who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, [7]but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. [8]And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. [9]Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, [10]so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11]and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

***OPENING HYMN:**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Trinity Hymnal #295

OLD TESTAMENT READING / CALL TO CONFESSION: JEREMIAH 5:21-31

[21]"Hear this, O foolish and senseless people, who have eyes, but see not, who have ears, but hear not. [22]Do you not fear me? declares the LORD. Do you not tremble before me? I placed the sand as the boundary for the sea, a perpetual barrier that it cannot pass; though the waves toss, they cannot prevail; though they roar, they cannot pass over it. [23]But this people has a stubborn and rebellious heart; they have turned aside and gone away. [24]They do not say in their hearts, 'Let us fear the LORD our God, who gives the rain in its season, the autumn rain and the spring rain, and keeps for us the weeks appointed for the harvest.' [25]Your iniquities have turned these away, and your sins have kept good from you. [26]For wicked men are found among my people; they lurk like fowlers lying in wait. They set a trap; they catch men. [27]Like a cage full of birds, their houses are full of deceit; therefore they have become great and rich; [28]they have grown fat and sleek. They know no bounds in deeds of

evil; they judge not with justice the cause of the fatherless, to make it prosper, and they do not defend the rights of the needy. [29]Shall I not punish them for these things? declares the LORD, and shall I not avenge myself on a nation such as this?" [30]An appalling and horrible thing has happened in the land: [31]the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule at their direction; my people love to have it so, but what will you do when the end comes?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: EZEKIEL 36:25-27

[25]"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. [26]And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. [27]And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules."

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM, QUESTION #49

Question 49: Which is the second commandment?

Answer: The second commandment is, *You shall not make unto yourself any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: You shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy to thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING:

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** Before the Throne of God Above see pages 7 and 8

SERMON: "THE CROWN AND THE TOWEL" Rev. Alex Mark
John 13:1-11

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:** The Church's One Foundation Trinity Hymnal #347
(Stanzas 1-5)

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** The Church's One Foundation, #347 (Stanza 6)

*Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose race is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.*

**Congregation Standing*

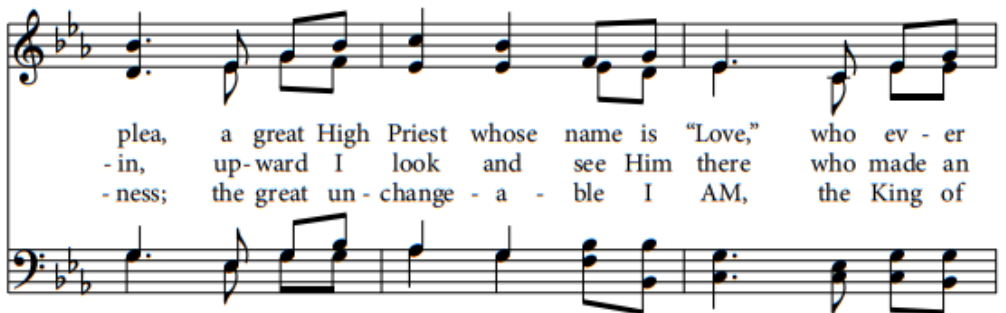
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Before the Throne of God Above

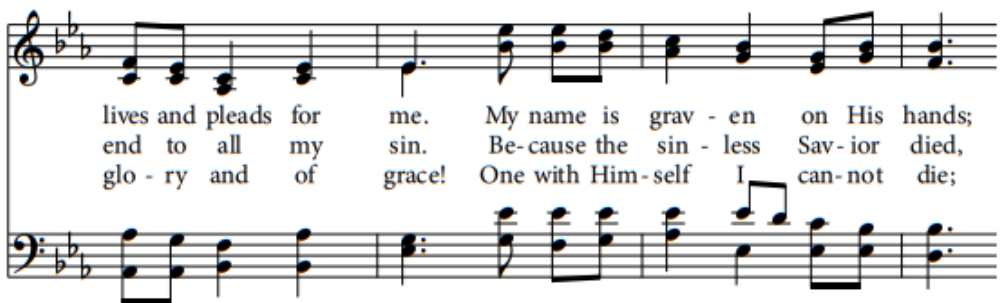
*Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. Hebrews 4:14*



