



FIRST SCOTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Of Beaufort

PCA

THE LORD'S DAY

July 27, 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
“A Mass of Love”

Lord Jesus Christ,
what comforts you give to the poor, broken-
hearted believers!

If heaven and earth were compressed
into one mass of pure gold,
it would not weigh the thousandth part
of your love to a soul—even to me, a poor
prisoner.

You are the fairest Rose in all God’s
paradise,
infinitely above all imaginable and created
glory.

For your fire is hotter than any other fire;
your love sweeter than common love;
your beauty surpasses all other beauty.

Oh, that others would fall in love with you!

Yet all of us together could not love you
enough, who are the Son of the Father’s
love, and God’s delight.

Lord, grant that the meeting of your people
may be a trysting-place
where we may feast together,
and drink that pure river of the water of
life,
that flows from the throne of God and of
the Lamb.

--Samuel Rutherford

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

JULY 27, 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 43:1

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine."

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:**

Now Thank We All Our God

Trinity Hymnal #98

CALL TO CONFESSION: JOEL 2:12

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning:"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: I JOHN 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM, QUESTION #47

Question: What is forbidden in the first commandment?

Answer: The first commandment forbids the denying, or not worshiping and glorifying, the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING:

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Psalm 23

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want Trinity Hymnal #87

SERMON: “HAVING LOVED HIS OWN” Rev. Alex Mark
John 13: 1

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:** How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place Trinity Hymnal
#469

***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.

EXTRA ANNOUNCEMENT: First Scots will hold a Virtual Missions Conference on August 15th and 16th in our Fellowship Hall. We'll hear from our international missionaries in a series of Zoom calls. Food will be provided both days, and children's classes will be offered during each session. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex.

MORNING SERMON TEXT

[1]Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.—John 13:1

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

I. THE NATURE OF HIS LOVE

II. THE OBJECTS OF HIS LOVE

III. THE EXTENT OF HIS LOVE

Loved to the End

(devotional on John 13:1 from www.ligonier.org)

Having concluded in chapter 12 of his gospel the story of Jesus' public ministry, John the Apostle turns in chapter 13 to narrate the final events of Jesus' earthly life. These events, which begin with the Last Supper, include some of the most significant teaching Christ gave to His disciples as well as His passion.

Before telling us about this supper, however, John notes that the occasion is just "before the Feast of the Passover" (13:1). This refers most specifically to the foot washing that John describes in the following verses, which occurred before Jesus and the disciples ate the Passover meal. The mention of the Passover alerts us to the significance of Christ's death as the final Passover lamb. John the Baptist's remarks that Jesus is the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (1:29, 36) are fulfilled in the Savior's death.

John 13:1 makes other significant theological points as well. It notes that "Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father." Here we have reference to Jesus' sovereignty over His own death and the timing of His crucifixion. Although Jesus allows Himself to be killed by a conspiracy of Roman and Jewish authorities, He is not at the mercy of those who want Him dead. They have power to put Him to death only insofar as it has been granted to them according to the divine plan and the divine schedule. Jesus lays down His life of His own accord; no one takes it from Him (John 10:18).

Our Lord's sovereignty over His own death, in turn, informs John's next point that "having loved his own who were in the world, [Jesus] loved them to the end" (13:1). "End" here can mean that Jesus loved His disciples until the end of His life or that He loved them to the fullest extent possible. It is probably best to see the verse as indicating both. Jesus loved His disciples until the crucifixion, and in the crucifixion we see the very depths of the love that Jesus had for them. Jesus willingly laid down His life—no one took it from Him by force—because He was the willing sacrifice for sin. He submitted to death because He loved us enough to pay the ultimate price to atone for our transgressions and reconcile us to God. This should inspire nothing less than awe and assurance in us. John Calvin comments, "Though we think that we are at a distance from Christ, yet we ought to know that he is looking at us; for he loveth his own, who are in the world; for we, have no reason to doubt that he still bears the same affection which he retained at the very moment of his death."

Should we ever doubt the love of Jesus for us, all we need to do is look to the cross. Jesus loved us enough to submit Himself to the worst death possible—death under the wrath and curse of God. He did this because it was the only way to reconcile us to God. If we trust in Christ for salvation, let us look to His cross this day for renewed assurance of His love for us.

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

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Hymn Sing

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Call to Worship

Revelation 5:11-14

[11]Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, [12]saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" [13]And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" [14]And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

**Opening Hymn:*

O God beyond All Praising

Trinity Hymnal #660

Scripture Reading:

Luke 13:18-35

Evening Prayer

Scripture Reading & Sermon: "WHO IS LIKE OUR GOD?"

Rev. Michael Bauer

Psalms 113

**Closing Hymn*

Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

Trinity Hymnal #402

**Benediction*

**Congregation Standing*

PSALM 113

[1]Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! [2]Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! [3]From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised! [4]The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! [5]Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, [6]who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? [7]He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, [8]to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. [9]He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

EVENING SERMON NOTES

EVENING SERMON NOTES (CONT'D)
