



FIRST SCOTS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Of Beaufort
— PCA —



THE LORD'S DAY

August 2, 2026

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

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Prayer of Preparation: “Celebrating Communion” by

The Westminster Assembly

From *Into His Presence—Praying with the Puritans*

With humble and heartfelt acknowledgment
of the greatness of our misery,
from which neither man nor angel
was able to deliver us,
and of our great unworthiness
of the least of all your mercies.

we give thanks to you, O God, for all your
benefits,
and especially for that great benefit of our
redemption,

the love of God the Father,
the sufferings and merits of the Lord
Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
by which we are delivered;

and for all means of grace,
the word and sacraments;
and for this sacrament in particular,
by which Christ and all his benefits are
applied and sealed up to us.

We profess that there is no other name under
heaven by which we can be saved
but the name of Jesus Christ,
by whom alone we receive liberty and
life,

have access to the throne of grace,
are admitted to eat and drink at his own
table
and are sealed up by his Spirit
to an assurance of happiness and
everlasting life.

We earnestly pray to you, the Father of all
mercies, and God of all consolation,
to ensure his gracious presence
and the effectual working of his Spirit in
us;
and so to sanctify these elements,
both of bread and wine,
and to bless your own ordinance,
that we may receive by faith the body and
blood of Jesus Christ, crucified for us,
and so to feed upon him,
that he may be one with us,
and we one with him;
that he may live in us,
and we in him, and to him,
who has loved us,
and given himself for us.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

WELCOME

Rev. Tom Brown
Assistant Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 145:17-21

[17]The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. [18]The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. [19]He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. [20]The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. [21]My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

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:** God, My King, Thy Might Confessing Trinity Hymnal #5

CALL TO CONFESSION: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (FROM Ex 20:1-17, Dt 5:1-21)

Leader: God spoke all these words, saying, I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

People: 1. You shall have no other gods before me.

2. You shall not make for yourselves a carved image.

3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

5. Honor your father and your mother.

6. You shall not murder.

7. You shall not commit adultery.

8. You shall not steal.

9. You shall not bear false witness.

10. You shall not covet.

Hear also the words of the Lord Jesus, how He says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: PSALM 130

[1]Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! [2]O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! [3]If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? [4]But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. [5]I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; [6]my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. [7]O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. [8]And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING:

***HYMN OF APPROACH:** Psalm 128 see page 6

SERMON: “WITNESS FOR CHRIST WITH PERFECT COURTESY,
ALWAYS REMEMBERING: IF NOT FOR GRACE,
THERE GO I Rev. Tom Brown
Titus 2:15 – 3:5A

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Trinity Hymnal #252
all Stanzas

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

***HYMN OF GRATITUDE:** Renew Thy Church, Her Ministries Restore Trinity Hymnal
all Stanzas #352

***BENEDICTION**

Psalm 128:

Bless the man that fears Jehovah
And that walketh in His ways;
Thou shalt eat of thy hands' labor
And be prospered all thy days.
Like a vine with fruit abounding
In thy house thy wife is found,
And like olive plants thy children,
Compassing thy table round.

Lo on him that fears Jehovah
Shall this blessedness attend;
For Jehovah out of Zion
Shall to thee His blessing send.
Thou shalt see Jerus'lem prosper
All thy days till life shall cease;
Thou shalt see thy children's children,
Unto Is-ra-el be peace.

Nettleton (*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*)

Meter 87.87 double

American Folk melody



MORNING SERMON TEXT

[2:15] Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you. [3:1] Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, [2]to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. [3]For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. [4]But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, [5]he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy...—Titus 2:15 - 3:5A

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

I. THE PASTOR'S CHARGE (v. 2:15)

II. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS (v. 3:1-2)

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES (CONT'D)

III. THE CHURCH'S MOTIVATION (v. 3:3-5A)

Paul's Charge to Titus

(a devotional on Titus 2:15 from www.ligonier.org)

Trinitarian doctrine is established by many biblical passages, but one of the most important of these is Titus 2:13 wherein Paul speaks of “our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.” The arguments regarding the Greek grammar of this verse are complex, but commentators are in near unanimous agreement that the apostle is not speaking of two different persons. Instead, the titles “God” and “Savior” both apply to Jesus, making this verse one of the clearest statements of the deity of Christ in all of Scripture.

Paul has reminded us that this Jesus died and was resurrected in order to defeat sin and death and to purify us from all unrighteousness. He has also shown us that He will come again to wrap up the covenant promises. Remembering this past event and looking forward to the renewal of all things give us the motivation to be “zealous for good works” (vv. 11–14). This is basic Christianity, and it is not surprising that Titus, primarily, and all elders, secondarily, are charged to declare these doctrines, exhorting and rebuking other believers (v. 15).

First Timothy 4:11–16 is an important parallel passage, demonstrating along with Titus 2:15 the significance of the teaching office in the church. In fulfillment of the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:18–20), all believers have a role in instructing others; however, the church’s appointed teachers have special authority to teach biblical doctrine, exhort and encourage others to believe it, and rebuke professing Christians who reject it. This authority is not inherent in the teacher but is based on the Word of God (15:1–9; 18:15–20), and his teaching is not binding if it violates Scripture. Dr. John MacArthur comments, “Authority to command people in the spiritual realm comes only from God’s Word” (The MacArthur Bible Commentary, p. 1,824).

On account of their authority, we may never disregard the biblical teachings of Titus and all the faithful teachers who have succeeded him (Titus 2:15). We must receive biblical teaching even when it is difficult to hear, and we must not belittle our pastors and elders. Our leaders must likewise teach only the truth and never let anyone dissuade them from fulfilling their mission.