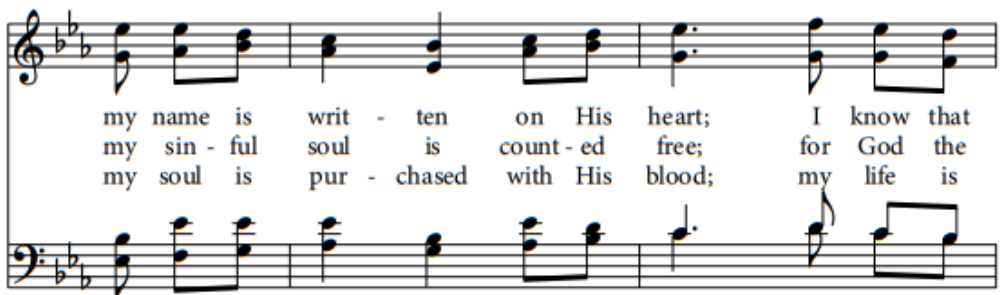
1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb! My per - fect, spot - less Right - eous



plea, a great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ev - er
- in, up - ward I look and see Him there who made an
- ness; the great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of



lives and pleads for me. My name is grav - en on His hands;
end to all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died,
glo - ry and of grace! One with Him - self I can - not die;



my name is writ - ten on His heart; I know that
my sin - ful soul is count - ed free; for God the
my soul is pur - chased with His blood; my life is

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while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -
Just is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don
hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my

- part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
me; to look on Him and par - don me.
God; with Christ my Sav - ior and my God!

MORNING SERMON TEXT

[1]Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. [2]During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, [3]Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, [4]rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. [5]Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. [6]He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" [7]Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." [8]Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." [9]Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" [10]Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." [11]For he knew who was to betray him; that is why he said, "Not all of you are clean."—John 13:1-11

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

I. THE NATURE OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

II. THE TEST OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

III. THE GOAL OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

The Cleansing We Need

(devotional on John 13:2-11 from www.ligonier.org)

We noted in our study of John 13:1 that the mention of a specific hour of Christ's departure from this world indicates that our Lord was sovereign over His death. That point of sovereignty we find again in today's passage, where we read that the Father gave all things into the hands of the Son (v. 3). As we study our Lord's passion over the next few months, it will be important for us to remember that Christ remained in control of His fate at all times. The executioners had authority over Him to put Him to death only insofar as God granted it to them (19:11).

Furthermore, the death of Christ as part of the divinely ordained plan for our salvation does not absolve the participants who crucified Him of their guilt. Jesus was delivered up to death, but the men who killed Him were "lawless" (Acts 2:22-23). They were not seeking to fulfill God's ends; they were pursuing their own will. This applies also to Judas, whom the devil inspired to betray Jesus (John 13:2). Judas was no passive actor forced to hand Jesus over to the authorities. He was an eager conspirator in our Savior's death.

The remainder of today's passage describes the foot washing that took place just prior to the last meal that Jesus enjoyed with His disciples before His crucifixion. The disciples would have all been reclining on thin mats around the table, each leaning on his left arm, when Jesus washed their feet (vv. 3-5). When people traveled the dusty roads of ancient Palestine in sandals, their feet would get dirty, and a servant commonly washed the feet of guests before they joined the master of a house for a meal. But most Jews saw this task as demeaning, so it was given only to the most menial of servants. Thus, Peter objected to Jesus' action because he thought it not worthy of Him (vv. 6-8a).

Simon Peter finally accepted Jesus' response that washing by Him is necessary to be His disciple, but Peter said his whole body, then, should be washed (vv. 8b-9). Jesus did not deny this need for a full washing, but He said that if one's body has been washed, one is completely clean except that only the feet periodically need to be washed (vv. 10-11). The reference here is to the twofold washing Christ provides. When we are converted, we are decisively cleansed from sin such that we enjoy salvation permanently. Yet, Christians continue to sin and need cleansing of that sin. Post conversion sin does not so dirty us that it makes us kingdom outcasts, but it still needs to be dealt with (1 John 1:8-10).

Post conversion sins do not affect our legal relationship to God. By faith in Christ alone, we are justified and declared righteous permanently before the bar of God's justice. But post conversion sins can interrupt our fellowship with God and with other people. We must confess such sins to restore fellowship and to enjoy a fresh assurance of the gospel's promises.

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

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Hymn Sing

Rev. Alex Mark
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Call to Worship

Psalm 148:1-6

[1]Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

[2]Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

**Opening Hymn:*

All Creatures of Our God and King

Trinity Hymnal #115

Scripture Reading:

Luke 14:15-35

Evening Prayer

Scripture Reading & Sermon: "THE ORDER OF THE COSMOS
AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP"
Genesis 1:14-19

Rev. Alex Mark

**Closing Hymn*

Jesus Shall Reign

Trinity Hymnal #441

**Benediction*

**Congregation Standing*

GENESIS 1:14-19

[14]And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, [15]and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. [16]And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. [17]And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, [18]to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. [19]And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

EVENING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

I. A WELL-ORDERED COSMOS

II. A CALL TO WELL-ORDERED WORSHIP

III. A PICTURE OF WELL-ORDERED LIFE