

FIRST SCOTS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Of Beaufort
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THE LORD'S DAY

November 22, 2026

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

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Prayer of Preparation: "Our Happiness to Obey"

By Richard Baxter (adapted for use)

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

You, O God, are our Sovereign King, to rule and judge us,
It is our duty and happiness to obey and please you.
May we labor therefore to bring our souls and bodies
into the most absolute subjection to you,
and to make it our delight and business sincerely and exactly to obey your will.

May our obedience be practical, and not merely notional.
May our obedience be deep-rooted and fixed.
May our obedience be constant and continual.
May our obedience be universal, respecting all your laws.
May our obedience be resolute and powerful, victorious against temptation.
May we respect you as our supreme King, recognizing no authority against you, nor any except that which is subordinate to you.
May our obedience be voluntary, pleasant, cheerful.
May it be our delight to obey you to our utmost power.

Though obedience is so difficult for us,
yet it is so reasonable, necessary, and good.
For we, we are unable and unfit to govern ourselves.
We are so blind and ignorant;
so biased by a corrupted will;
so turbulent are our passions;
so unable to protect and reward ourselves,
that we should fear nothing in the world more, than to be given over to our stubborn hearts, to follow our own devices.

But you have perfect wisdom, to know what is best.
You have perfect goodness, with no evil in your laws.
You are almighty, to protect your subjects.
You are most just, and therefore can do no wrong.
You are infinitely perfect, using no unrighteous means.
You are self-sufficient, with no need to lie or deceive.
You are our end, our interest, our happiness, with no interest other than our good.
You are our dearest Friend and Father, and love us better than we love ourselves.

Therefore we have very reason confidently to trust you
and so cheerfully and gladly obey you as one that rules us to bless 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 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 40:6-8

[6]In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. [7]Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: [8]I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

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 for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Trinity Hymnal #164

OLD TESTAMENT READING/CALL TO CONFESSION: PSALM 51:1-12

[1]Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. [2]Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! [3]For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. [4]Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. [5]Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. [6]Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. [7]Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. [8]Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. [9]Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. [10]Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. [11]Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. [12]Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: ROMANS 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM, QUESTIONS #84 & #85

Question 84: What does every sin deserve?

***Answer*:** Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

Question 85: What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

***Answer*:** To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING:

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts Trinity Hymnal #646

SERMON: "THE LIFE OF FAITH" Rev. Alex Mark
John 19:25-27

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Trinity Hymnal #529

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** Take My Life, and Let It Be, #585, Stanza 5

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Congregation Standing

Morning Sermon Text

[25]…but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. [26]When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" [27]Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.—John 19:25-27

Morning Sermon Outline & Notes

I. Christ's Obedient Life

II. Christ's Compassionate Heart

III. FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE LIFE OF FAITH

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Hymn Sing — Rev. Alex Mark, Senior Pastor

Call to Worship — Psalm 86:8-12

[8]There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. [9]All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. [10]For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. [11]Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. [12]I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

****Opening Hymn:*** Revive Thy Work, O Lord — Trinity Hymnal #370

Scripture Reading: Acts 20:1-6

Evening Prayer

Scripture Reading & Sermon: "THE FAITH TO BEGIN" Ezra 3: 1-9 — Rev. Tom Brown, Assistant Pastor

****Closing Hymn*** The Sands of Time Are Sinking — Trinity Hymnal #546

****Benediction***

**Congregation Standing*

EZRA 3:1-9

[1]When the seventh month came, and the children of Israel were in the towns, the people gathered as one man to Jerusalem. [2]Then arose Jeshua the son of Jozadak, with his fellow priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel with his kinsmen, and they built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is written in the Law of Moses the man of God. [3]They set the altar in its place, for fear was on them because of the peoples of the lands, and they offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, burnt offerings morning and evening. [4]And they kept the Feast of Booths, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number according to the rule, as each day required, [5]and after that the regular burnt offerings, the offerings at the new moon and at all the appointed feasts of the LORD, and the offerings of everyone who made a freewill offering to the LORD. [6]From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the LORD. But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid. [7]So they gave money to the masons and the carpenters, and food, drink, and oil to the Sidonians and the Tyrians to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea, to Joppa, according to the grant that they had from Cyrus king of Persia.

[8]Now in the second year after their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak made a beginning, together with the rest of their kinsmen, the priests and the Levites and all who had come to Jerusalem from the captivity. They appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to supervise the work of the house of the LORD. [9]And Jeshua with his sons and his brothers, and Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together supervised the workmen in the house of God, along with the sons of Henadad and the Levites, their sons and brothers.

EVENING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

I. THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF THE TASK

II. THE WORTHINESS OF GOD