



FIRST SCOTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Of Beaufort

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THE LORD'S DAY

September 21, 2025

Sunday School: 9:30AM (all ages)

Morning Worship Service: 10:40AM

Evening Worship Service: 5PM

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Prayer of Preparation: “Precious Promises” by Thomas Watson

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

“If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction” (Psalm 119:92). The precious promises of God’s word are like cordials to a soul that is ready to faint. They are full of virtue.

Are you under the guilt of sin?

There is a promise: “The Lord, compassionate and gracious” (Exodus 34:6). Here God holds out the golden scepter to encourage poor trembling sinners to come to him. God is more willing to pardon than to punish. Mercy multiplies more in him than sin in us. Mercy is his nature. The bee naturally gives honey; it stings only when provoked. “But,” says the guilty sinner, “I cannot deserve mercy.” Yet God is gracious. He shows mercy, not because we deserve mercy, but because he delights in mercy. “But what is that to me? Perhaps my name is not in the pardon.” The bank account of mercy is not exhausted. God has treasures lying by, and why should you not come for a child’s share?

Are you under the defilement of sin?

There is a promise working for good: “I will heal their waywardness.” (Hosea 14:4). He has promised to send his Spirit, whose sanctifying power is like

water which cleanses vessels and fire which refines metals. The Spirit of God shall cleanse and consecrate your soul, making it share in the divine nature.

Are you in great trouble?

There is a promise working for our good: “I will be with him in trouble” (Psalm 91:15). God does not bring his people into troubles and leave them there. He will stand by them. He will hold their heads and hearts when they are fainting. “He is their stronghold in time of trouble” (Psalm 37:39). “Oh,” says the soul, “I shall faint in the day of trial.” But God will be the strength of our hearts. He will join his forces with us. Either he will make the burden he has placed upon us lighter, or our faith stronger.

Do you fear outward wants?

There is a promise: “Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing” (Psalm 34:10). If it is good for us, we shall have it. If it is not good for us, then the withholding of it is good. This blessing falls as the honey dew upon the leaf. It sweetens that little we possess. Though a child of God might be reduced to great troubles, yet they will not be forsaken. They are still an heir of heaven, and God loves them.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 21, 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 12:3-4

[3]With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted."

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

CALL TO CONFESSION: EZEKIEL 36:25-27

[25]"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols. I will cleanse you. [26]And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. [27]And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules."

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: TITUS 3:4-7

[4] But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, [5] he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, [6] whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, [7] so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (ESV)

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:** Be Thou My Vision Trinity Hymnal #642

SERMON: "THE GLORIOUS GIFT OF BAPTISM" Rev. Alex Mark
Romans 6:1-4

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:** Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus Trinity Hymnal #481

*BENEDICTION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** In Christ Alone (Stanza 4)

*No guilt in life, no fear in death—This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

**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

[1]What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? [2]By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? [3]Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? [4]We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.—Romans 6:1-4

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

I. WHAT DOES BAPTISM MEAN?

II. HOW IS BAPTISM A BLESSING?

III. WHAT DIFFERENCE SHOULD IT MAKE IN MY LIFE?

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

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Hymn Sing

Rev. Alex Mark
Senior Pastor

Call to Worship

Isaiah 58:13-14

[13]“If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; [14]then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

**Opening Hymn:*

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Trinity Hymnal #598

Scripture Reading:

Luke 17:20-37

Evening Prayer

Scripture Reading & Sermon: “FINISHED WORK, LASTING REST”
Genesis 2:1-3

Rev. Alex Mark

**Hymn of Preparation:*

O Day of Rest and Gladness
Stanzas 1 through 3

Trinity Hymnal #392

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**Hymn of Gratitude:*

O Day of Rest and Gladness
Stanzas 4 and 5

Trinity Hymnal #392

**Benediction*

**Congregation Standing*

GENESIS 2:1-3

[1]Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. [2]And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. [3]So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

EVENING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

I. THE WORK FINISHED

II. THE PATTERN ESTABLISHED

III. THE SABBATH TRANSFORMED