



FIRST SCOTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Of Beaufort

— PCA —



THE LORD'S DAY May 4, 2025

Sunday School: 9:30AM (all ages)

Morning Worship Service: 10:40AM

Evening Worship Service: 5PM

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Prayer of Preparation: “Holy Fire” by Thomas Watson (Adapted for Use)

Into His Presence—Praying with the Puritans by Tim Chester

Loving Lord,
may our obedience be free and
cheerful.

Though we serve with weakness,
may we be willing.
May our cheerfulness show the love in
our duty.

May our obedience be devout and
fervent,
our hearts boiling over with hot
affections in your service.
May our fervency be the fire to our
sacrifice.

May our obedience be extensive,
reaching all your commands,
running through our duties
like blood through our veins.

May our obedience be sincere,
not merely to silence conscience or
gain applause,
but to grow more like you, and
bring you glory.

May our obedience be constant,
continuing when we meet
affliction,
like the fire on the altar
which was always kept alight.

May our obedience be in and through
Christ

in every part of worship.
May we present Christ back to you
in the arms of our faith.

May we love you with a holy love,
a holy fire kindled in the affections,
carrying us out strongly after you
as our supreme good.

May your Spirit shine upon our
understanding,
revealing the beauty of your wisdom,
holiness and mercy
that these may be the magnet
drawing out our love for you.

In our love for you
may we desire communion with
you;
may we hate the sin that separates
us from you;
may we labor to render you lovely
to others;
may we be willing to do and suffer
for you;
subscribing to your commands
and submitting to your will.

You do not need our love, and yet you
seek it in love.

Lord, give me a heart to love you,
for it is my grief that I do not love
you more.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

MAY 4, 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 worship service, please feel free to use the Worshipers in Training room or the nursery during the service.

WELCOME

Rev. Alex Mark
Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 136:1

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

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:**

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

Trinity Hymnal #3

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: ISAIAH 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”

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:** Arise, My Soul, Arise Trinity Hymnal #305

SERMON: “LESSONS FROM LAZARUS” Rev. Alex Mark
John 11:38-44

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** And Can It Be That I Should Gain Trinity Hymnal #455
Stanzas 1 through 3

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***HYMN OF GRATITUDE:** And Can It Be That I Should Gain Trinity Hymnal #455
 Stanzas 4 and 5

*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

[38]Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. [39]Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” [40]Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” [41]So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. [42]I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” [43]When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” [44]The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” [45]—John 11:38-44

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

I. CHRIST’S PURPOSE

II. CHRIST'S POWER

III. OUR PRIVILEGE

The Resurrection and the Life

As the Good Shepherd and the Door of the Sheep, Jesus meets our every need for safety and security. He is the entryway to the kingdom of God that, like the earthly sheepfold, provides protection for all those who enter it (John 10:7–9). He guards us, His sheep, laying down His life so that we can be restored to the Lord's flock and be free of any charge that the prince of this world might use against us because of our sin (vv. 10–18). But the Good Shepherd preserves us not only from external enemies but from any eternal danger we might pose to ourselves. No one can snatch us from the Father and the Son—even we cannot snatch ourselves away (John 10:27–30). If salvation is truly ours, it is ours forever.

This reality is tied directly to Jesus' statement about Himself in today's passage. Our Lord claimed to be "the resurrection and the life" (11:25), meaning He is the source of life and guarantor of our resurrection from the dead. He proved this by raising His friend Lazarus from the grave (vv. 43–44). Lazarus, who with his sisters Mary and Martha was among the closest followers of Christ, died when Jesus was ministering in Bethany beyond the Jordan (10:40–11:16). Notably, Lazarus had been dead for four days when Jesus arrived (v. 17). This gave Jesus the chance to perform a sign that demonstrated the truth of His claim by raising Lazarus back to life. If our Lord had returned sooner, people could have explained the miracle away as evidence of the common Jewish belief that the soul of a dead person would periodically revisit his body for up to three days before finally passing on. A resurrection on the fourth day would demonstrate that Lazarus' exit from the grave did not represent his soul's returning to his body on its own.

Martha and Jesus' dialogue is instructive, for Jesus used it to get the people to focus on Him and not the general resurrection of the dead. Jesus was not looking for Martha to repeat the Old Testament revelation of the resurrection of the dead on the last day (Job 19:25–27) but to understand that He is the giver and restorer of life (John 11:23–27). No one could honestly dispute that fact once the Giver and Restorer of life brought Lazarus back from the dead (vv. 28–44), although the chief priests and Pharisees did not trust in Jesus as a result of this sign. Knowing who He was, they sought to kill Him nevertheless (vv. 45–57). Nothing could be more irrational. How can one expect to kill the Source and Guarantor of life?

The response of the Pharisees and the chief priests to Jesus is a powerful reminder that intellectual knowledge is not enough for salvation. These leaders did not dispute the reality of Jesus' signs. Instead, they knew the signs and what they meant, but they still refused to follow Jesus. Saving faith requires knowing the truth, but it also requires putting one's trust in that truth and the One whom it reveals. As we seek to know the truth, let us pray that we would trust what we learn.

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

May 4, 2025

Hymn Sing

Rev. Alex Mark
Senior Pastor

Call to Worship

Psalm 104:1

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty...

**Opening Hymn:*

O Worship the King

Trinity Hymnal #2

Scripture Reading:

Luke 8:40-56

Evening Prayer

Scripture Reading & Sermon: "THE THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP"
II Samuel 24:18-25

Rev. Alex Mark

**Closing Hymn:*

We Come, O Christ, to You

Trinity Hymnal #181

Benediction

**Congregation Standing*

II SAMUEL 24:18-25

[18]And Gad came that day to David and said to him, “Go up, raise an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.” [19]So David went up at Gad’s word, as the LORD commanded. [20]And when Araunah looked down, he saw the king and his servants coming on toward him. And Araunah went out and paid homage to the king with his face to the ground. [21]And Araunah said, “Why has my lord the king come to his servant?” David said, “To buy the threshing floor from you, in order to build an altar to the LORD, that the plague may be averted from the people.” [22]Then Araunah said to David, “Let my lord the king take and offer up what seems good to him. Here are the oxen for the burnt offering and the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood. [23]All this, O king, Araunah gives to the king.” And Araunah said to the king, “May the LORD your God accept you.” [24]But the king said to Araunah, “No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing.” So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. [25]And David built there an altar to the LORD and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD responded to the plea for the land, and the plague was averted from Israel.

EVENING SERMON NOTES

EVENING SERMON NOTES (CONT'D)
