



FIRST SCOTS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Of Beaufort
— PCA —

THE LORD'S DAY

July 12, 2026

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

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Prayer of Preparation: “Kind and Tender” by John Owen

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

Loving Father, may we see you
as love,

not with anxious and doubtful
thoughts.

nor questioning your good-will and
kindness,

but seeing in your heart the fountain
of all goodness.

May we not look on you as a frowning
father,

but as a Father who is most kind
and tender.

For your love is the love of one who is
all-sufficient,

infinitely satiated with yourself and
your glorious perfections,
with no need to look for love in
others.

There might you have rested in
contentment for ever,

rejoicing in your Son for all
eternity,
but you chose to love your saints,
seeking not your satisfaction alone,
but our good.

This is your love, the love of a Father,
going out in kindness and bounty.

Your love is an eternal love,
fixed on us before the foundations
of the world,
before we were, or had done, the
least good.

This thought alone makes all that is
within us leap for joy.

We prostrate our souls in humble, holy
reverence,

and rejoice before you with
trembling.

Help us, we pray, to believe

That such is your fatherly
heart towards us.

May our minds know it,
may our wills embrace it,
may our affections be filled
with it.

Let us be bound with the cords
of this love,

This is your great pleasure, Father,
that we see you full of love
and tenderness and kindness
towards us.

Flesh and blood are so apt to
have hard thoughts of you.

We are afraid to think well of
you.

We think it a boldness to look
on you

as good, gracious, tender,
kind, loving.

Assure us, we pray,
that there is nothing more
acceptable to you
than for us to keep our
hearts close to you
as the eternal fountain of all
that rich grace which flows
out to sinners in the blood of
Jesus.

As we sit down a little at this
fountain,

may we discover the
sweetness of its streams.

And so may we, who once ran
from you in fear,

not be able to keep at a distance—
even for a moment.

Amen.

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. Alex Mark
Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 46:1-4

[1]God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. [2]Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, [3]though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah [4]There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

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:**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Trinity Hymnal #92

OLD TESTAMENT READING/CALL TO CONFESSION: PSALM 40:1-3; 16-17

[1]I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. [2]He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. [3]He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. [16]But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually. "Great is the LORD!" [17]As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: ROMANS 8:33-34

[33]Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. [34]Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM, QUESTION #63

Question 63: Which is the fifth commandment?

Answer: The fifth commandment is, *Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING:

***HYMN OF APPROACH:** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Trinity Hymnal #457

SERMON: “HOW JESUS INTERCEDES FOR YOU” Rev. Alex Mark
John 17:10-19

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:** He Will Hold Me Fast see pages 6 & 7

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place, #469, Stanza 6

*We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race
may, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.*

**Congregation Standing*

He Will Hold Me Fast

(When I Fear My Faith Will Fail)

Full of Hope (♩ = 66)
(v3:Gm7)

Words vv. 1-2 by Ada Habershon (1861-1918)
Alt. words vv.1-2, words v.3, and Music by Matt Merker

B♭ B♭/D E♭ E♭ F B♭

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

(v3:Gm7)
5 B♭ B♭/D E♭ E♭ F B♭

When the tempt-er would pre-vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre-cious in his ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast.
Just-ice has been sat-is-fied; He will hold me fast.

9 Gm F/A B♭ E♭ E♭ D Gm

I could nev-er keep my hold Through life's fear-ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom-is-es shall last;
Raised with Him to end-less life, He will hold me fast.

13 Gm F/A B♭/D E♭ E♭ F B♭

For my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

Refrain

18 $E\flat$ F Gm Gm F/A $B\flat$

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

22 $B\flat$ Cm^7 $B\flat/D$ $E\flat$ $E\flat$ F last time to CODA Φ

For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me

1. 25 $B\flat add9$ $B\flat/D$ $E\flat add9$ $B\flat add9$ $B\flat/D$

fast.

2. 28 $E\flat add9$ $B\flat$ D.S. al Coda

fast.

Φ CODA

fast.

MORNING SERMON TEXT

[10]“All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. [11]And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. [12]While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. [13]But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. [14]I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. [15]I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. [16]They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. [17]Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. [18]As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. [19]And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”—
John 17:10-19

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

I. THE PROBLEM

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES (CONT'D)

II. THE PROVISION

III. THE PROMISE

Staying in the World

(a devotional on John 17:14-16 from www.ligonier.org)

What is the greatest temptation the Christian church faces in our generation? Ask fifty different people and you might get fifty different answers, all of which might have some legitimate claim to being right. But there is one answer that could be defended as the greatest temptation to the church in every generation: to compromise the truth to avoid the world's hatred.

