



FIRST SCOTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Of Beaufort

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THE LORD'S DAY

August 17, 2025

Sunday School: 9:30AM (all ages)

Morning Worship Service: 10:40AM

Evening Worship Service: 5PM

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Prayer of Preparation: “For the Nations” by Matthew Henry

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

Lord, we pray, as we are taught,
for all people
believing that this is good
and acceptable in your sight,
and to come to the
knowledge of the truth,
and of Jesus Christ, who
gave himself a ransom for
all.

Oh, look with compassion on the
world that lies in wickedness, and
let the prince of this world be cast
out, who has blinded people’s
minds.

Oh, let your ways be known upon
earth, that those who live without
you in the world may be brought
to your service; and thus let your
saving health be known to all
nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O
God; yes, let all the peoples praise
you.

Oh, let the nations be glad, and
sing for joy, for you shall judge
the peoples righteously and
govern the nations upon the
earth.

Give your Son the nations for his
inheritance and the uttermost
parts of the earth as his
possession.

Let all the kingdoms of this world
become the kingdoms of the Lord
and of his Christ.

*(I Timothy 2:1-6; I John 5:19; John
12:31; II Corinthians 4:4; Psalm
67:2-4; 2:8; Revelation 11:15)*

Oh, let the gospel be preached to
every creature!

And send forth laborers, for how
shall people believe unless they
have heard, and how shall they
hear unless preachers are sent?

Add to your church daily such as
are being saved.

Enlarge the place of its tent,
lengthen its cords, and strengthen
its stakes.

Bring your sons from afar and
your daughters from the ends of
the earth.

Let them fly as a cloud and as the
doves to their homes.

And from the rising of the sun to
its setting, let your name be great
among the nations.

Let the earth be full of the
knowledge of the Lord as the
waters cover the sea.

*(Mark 16:15; Matthew 9:38; Romans
10:14-15; Acts 2:47; Isaiah 54:2;
Isaiah 43:5-6; 60:7-8; Malachi 1:11;
Isaiah 11:9)*

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 96:1-4

[1]Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! [2]Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. [3]Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! [4]For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

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:**

Christ Shall Have Dominion

Trinity Hymnal #439

CALL TO CONFESSION: JEREMIAH 2:12-13

[12]Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD, [13]for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: ROMANS 8:31-34

[31]What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? [32]He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? [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.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING:

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 67

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place Trinity Hymnal #469

SERMON: “THE WORTH OF THE KINGDOM” Rev. Roland Barnes
Matthew 13:44-50

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:** Christ for the World We Sing Trinity Hymnal #447

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** O Church, Arise (Stanza 1)

*O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
an army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.*

**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

[44]“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. [45]Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, [46]who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. [47]Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. [48]When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. [49]So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous [50]and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”—Matthew 13:44-50

MORNING SERMON NOTES

MORNING SERMON NOTES (CONT'D)

The Hidden Treasure & The Pearl of Great Price

(devotional on Matthew 13:44-46 from www.ligonier.org)

Economics, like most fields of study, has its own collection of theories that help to govern it. One of the most important of these is known as the subjective theory of value, which tells us that individuals place different values on different things. For example, the value that Amelia places on her car may not be the same as the value that Leah places on it. Leah may think that two thousand dollars is a perfectly fair price for Amelia's vehicle, but if Amelia is not willing to sell it for less than three thousand dollars, she does not agree with Leah on the car's value.

When we come to the discipline of ethics, we see something similar. Properly speaking, the ethical study of values has to deal with what people subjectively believe to be right or wrong. It is the descriptive part of the science of ethics, for it only tells us the moral worth that individuals actually invest in various behaviors and dispositions, not the moral worth that they should invest in such things. In ethical theory, ethics delineates the objective and prescriptive part of the discipline. Ethics are the fixed standards of right and wrong to which people should conform.

Regarding Christian ethical theory, ethics and values overlap in that God's values are the objective ethical standard of right and wrong. We must value what the Lord values, and as Jesus tells us in today's passage, this means we must value God's kingdom above all else. In both stories, something is discovered that prompts the finder to sell everything else that he owns for the sake of possessing the treasure. The worth of everything he owns cannot be compared to the valuables that he finds, and so he is willing to part with all else so that he can have the treasure of inestimable value (Matt. 13:44–46).

Jesus' point is obvious—there is no prize greater or of higher worth than the kingdom of God. It is so valuable that we must pursue it with urgency. None of our earthly goods must hold us back. We must be willing to forsake everything if that is what it will take to receive citizenship in our Lord's blessed realm.

Christ makes the same essential point throughout His ministry. In Matthew 16:24–28, He says that gaining the whole world at the expense of one's soul is not worth it. If we seek to lay hold of the things of this world, we will end up losing everything. But if we surrender everything to Him and His lordship, we will gain everything.

All Christians are called to be willing to give up everything for Christ. There is no earthly treasure so valuable that it is worth having over the Savior. No relationship or possession is worth more than belonging to our Savior. The return on our investment in His kingdom is eternal. Are you willing to set everything aside in order to follow Jesus?

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

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Hymn Sing

Rev. Alex Mark
Senior Pastor

Call to Worship

Psalm 67:3-5

[3]Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! [4]Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah [5]Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you!

**Opening Hymn:*

Jesus Shall Reign

Trinity Hymnal #441

Scripture Reading:

Luke 15:1-10

Evening Prayer

Scripture Reading & Sermon: "FORBIDDEN TO FOLLOW JESUS"
Mark 5:18-20

Rev. Roland Barnes

**Hymn of Preparation:*

We Have Heard the Joyful Sound
Stanzas 1 and 2

Trinity Hymnal #448

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**Hymn of Gratitude:*

We Have Heard the Joyful Sound
Stanzas 3 and 4

Trinity Hymnal #448

**Benediction*

**Congregation Standing*

MARK 5:18-20

[18]As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. [19]And he did not permit him but said to him, “Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” [20]And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

EVENING SERMON NOTES

EVENING SERMON NOTES (CONT'D)
