

FIRST SCOTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Of Beaufort

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THE LORD'S DAY

October 12, 2025

Sunday School: 9:30AM (all ages)

Morning Worship Service: 10:40AM

Evening Worship Service: 5PM

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Prayer of Preparation: “O Boundless Love”

By David Clarkson (adapted for use)

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

Jesus Christ,
what is there in heaven and earth
that your love has not made ours?
There is nothing left but yourself.
And what would all these things profit us
without you?
Without you, earth would be hell and
heaven would not be heaven.
For you are the hope of earth
and the glory of heaven.
This is the height of your love:
you have given us yourself,
and all with yourself.
You are our husband,
and heaven and earth is our inheritance.
Your person is ours, for you have married
us.
Your offices are ours:
you are our King, our Priest, our
Prophet.
Your sufferings, your merits,
your resurrection, ascension, and
intercessions—
all, all is ours
that you have, or do, or suffer.

Your love withheld nothing from us:
not your life—you gave your life as a
ransom for us;
not your blood—you washed us in your
blood.

O boundless love!
Oh, the unsearchable riches of your
love!
O happy souls that have an interest in
this love, in these riches!

How may we despise the pride of those
who count themselves great and rich in
the world!
Their large domains and greatest
possessions
are but as a point compared with ours.
whose poverty they despise.

We have riches that they know not of.
We have more than they can desire,
even if their desires be as wide as hell.
We have more than they can imagine,
even if their thoughts stretch as wide as
angelic apprehension.

There is no valuing of our revenues,
no measuring of our possessions,
no bounds of our inheritance; it is
infinite.

God, and heaven, and earth is our portion.

Your love has done this for us, and we praise
you.

You have given all these blessings to us, and
we love you.

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 service, please feel free to use the Worshippers in Training (WIT) room or the nursery.

WELCOME

Rev. Alex Mark
Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 84:1-2

[1]How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! [2]My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

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:**

O Worship the King

Trinity Hymnal #2

OLD TESTAMENT READING/CALL TO CONFESSION: ISAIAH 55:1-7A

[1]"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. [2]Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. [3]Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. [4]Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. [5]Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. [6]Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; [7]let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts..."

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: ISAIAH 55:7B

...let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM, QUESTION #50

Question 50: What is required in the second commandment?

Answer: The second commandment requires the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in his Word.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING:

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** Before the Throne of God Above see pages 9 and 10

SERMON: “THE CHRISTIAN’S ETERNAL HOME” Rev. Alex Mark
John 14:1-6

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:** The Sands of Time Are Sinking Trinity Hymnal #546
Stanzas 1-3

*BENEDICTION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** The Sands of Time Are Sinking, #546, Stanza 4

*The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear bride-groom's face;
I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace;
not at the crown he giveth, but on his pierced hand;
the Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.*

**Congregation Standing*

MORNING SERMON TEXT

[1]“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. [2]In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? [3]And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. [4]And you know the way to where I am going.” [5]Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” [6]Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.—John 14:1-6

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

I. A PEOPLE PREPARED

II. A PLACE PREPARED

III. A PRESENCE ENJOYED

A Place Prepared for Us

(a devotional on John 14:1-6 from www.Ligonier.org)

Let us...put ourselves in the shoes of the eleven disciples who remained with Jesus on the evening of the Last Supper after Judas left to betray Him. These men had just heard Jesus predict that Judas would turn on Him and then watched the traitor depart to do his evil deed (John 13:21–30). They had also heard that Jesus was going away and that they would not be able to follow Him, at least not yet (vv. 33, 36). Furthermore, they had also heard Him tell Peter that he would deny Him three times before the rooster crowed (v. 38).

If we had been in their place, we would certainly have been greatly troubled. As the truth of Jesus' predictions regarding His own passion began to be fulfilled, we would worry about our own future without His presence. Knowing that His disciples felt such fear and anxiety, our Savior gave them words of comfort that encourage us also today. Today's passage gives us these words, telling us that ultimately, Jesus' departure was for the benefit of His people.

Jesus began by telling the disciples to believe in God and to believe also in Him (14:1). That Jesus can so closely connect faith in God with faith in Him says much about His own view of His person and significance. If anyone else were to make such a connection, he could be accused rightly of idolatry, but Jesus could do so because He is God incarnate (1:1–18). Moreover, that Jesus called for the disciples to believe in Him shows that there is only one lasting source of peace and comfort for the Christian, and that is to trust in Jesus.

Our Lord did not stop at telling the disciples to continue to believe in Him, but He also gave them some encouraging words. Jesus was not going away for His benefit but for theirs, for He was going away to prepare a place for them in His Father's house (14:2–3). The idea here is not so much that Jesus was going to heaven to get things ready in heaven for His disciples' arrival, though that idea is a legitimate inference from the verses we are considering. Instead, the emphasis is on the fact that Jesus would be preparing a place for the disciples in His passion. In His death and resurrection, He would be opening up the way for His disciples to be citizens of the kingdom and inherit eternal life in God's blessed presence (see also v. 6). Jesus' return to glory along the path that went through the cross, into the tomb, risen on the third day, and on high in the ascension guarantees salvation for His people.

