



FIRST SCOTS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*Of Beaufort*  
— PCA —

## THE LORD'S DAY

**August 31, 2025**

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

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Next verse for Scripture memorization: Titus 3:4

## Prayer of Preparation: “To Be Fit for God”

Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

O MAKER & UPHOLDER OF ALL THINGS,

Day and night belong to You, and  
from You they are also given to me--  
the night to free me from the cares  
of the day,  
to rest my weary body,  
to renew my strength,  
the day to call me to new work,  
to give opportunity to glorify You,  
to serve my generation,  
to grow in knowledge, holiness,  
and eternal life.

But one day above all others You have  
set apart--  
a day for Your honor and for my  
good.

The Sabbath reminds me of Your rest  
after creation,  
of the resurrection of my Savior  
of His entrance into eternal rest.

Your house is open to me, yet I am  
unworthy to enter, unfit for holy  
service.

When I come, I come as a sinner,  
convicted by conscience and by Your  
Word.

I am still in the body, still in the  
wilderness—weak, ignorant, and in  
constant need of Your help.

But I am encouraged by Your all-  
sufficient grace.

Let me come to Your house with  
living hope,  
trusting that there You will meet me  
and give me peace.

I long for that greater communion of  
Your people,  
in Your eternal house,  
in the perfect kingdom.  
These are the ones who follow the  
Lamb;  
make me one of them!

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

## AUGUST 31, 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: PSALM 87:1-3**

[1]On the holy mount stands the city he founded; [2]the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob. [3]Glorious things of you are spoken, O city of 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:**     Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken     Trinity Hymnal #345

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING/CALL TO CONFESSION: PSALM 41:1-10**

[1]Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him; [2]the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies. [3]The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health. [4]As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!" [5]My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die, and his name perish?" [6]And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad. [7]All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me. [8]They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies." [9]Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me. [10]But you, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON: PSALM 41:11-13

[11]By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me. [12]But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever. [13]Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

## VOWS OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

### OFFERING:

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION:**      More Love to Thee, O Christ      Trinity Hymnal #649

**SERMON:**      “FELLOWSHIP & FALSEHOOD”      Rev. Alex Mark  
John 13:18-30

**\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:**      Abide with Me      Trinity Hymnal #402

### \*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..*

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*\*Congregation Standing*

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# MORNING SERMON TEXT

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[18]“I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, ‘He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’ [19]I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. [20]Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”

[21]After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, “Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” [22]The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. [23]One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus’ side, [24]so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. [25]So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, “Lord, who is it?” [26]Jesus answered, “It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it.” So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. [27]Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.” [28]Now no one at the table knew why he had said this to him. [29]Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor. [30]So after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.—John 13:18-30

## MORNING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

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### **I. SINCERE FELLOWSHIP**

## **II. FALSE DISCIPLESHIP**

## **III. SPIRITUAL WAR**

# Receiving the One Who Jesus Sends

(devotional on John 13:18-20 from [www.ligonier.org](http://www.ligonier.org))

It can be easy for us to overlook the advantage we have in living after the resurrection of Christ. We know how the story ends. We may recoil in horror that Jesus would be handed over to sinners, but it does not shake our faith. That is because we have a picture of God's plan and all that Jesus accomplished that is fuller than the one people had before they saw Christ raised from the dead.

With that in mind, consider what the disciples would have thought when they heard that one of them would betray Christ (John 13:18). Seeing one of their own betray our Savior might cause a crisis of faith. It is possible they might ask if they had been fooled into following a false teacher if one of the men who was closest to Jesus could turn on Him. They might have wondered how much control Jesus had over His circumstances if one of their brothers could betray Him.

Jesus knew His betrayal might spark a crisis of faith among His disciples, and He forewarned them about it so that they would know who He was (v. 19). Jesus was saying that His prediction of His betrayal would prove He was not at the mercy of His betrayer, that the disciples would see Him being handed over to the authorities and remember that Jesus saw it coming. Despite the awfulness of the news, telling them about it beforehand would finally strengthen their faith.

Judas' betrayal of Jesus would also fulfill the Scriptures (v. 18). Jesus quotes Psalm 41:9, where David complains that one of his meal companions lifted up his heel against him. In the ancient Near East, to eat a meal with someone was a sign of friendship and trust, so it was especially terrible for someone who sat at your table to betray you. David was the greatest king of ancient Israel, so the psalm indicates that his betrayal was not incompatible with his position. The same is true of Jesus. He would be betrayed, but that would not make Him any less the King. Moreover, Psalm 41 also predicts the final triumph of David over his enemies. By quoting the psalm, Jesus indicated that despite His betrayal, He would have the ultimate victory over His betrayers.

To reject Jesus as Judas did was really to reject God, for to receive Jesus is really to receive God as Lord (John 12:44). Jesus said a similar relationship exists between how people receive us and how they receive God (13:20). When people receive Christians and the gospel they preach, they receive Christ, and in receiving Christ, they receive God. People might reject us in a manner similar to how Judas rejected Jesus, but ultimately they are rejecting God.

Jesus' words in today's passage apply not only to non-Christians but also to us who have trusted Him as Savior and Lord. When we do not receive honest words of rebuke or commendation that are based on Scripture and spoken by a brother or sister in Christ, then we have really rejected the Lord. Let us endeavor to receive everyone whom Christ sends to exhort us.

# THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

## August 31, 2025

*Hymn Sing*

Rev. Alex Mark  
Senior Pastor

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 148:7-10

[7]Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, [8]fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word! [9]Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! [10]Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

*\*Opening Hymn:* Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Trinity Hymnal #53

*Scripture Reading:* Luke 16:1-13

*Evening Prayer*

*Scripture Reading & Sermon:* Genesis 1:24-25 Rev. Alex Mark  
“THE GOD WHO FILLS THE EARTH”

*\*Closing Hymn* This Is My Father's World Trinity Hymnal #111

*\*Benediction*

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*\*Congregation Standing*



# GENESIS 1:24-25

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[24]And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. [25]And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

## EVENING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

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### **I. ALL THAT WAS CREATED ON DAY SIX**

### **II. GOD’S GOOD PURPOSES**

# EVENING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES<sub>(CONT'D)</sub>

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## III. WHAT THE ANIMALS CANNOT DO