



FIRST SCOTS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Of Beaufort
— PCA —



THE LORD'S DAY July 6, 2025

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

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Prayer of Preparation: From
Into His Presence—Praying with the Puritans
“All Good Things” by George Swinnock

You, O God, are all good things
and every good thing.
You are self-sufficient, alone-
sufficient, and all-sufficient.
Nothing is wanting in you,
either for my soul's protection from
all evil or for its perfection with all
good.
When I am ambitious,
you are a crown of glory and a royal
diadem.
When I am covetous,
you are unsearchable riches,
yes, durable riches and
righteousness.
When I am filled with desire,
you are rivers of pleasures and
fullness of joy.
When I am hungry,
you are a banquet of aged wine and
the best of meats.
When I am weary,
you are rest,
a shadow from the heat
and a shelter from the storm.
When I am weak,
you are the Lord Jehovah
in whom is everlasting strength.
When I am in doubt,
you are marvelous in counsel.

When I am in darkness,
you are the Sun of righteousness, an
eternal light.
When I am sick,
you are the God of my health.

When I am sorrowful,
you are the God of all comforts.
When I am in distress,
your name is a strong tower,
in which I may run and find safety.
When I am dying,
you are the fountain and Lord of
Life.

You are a universal medicine against
all sorts of miseries.
Whatever my calamity is,
you can remove it;
whatever my necessity,
you can relieve it.

You are silver, gold, honor, delight,
food, raiment, house, land,
peace, wisdom, power, beauty,
father, mother, wife, husband,
mercy, love, grace, glory,
and infinitely more than all these.

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 worship service, please feel free to use the Worshippers in Training room or the nursery during the service.

WELCOME

Rev. Alex Mark
Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP: ISAIAH 60:1-2

[1] Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
[2] For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

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:** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Trinity Hymnal #38

CALL TO CONFESSION: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (FROM EX 20:1-17, Dt 5:1-21)

Leader: God spoke all these words, saying, I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

People: 1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourselves a carved image.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness.
10. You shall not covet.

Hear also the words of the Lord Jesus, how He says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: II CORINTHIANS 4:6

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question 1: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

OFFERING:

***HYMN OF APPROACH:** Man of Sorrows! What a Name Trinity Hymnal #246

SERMON: "THE LIGHT THAT DRIVES OUT DARKNESS" Rev. Alex Mark
John 12:34-36

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing Trinity Hymnal #420
Stanzas 1 and 2

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***HYMN OF GRATITUDE:** At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing Trinity Hymnal #420
Stanza 3

*BENEDICTION

**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

[34]So the crowd answered him. “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?”
[35]So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. [36]While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”—John 12:34-36

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

I. THE SUFFERING SON OF MAN

II. THE URGENT CALL

III. THE LIGHT THAT DRIVES OUT DARKNESS

Walking in the Light While There's Still Time

(devotional on Luke 12:33-36 from www.Ligonier.org)

Frequently in our study of John's gospel, we have noted that many first-century Jews were looking for a Messiah who was first and foremost a political savior. They wanted someone to overthrow the Romans and restore the Jewish state to full independence. We see further evidence of this belief in today's passage.

After commenting that Jesus' reference to His being lifted up concerned His crucifixion (John 12:32–33), John tells us that the crowd is perplexed by this fact. They have heard from the Law that “the Christ remains forever,” so they cannot grasp why He must be lifted up on the cross to die (v. 34). Here “the Law” is being used by the crowd as a summary term for the entire Old Testament, and there are several passages in the Old Testament Scriptures that promise an everlasting reign for the Messiah (for example, Ps. 89:29; Ezek. 37:25). The crowd is not wrong to think that the Messiah must rule over His people forever; they err in thinking that the Messiah's death is incompatible with His eternal reign. If Jesus were to die and not be raised, there would be a problem, but His resurrection guarantees that His death is only temporary. He will be raised to glory to fulfill the prophecies of an eternal messianic kingdom. Still, He must die to atone for the sin of His people. So when the crowd asks, “Who is this Son of Man?” (John 12:34), the answer is that He is the One who dies and then lives again forever.

The crowd must grasp this while Jesus is with them so that they will not be overcome by the enemy later on. That is what He means when He says: “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you” (vv. 35–36). It will not be any easier to believe after Jesus is crucified and is resurrected from the dead. In fact, we know from the New Testament that persecution actually increases against the disciples of Jesus after His return to heaven. He is calling the crowd to trust in Him while He still walks the earth during His earthly ministry so that they will be prepared for the coming trial. When things get much harder for the followers of Christ, it will be much more difficult to believe because it will be evident that doing so will bring suffering.

This call to walk in the light right now continues to apply to us two millennia after Jesus' earthly ministry. We cannot think that it will be easier to believe in Christ tomorrow than it is today. In fact, eventually—when we die—it will be too late to trust Jesus if we have not yet done so. Thus, all of us must believe the gospel today.

Being raised in the church and attending for many years is a great blessing. However, if we are not careful, it can make us complacent. We can think that we can put off trusting Christ until tomorrow. But we do not know what tomorrow will bring. That is why all of us must trust in Christ for salvation today, and we must continue trusting in Him tomorrow as well.

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

July 6, 2025

Hymn Sing

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Call to Worship

Psalm 33:6

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

**Opening Hymn:*

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

Trinity Hymnal #3

Scripture Reading:

Luke 12:22-34

Evening Prayer

Scripture Reading & Sermon:

“LET THERE BE LIGHT!”
Genesis 1:1-5

Rev. Alex Mark

**Closing Hymn:*

God, That Madest Earth and Heaven

Trinity Hymnal #405

Benediction

**Congregation Standing*

GENESIS 1:1-5

[1]In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. [2]The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. [3]And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. [4]And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. [5]God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

EVENING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

I. THE POWER OF GOD’S COMMAND

II. THE NATURE OF THE LIGHT

III. THE TRUE LIGHT OF CHRIST