Nobody wants to be hated. However, part of being a disciple of Jesus is to be hated by the world. Jesus tells us as much in today's passage when He says the world has hated His disciples because they are not of the world just as He is not of the world (John 17:14). Jesus came into the world from outside of the world—the sinless Son of God entered into the fallen creation in the incarnation—and the darkness of the world in its sinful state hated Him (1:1–18). We have been united to this Redeemer who does not share the world's goals, loves, or methods, and we have become, by adoption, children of God alongside Him (v. 12). We still deal with the effects of the fall in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies, but if we are in Christ, we are fundamentally not a part of the world's system any longer. If the world hated the Savior because He did not belong to it, we cannot be surprised that it hates us as well.

Yet, the church is often surprised to be the object of the world's scorn. And the temptation is always to change God's truth in order to be loved by the world. From the first-century Galatian Judaizers—who tried to add works to faith for our right standing before God in order to escape Jewish persecution—to twenty-first-century professing believers who are waffling on matters of human sexuality in order to receive the culture's accolades, believers have always experienced pressure to change God's truth in order to escape the world's hatred.

Jesus prayed not for us to escape the world's hatred but to be protected even while we endure it (17:15–16). Thus, we must accept that the world's hatred is inevitable and that true discipleship is costly. It is a cost worth paying, for the devil will not have the final say. In fact, Jesus prayed that we would be protected from Satan (v. 15), which was a prayer not that the devil would never inflict harm on us but that we would be delivered finally from his attempts to destroy the church and to get us to compromise the gospel. Jesus, interceding for us now, continues to pray thus (Rom. 8:34). He will strengthen us to stand firm even as many fall away around us.

John Calvin writes that Christ “promises to his disciples the grace of the Father; not to relieve them from all anxiety and toil, but to furnish them with invincible strength against their enemies, and not to suffer them to be overwhelmed by the heavy burden of contests which they will have to endure.” Let us resolve to stand for Christ today, no matter the consequences, knowing that in Him we have everything.

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

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Hymn Sing

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Call to Worship

Psalm 119:89-90

[89]Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. [90]Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

**Opening Hymn:*

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Trinity Hymnal #598

Scripture Reading:

Acts 11:1-18

Evening Prayer

Scripture Reading & Sermon: “THE MAIN THINGS ARE
THE PLAIN THINGS”
Genesis 5:18-24

Rev. Alex Mark

**Closing Hymn:*

Be Thou My Vision

Trinity Hymnal #642

**Benediction*

**Congregation Standing*

GENESIS 5:18-24

[18]When Jared had lived 162 years, he fathered Enoch. [19]Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters. [20]Thus all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died. [21]When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. [22]Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. [23]Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. [24]Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

EVENING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

I. WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT ENOCH

EVENING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES (CONT'D)

II. WHAT WE LEARN FROM ENOCH

The Line of Seth

(a devotional on Genesis 5:1-32 from www.ligonier.org)

After concluding Cain's history, Moses devotes today's passage to Seth's descendants. Though this genealogy may seem far removed from us in the twenty-first century, it was very important for the first audience of this book — the nascent nation of Israel — to understand where they came from. Furthermore, this chapter (and 6:1–8) introduces Noah, the brightest light in the primeval darkness.

Chapter 5 begins with a brief recapitulation of mankind's origin (vv. 1–5). Reminding us of our status as God's image-bearer is important since the deaths recorded in this chapter reveal that man was not then, and is not now, enjoying Eden's blessing. Nevertheless, humanity retains the *imago Dei* while exiled from paradise.

The great life spans recorded in this chapter are of special significance. During the primeval period, human beings lived much longer than they do now. It is not exactly clear why this was so, but in any case, none of these men achieved one thousand years of earthly existence. Moses is thus emphasizing the mortality introduced by the fall in contrast to the eternity our sovereign Lord experiences. For Him a thousand years are but a day (Ps. 90:1–4).

Seth's family stands in stark contrast to Cain's in terms of its faithfulness. He too had a descendant named Enoch, but this Enoch knew it was more important to walk with God than to establish a legacy of his own in this world with a city named after himself (Gen. 5:24; 4:17). The Lord rewarded Enoch and immediately translated him into heaven, just as He later honored the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 2:1–12a). Enoch's story is one of the few direct allusions to eternal life with God in the Old Testament, given, as Calvin says, "to elevate the minds of his [the Lord's] saints with certain faith before their death...that a better life was elsewhere laid up for them."

In Seth's line there is also a Lamech (Gen. 5:28–31), but he is far more pious than the Lamech among Cain's relatives (4:23–24). His devotion is evident in his hope for Noah to provide relief from the curse (5:28–29). As we will soon see, this happens after a fashion, but not in the way Lamech necessarily expected.

Today's passage illustrates the principle that "whenever a good man dies, God takes him, takes him from here, and receives him to himself" (Matthew Henry). Even though most of the Lord's people will have to experience physical death, those who by faith have laid hold of Christ's righteousness will receive the same eternal reward as Enoch (John 3:16). Take some time today to meditate on your reward and ask the Lord to help you serve Him in gratitude for it.