



FIRST SCOTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Of Beaufort

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THE LORD'S DAY

March 16, 2025

Sunday School: 9:30AM (all ages)

Morning Worship Service: 10:40AM

Evening Worship Service: 5PM

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Prayer of Preparation: “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

by John Newton

From *Original Trinity Hymnal*, #544

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
In a believer’s ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
‘Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.

Dear Name! the Rock on which I build,
My Shield and hiding place,
My never-failing Treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art,
I’ll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
With ev’ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy Name
Refresh my soul in death.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

MARCH 16, 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: ISAIAH 40:9-11

[9]Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" [10]Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. [11]He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

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 Thou Who the Shepherd of Israel Art Trinity Hymnal #349

OLD TESTAMENT READING / CALL TO CONFESSION: EZEKIEL 34:10

"Thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them."

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: EZEKIEL 34:11-12

[11]"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. [12]As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness."

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM, QUESTION #34

Question: What is adoption?

Answer: Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** Fairest Lord Jesus Trinity Hymnal #170

SERMON: “THE BEAUTIFUL SHEPHERD” Rev. Alex Mark
John 10:10-18

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:** My Jesus, I Love Thee Trinity Hymnal #648

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** And Can It Be That I Should Gain, #455 (Chorus)

Amazing love” How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

***Congregation Standing**

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please contact us at admin@firstscotsbeaufort.org or call 843-379-0134 for more information. Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 10AM-2PM.

MORNING SERMON TEXT

[10]“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. [11]I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. [12]He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. [13]He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. [14]I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, [15]just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. [16]And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. [17]For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. [18]No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”—John 10:10-18

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

I. THE BEAUTIFUL SHEPHERD

II. THE SACRIFICIAL SHEPHERD

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

March 16, 2025

Hymn Sing

Rev. Alex Mark
Senior Pastor

Call to Worship

Psalm 146:1-2

[1]Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! [2]I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**Opening Hymn:*

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Trinity Hymnal #57

Scripture Reading:

Luke 5: 18-39

Evening Prayer

Scripture Reading & Sermon: "THE GOSPEL IN THE MOST UNLIKELY PLACES"

II Samuel 21:1-14

Rev. Alex Mark

**Hymn of Preparation:*

Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death
Stanzas 1 and 2

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**Hymn of Gratitude:*

Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death
Stanza 3

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**Benediction*

**Congregation Standing*

Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death

Words and Music by
Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin,
Matt Merker and Matt Papa

1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a -
2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is
3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He

lone, Christ a - lone. What is our on - ly con - fi -
good, God is good. Where is His grace and good-ness
lives; Christ He lives!" And what re - ward will hea - ven

dence? That our souls to Him be - long. Who holds our
known? In our great Re-deem-er's blood. Who holds our
bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with Him. There we will

days with - in His hand? What comes, a - part from His com-
faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y
rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be de -

mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of
trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Un - to the
stroyed, And we will feast in end-less joy, When Christ is

Refrain

Christ, in which we stand. O sing ha - le-
shore, the rock of Christ?
ours for - ev - er - more!

lu-jah! Our hope springs e - ter-nal; O sing hal - le-

lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con-

Repeat Refrain last time

fess Christ our hope in life and death.

II SAMUEL 21:1-14

[1]Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year. And David sought the face of the LORD. And the LORD said, "There is bloodguilt on Saul and on his house, because he put the Gibeonites to death." [2]So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them. Now the Gibeonites were not of the people of Israel but of the remnant of the Amorites. Although the people of Israel had sworn to spare them, Saul had sought to strike them down in his zeal for the people of Israel and Judah. [3]And David said to the Gibeonites, "What shall I do for you? And how shall I make atonement, that you may bless the heritage of the LORD?" [4]The Gibeonites said to him, "It is not a matter of silver or gold between us and Saul or his house; neither is it for us to put any man to death in Israel." And he said, "What do you say that I shall do for you?" [5]They said to the king, "The man who consumed us and planned to destroy us, so that we should have no place in all the territory of Israel, [6]let seven of his sons be given to us, so that we may hang them before the LORD at Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of the LORD." And the king said, "I will give them."

[7]But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Saul's son Jonathan, because of the oath of the LORD that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. [8]The king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Merab the daughter of Saul, whom she bore to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholahite; [9]and he gave them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them on the mountain before the LORD, and the seven of them perished together. They were put to death in the first days of harvest, at the beginning of the barley harvest.

[10]Then Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until rain fell upon them from the heavens. And she did not allow the birds of the air to come upon them by day, or the beasts of the field by night. [11]When David was told what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done, [12]David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of his son Jonathan from the men of Jabesh-gilead, who had stolen them from the public square of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them, on the day the Philistines killed Saul on Gilboa. [13]And he brought them up from there the bones of Saul and the bones of his son Jonathan; and they gathered the bones of those who were hanged. [14]And they buried the bones of Saul and his son Jonathan in the land of Benjamin in Zela, in the tomb of Kish his father. And they did all that the king commanded. And after that God responded to the plea for the land.

EVENING SERMON NOTES
