



# FIRST SCOTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Of Beaufort*

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## THE LORD'S DAY

### May 11, 2025

**Sunday School: 9:30AM (all ages)**

**Morning Worship Service: 10:40AM**

**Evening Worship Service: 5PM**

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# Prayer of Preparation: “Heaped Up Happiness” by Thomas Brooks (Adapted for Use)

*Into His Presence—Praying with the Puritans* by Tim Chester

Lord God, you are glorious and happy in yourself and you make glorious and happy those who enjoy you as their portion. All the blessing of the people of God stands in this: you are our God, you are our portion, you are our inheritance. Oh, the heaped up happiness of those whose God is the Lord;

a happiness so great and so glorious, it cannot be conceived, and cannot be uttered!

All the blessing of this world cannot make us happy, except we have you to boot.

Nothing can make us truly miserable when you are our portion, and nothing can make someone truly happy when you are not their portion.

You are the author of all true happiness; the donor of all true happiness, the center of all true happiness and blessing.

Lord God, you are a treasure no one can take from us.

No friend, no foe, no devil can ever rob us of you.

You are ours by covenant, ours by promise, ours by purchase, ours by conquest, ours by donation, ours by marriage, ours by the pledge of the Spirit, ours by witness of the Spirit.

You are not only our God for the present, you are not only our God for the near future: you will be our God for ever and ever.

Only a power that can out-match your power and a strength above your strength could rob or ruin our share in you.

But who is there who is stronger than you? Is the clay stronger than the potter or the stubble than the flame or weakness than strength?

No, for your weakness is stronger than any human power.

We may easily be deprived of our earthly treasure.

Many have lost treasures by storms at sea, by force and violence, by fraud and deceit, by hideous lying and hellish swearing.

But you are a portion that the fire cannot burn, that the floods cannot drown, that the thief cannot steal, that the enemy cannot commandeer, that the soldier cannot plunder.

Someone may take my gold from me, but no one can take you from me.

Until weakness can make a breach upon strength, impotence upon omnipotence, the pitcher upon the potter, and the crawling worm upon you, the Lord of hosts, a saint's portion is safe and secure.

Sickness may take my health and strength, death may take my friends and my relations, enemies may take my estate and my liberty. But none can take you, my God, from me.

You are nailed to your people by your everlasting love, by your everlasting covenant, by the blood of your Son.

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

## MAY 11, 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 55:6-7**

[6]“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; [7]let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

**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:**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Trinity Hymnal #295

**CALL TO CONFESSION: PSALM 130:1-4**

[1]Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! [2]O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! [3]If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? [4]But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON: ROMANS 8:32**

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM, QUESTION #37**

**Question:** What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

**Answer:** The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves, till the resurrection.

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

**OFFERING:**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

Psalm 2

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION:** Take My Life, and Let It Be Trinity Hymnal #585

**SERMON:** “ONE MAN SHOULD DIE FOR THE PEOPLE” Rev. Alex Mark  
John 11:45-57

**\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:** Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder Trinity Hymnal #172

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** Jesus Shall Reign, #441, Stanza 5

*Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King;  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!*

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*\*Congregation Standing*

*Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please contact us at [admin@firstscotsbeaufort.org](mailto:admin@firstscotsbeaufort.org) or call 843-379-0134 for more information. Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 10AM-2PM.*

# MORNING SERMON TEXT

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[45]Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, [46]but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. [47]So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. [48]If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” [49]But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. [50]Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” [51]He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, [52]and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. [53]So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

[54]Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there to a region near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and there he stayed with the disciples. [55]Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. [56]They were looking for Jesus and saying to one another as they stood in the temple, “What do you think? That he will not come to the feast at all?” [57]Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where he was, he should let them know, so that they might arrest him.—John 11:45-57

## MORNING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

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### **I. A PARABLE ENACTED**

## **II. A POLITICAL CRISIS**

## **III. A PROPHEPIC IRONY**

#### **IV. A PERFECT SACRIFICE**

# THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

## May 11, 2025

*Hymn Sing*

Rev. Alex Mark  
Senior Pastor

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 96:7-9

[7]Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!  
[8]Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!  
[9]Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

*\*Opening Hymn:*

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Trinity Hymnal #100

*Scripture Reading:*

Luke 9:1-22

*Evening Prayer*

*Scripture Reading & Sermon:* “REFORMED WORSHIP”  
II Samuel 24:18-25

Rev. Alex Mark

*\*Closing Hymn*

Be Thou My Vision

Trinity Hymnal #642

*\*Benediction*

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*\*Congregation Standing*



## II SAMUEL 24:18-25

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[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 OUTLINE & NOTES

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### I. DEFORMED WORSHIP

## **II. REFORMED ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE**

## **III. SCRIPTURE-SATURATED WORSHIP**