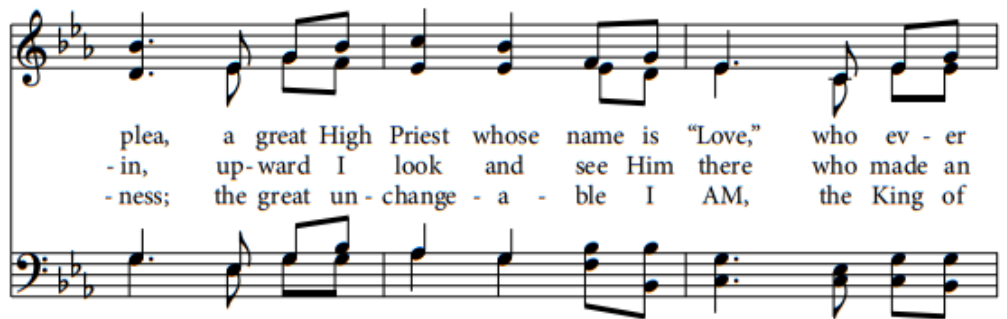
There are many rooms in the Father's house, which means there is ample space in glory for all who trust in Jesus alone. Even now, Jesus is preparing a place for us, a place that will be far better than the best this life has to offer. When we are discouraged, we should remember this promise that Jesus is preparing a place for us, for it will help us press on in faithfulness to Him.

Before the Throne of God Above

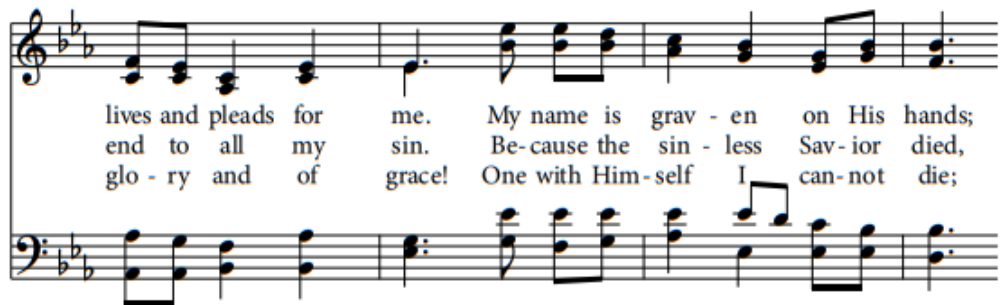
*Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. Hebrews 4:14*



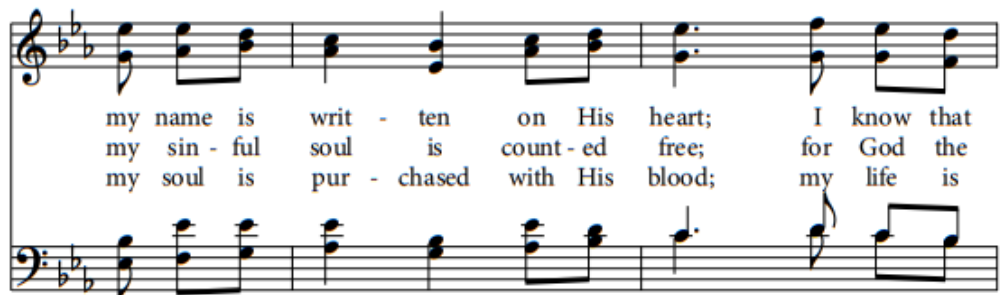
1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb! My per - fect, spot - less Right - eous



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!

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

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Hymn Sing

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Call to Worship

Psalm 36:7-9

[7]How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. [8]They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. [9]For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

**Opening Hymn:*

All Creatures of Our God and King

Trinity Hymnal #115

Scripture Reading:

Luke 19:1-10

Evening Prayer

Scripture Reading & Sermon: "A STORY ABOUT A GARDEN"
Genesis 2:8-17

Rev. Alex Mark

**Closing Hymn*

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Trinity Hymnal #345

**Benediction*

**Congregation Standing*

GENESIS 2:8-17

[8]And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. [9]And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. [10]A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. [11]The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. [12]And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. [13]The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. [14]And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. [15]The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. [16]And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, [17]but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

EVENING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

I. GOD’S PROVISION:

- **BOUNTY**

- **BEAUTY**

- **VOCATION**

- **FELLOWSHIP**

- **COVENANT**

II. MAN'S DECISION

III. CHRIST'S REDEMPTION