The remaining presence of sin in our lives means that we sometimes find it difficult to receive the teaching of God’s Word. We would do well, then, to do everything we can to prepare for the authoritative teaching and preaching of Scripture. We can pray that the Lord would make our hearts receptive to His message. We can study the Bible in order that we might recognize aberrant teaching.

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

August 2, 2026

Hymn Sing

Rev. Tom Brown
Assistant Pastor

Call to Worship

Psalm 89:1-2

[1]I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. [2]For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

**Opening Hymn:*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Trinity Hymnal #32

Scripture Reading:

Acts 12: 20-25

Evening Prayer

Scripture Reading & Sermon: "THE ARCHITECTURE OF FAITH"
Genesis 6:8-22

Rev. Alex Mark

**Closing Hymn:*

Trust and Obey

Trinity Hymnal #672

Benediction

**Congregation Standing*

GENESIS 6:8-22

[8]But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

[9]These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. [10]And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

[11]Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. [12]And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. [13]And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. [14]Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. [15]This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. [16]Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks. [17]For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. [18]But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. [19]And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. [20]Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive. [21]Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them." [22]Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

EVENING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

I. GOD'S COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

EVENING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES (CONT'D)

II. GOD'S WISE INSTRUCTIONS

III. GOD'S SERVANT'S OBEDIENCE

God's Determination

(a devotional on Genesis 6:12-13 from www.ligonier.org)

When we study the Scriptures, we do well to remember proper principles of hermeneutics, the science of biblical interpretation. Fundamentally, we must always interpret the Old Testament in light of the new covenant in Christ. Jesus Himself affirmed this rule in His teaching ministry (Matt. 5:17–20; Luke 24:13–35).

The Reformed tradition's practice of Christ-centered preaching summarizes this dictum well. In light of the tendency to read the Old Testament solely as a moralistic tome, we confess that the goal of the old covenant is Christ. The saints who came before Jesus looked for God to establish His kingdom (Heb. 11:13–16).

Christ-centered Bible study is more than just finding a one-to-one correlation between every detail of the Old Testament and the life of Christ. The New Testament includes kingdom ethics (Matt. 5:2–12; Rom. 12–13; Heb. 13) as part of serving the Messiah. As long as we remember that kingdom living is only possible for those with faith in Jesus, we are Christ-centered in our approach to Scripture when we look at how the old covenant saints exemplify kingdom life.

Noah is a paradigm of kingdom living, because the righteousness he practiced flowed from faith (Heb. 11:7). This holiness was in no sense the basis for his justification — God still accepted him through his faith alone (Gal. 2:15–16). However, he righteously conformed to the kingdom ethic, and so we should imitate his living faith.

In his comments on Noah's righteousness in light of the wickedness of his generation, John Calvin offers insight into how this old covenant saint is a model for us. Today's passage tells us "all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth" (Gen. 6:12), and thus it must have been exceptionally difficult for Noah to persevere in giving thanks to God before the flood. Yet if Noah could do this in his day, we who live under the more glorious new covenant can so much more do the same, by the power of the Spirit (Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:17). Calvin writes: "As, however, the singular virtue of Noah is here commended; so let us remember that we are instructed what we ought to do, though the whole world were rushing to its own destruction."

As Christians, we are all concerned to place Christ at the center of our lives. However, putting Jesus at the center of our attention involves more than just intellectual assent to His teaching or a verbal affirmation of trust. As the apostle James makes clear, we are not Christ-centered if we do not follow the examples of those who walked with God, doing good works of obedience (2:14–26). Be truly Christ-centered today and do a good deed for another person.

Come Into the Ark

(devotional on Genesis 6:17-18 from www.ligonier.org)

In today's passage, God, for the first time, explains to Noah how He will bring His judgment upon the earth. Mankind has corrupted the beautiful world He made, and there must be a reckoning. The earth will be deluged with water, and only Noah and his family will escape unharmed (Gen. 6:17–18).

In our analysis of how the flood story preaches Christ, we have seen that Noah's rescue typifies the New Testament's clear teaching that salvation is by grace alone through faith alone (Eph. 2:8–9). Today we will consider how the story also prefigures Jesus by foreshadowing the church established by the Messiah's ministry.

As evangelicals, we stress the need to have a personal relationship with the Lord. While we must not lose sight of this precious truth, let us also remember that our Creator will build an entire community of worshipers. Victory over Satan is promised to the seed of the woman, a collective triumph since those who are crucified with Christ share in His reign (2 Tim. 2:11–13). Despite ancient Israel's idolatry, God preserved not one faithful covenant-keeper but thousands (1 Kings 19:1–18). In Scripture, salvation usually comes to an entire household (for example, Josh. 2; 6:22–25). Paul spends chapter twelve of 1 Corinthians addressing the corporate body.

Today's passage reveals that God purposed to save Noah and his family from His watery judgment. When Noah's relatives went into the ark, they all joined the visible covenant community. This does not mean that they all will be resurrected to eternal life in the new heavens and earth. Ham exhibited faith by entering the ark, but we do not know the ultimate reality of his faith (Gen. 9:20–29). We see that it is possible to join the visible church and yet lack true faith.

First Peter 2:1–10 tells us that believers are built together as a group into a living house — the invisible church that includes some, but not all, members of the visible church (Rom. 9:6b). Nevertheless, the visible church fortifies us to be strong walls in God's house (Eph. 4:11–14). The Lord covenants with individuals and a corporate body (Rom. 11); thus, loving Him means we love His church as well.

The Westminster Confession of Faith summarizes the biblical teaching on the visible church when it says that outside of the church there is no ordinary possibility of salvation (25.2). Being a visible church member does not guarantee a place in the kingdom of God, but the Lord has ordained the church's preaching, worship, and fellowship to make and equip disciples. If you are not a member of a local church, join one and strive to help build up other believers.