



FIRST SCOTS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Of Beaufort*

— PCA —

**THE LORD'S DAY**

**March 22, 2026**

**Sunday School: 9:30AM (all ages)**  
**Morning Worship Service: 10:40AM**  
**Evening Worship Service: 5PM**

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# Prayer of Preparation: “My Covenant Friend”

by Josphe Alleine

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

O most holy God, in your infinite grace, you have promised mercy to me in Christ, if I will turn to you with all my heart.

Therefore, at the call of your gospel,

I come to submit to your mercy.

I here, from the bottom of my heart, covenant with you

not to allow myself to engage in any known sin, but to use all the means you have given for the death and destruction of my corruption.

And whereas formerly I have inordinately and idolatrously set my affections upon the world, I here resign myself to you, humbly declaring before your glorious Majesty, that this is the firm resolution of my heart.

Because my own righteousness is but as filthy rags,

I renounce all confidence in myself.

Therefore I sincerely desire your grace and assistance

that I may enact this, my resolution, forsaking all the ways of sin, and watching against its temptations, lest they draw my heart away from you.

I call upon heaven and earth to record this day

that I do here solemnly take you, Father, Son and Spirit, to be my portion and my chief good.

And I give myself, body and soul, to be your servant,

promising and vowing to serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.

Because you have been pleased to give me your holy laws,

I solemnly take them as the rule of my words, thoughts, and actions, promising that, though my flesh contradict and rebel, yet I will endeavor to govern my life by your direction.

Glory be to you, God the Father, for such a way of recovery for undone sinners.

Glory be to you, God the Son, for you have loved me and washed me in your own blood.

Glory be to you, God the Holy Spirit, for your power has turned my heart from sin to God.

Oh high and holy Jehovah, the Lord God Omnipotent, you have become my covenant Friend, and I have become your covenant servant.

The covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen, so be it.

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

## MARCH 22, 2026

*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. Tom Brown  
Assistant Pastor

### **CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 34:8-10**

[8]Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! [9]Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! [10]The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

### **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:**            All Creatures of Our God and King            Trinity Hymnal #115

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING/CALL TO CONFESSION: PSALM 139: 1-12; 23-24**

[1]O LORD, you have searched me and known me! [2]You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. [3]You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. [4]Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. [5]You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. [6]Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

[7]Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? [8]If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! [9]If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, [10]even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. [11]If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," [12]even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

[23]Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! [24]And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!



# MORNING SERMON TEXT

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[5]This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—Titus 1:5

## MORNING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

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### **I. THE FIRST PRIORITY: ESTABLISH GODLY LEADERS**

### **II. THIS IS TO BE DONE IN EVERY LOCAL CHURCH**

# MORNING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES (CONT'D)

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**III. THIS IS TO BE DONE SO THAT THERE IS ORDER IN GOD'S HOUSE (NOT DISORDER)**

# THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

## March 22, 2026

*Hymn Sing*

Rev. Tom Brown  
Assistant Pastor

*Call to Worship*

Isaiah 43:1-7

[1]But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. [2]When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. [3]For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. [4]Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. [5]Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you."

*\*Opening Hymn:*

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Trinity Hymnal #15

*Scripture Reading:*

Acts 4:23-31

*Evening Prayer*

*Scripture Reading & Sermon:* "WHY DOES GOD LOVE YOU,  
CHRISTIAN?"  
Malachi 1:1-5

Rev. Tom Brown

*\*Closing Hymn*

How Firm a Foundation

Trinity Hymnal #94

*\*Benediction*

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*\*Congregation Standing*

# MALACHI 1:1-5

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[1]The oracle of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi. [2]“I have loved you,” says the LORD. But you say, “How have you loved us?” “Is not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the LORD. “Yet I have loved Jacob but Esau I have hated. I have laid waste his hill country and left his heritage to jackals of the desert.” [4]If Edom says, “We are shattered but we will rebuild the ruins,” the LORD of hosts says, “They may build, but I will tear down, and they will be called ‘the wicked country,’ and ‘the people with whom the LORD is angry forever.’” [5]Your own eyes shall see this, and you shall say, “Great is the LORD beyond the border of Israel!”

## EVENING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

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### I. MAN’S ENTITLED QUESTION: HOW HAVE YOU LOVED US? (v. 1A)

# EVENING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES (CONT'D)

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## **II. GOD'S HUMBLING ANSWER: BY THE UNDESERVED MERCY OF DIVINE ELECTION (v. 1B-5)**