

FIRST SCOTS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Of Beaufort
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THE LORD'S DAY

February 8, 2026

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

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Prayer of Preparation: “Purify and Cleanse Us” by John Owen

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

Lord God, we come to you aware
of the darkness and ignorance of our
minds,
the perversity and stubbornness of our
wills,
the disorder and irregularity of our
affections.

Cure our evil frame through the work of
your Holy Spirit.

May he rectify and renovate our nature,
giving us a new understanding,
a new heart, new affections,
renewing our whole soul into your
image.

We thank you for his work of
regeneration

that need not be repeated:
our nature has been cleansed
and your image has been restored.

May we now be cleansed from our sins,
as is so frequently promised we shall
be,
as is so frequently prescribed we
should be,
without which we cannot have true
holiness in us.

Help us to labor after, and endeavor to
grow in,
this renovation of our nature by your
Holy Spirit.

Grant us, we pray,
more saving light in our minds,

more heavenly love in our wills and
affections,
more constant readiness to obedience
in our hearts,
that we might be more pure, and
more cleansed from the pollution of
sin.

May your Holy Spirit purify and cleanse
us

by strengthening our souls for all holy
duties and against all actual sins.

Having given us a principle of purity and
holiness,

may your Spirit act in our
duties of obedience
and in opposition to sin.

But if we sin and are defiled, how
shall we be cleansed?

You are faithful and just and
will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all
unrighteousness.

The blood of Jesus Christ your
Son

cleanses us from all sin.

And so we pray,

may the blood of Christ,
purge us from our sins,
by a special application of it
to our souls by your Holy
Spirit.

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 service, please feel free to use the Worshippers in Training (WIT) room or the nursery.

WELCOME

Rev. Alex Mark
Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 119:33-35

[33]Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end. [34]Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. [35]Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

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:** All Creatures of Our God and King Trinity Hymnal #115

OLD TESTAMENT READING/CALL TO CONFESSION: PSALM 119:36-40

[36]Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain! [37]Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways. [38]Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be feared. [39]Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your rules are good. [40]Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: EZEKIEL 36:25-27

[25]I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanesses, 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.

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:

\$1,458 (Campus Projects)
\$448 (Campus Projects)

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** Speak, O Lord see page 6

SERMON: “THE SPIRIT’S PURSUIT OF OUR HOLINESS” Rev. Alex Mark
John 14:25-26

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Trinity Hymnal #529

*BENEDICTION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, #457

*Oh that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace.
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry
Bring Thy promises to pass.
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last.*

**Congregation Standing*

Speak, O Lord

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-
2. Teach us Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



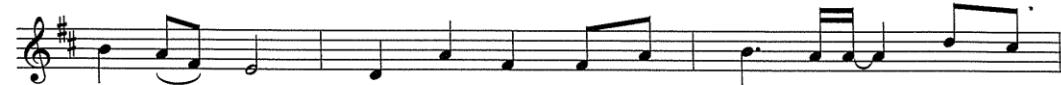
- ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our
grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the



deep in us; shape and fash-ion us in Your like - ness; That the
at - ti - tudes; in the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our
dawn of time, that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to-day in our acts of love and our
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au -
grace we'll stand on Your prom-is-es; And by faith we'll walk as You



deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord and ful - fill in us all Your
- thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their
walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built, and the



pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
earth is filled with Your glo - ry

MORNING SERMON TEXT

[25]“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. [26] But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”—John 14:25-26

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

I. WHO THE HOLY SPIRIT IS

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES (CONT'D)

II. HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US

Our Teacher the Holy Spirit

(a devotional on John 14:25-26 from www.ligonier.org)

Knowing that hearing of His betrayal and His imminent return to the Father would trouble the disciples, Jesus spent the night of the Last Supper reassuring them that He was not leaving them alone. He would be sending “another Helper” to strengthen them and empower them to do works greater than His. Moreover, by this same Helper, the “Spirit of truth” or Holy Spirit, Father and Son would also come to dwell within them (John 14:1–24).

Despite the comfort that these words undoubtedly offered the disciples at the time, we may certainly infer that they would have difficulty remembering and understanding them as the ordeal of the crucifixion began. Even Peter would deny Christ (18:15–27). It would take a supernatural work for the disciples to recall and comprehend Jesus’ teaching.

Jesus promised such a supernatural work, as we read in today’s passage. The Father would send the Spirit in the Son’s name to teach the disciples all things and bring to their remembrance all He had said to them (John 14:25–26). This is a vital text for our doctrines of the reliability and inspiration of Scripture. We trust the Apostles’ records of the life and teaching of our Savior because God worked supernaturally by the Spirit to have them recall what Jesus said and did. Moreover, we can trust the Apostolic reflection and application of these teachings in Acts, the Epistles, and Revelation because the Spirit was at work unfolding the teachings of Christ (see also 2 Tim. 3:16–17). It is the work of the Spirit to teach the disciples and, through them, the church. It is not to introduce any new, post-Apostolic revelation. It is to enable the church to understand what Jesus has already taught, which is recorded for us in the New Testament. John Calvin comments that “the spirit that introduces any doctrine or invention apart from the Gospel is a deceiving spirit, and not the Spirit of Christ.”

Note also that the work of the Spirit in bringing to remembrance all that Jesus taught—and helping the disciples understand it—is a Trinitarian work. Jesus, the Son of God, taught His disciples. But He did not give them any other words than the words of the Father (John 14:24). What the Spirit inspires is taught by the entire Godhead. Divine revelation comes from the Father, who speaks through the Son, whose words are brought to mind in the Apostles by the Holy Spirit. Every word of the Scriptures is a word from the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and so can be fully trusted.

Sacred Scripture does not consist of merely human writings. Instead, the Scripture is inspired by our triune God and deserves our full attention and submission. When we are reading Scripture, we are reading not merely a humanly written book but also a divinely written book. Let us treat Scripture as such and seek, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to conform to its teaching.

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

February 8, 2026

Hymn Sing

Rev. Alex Mark
Senior Pastor

Call to Worship

Psalm 24:3-5

[3]Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? [4]He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. [5]He will receive blessing from the LORD and his righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**Opening Hymn:*

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

Trinity Hymnal #122

Scripture Reading:

Acts 2: 1-13

Evening Prayer

Scripture Reading & Sermon: “THE SERPENT & THE SAVIOR”

Rev. Alex Mark

Genesis 3: 1-7

**Closing Hymn*

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Trinity Hymnal #305

**Benediction*

**Congregation Standing*

GENESIS 3: 1-7

[1]Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” [2]And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, [3]but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” [4]But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. [5]For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” [6]So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. [7]Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

EVENING SERMON NOTES

EVENING SERMON NOTES (CONT'D)

The Crafty Serpent

(a devotional on Genesis 3:1-5 from www.ligonier.org)

Satan, the enemy of God and His people, frequently appears in the Old and New Testaments to harm the covenant community, lead people astray, and do what He can to take away from the Lord's glory. From its beginning (Gen. 3) to its conclusion (Rev. 20:1–10), the Bible is clear that evil is not an impersonal force but the disposition of personal beings — the Devil and his servants.

Yet for all of the descriptions of Satan's activity in Scripture, especially the Gospels (for example, Matt. 4:1–11; Mark 5:1–20), the Word of God actually gives us little direct information about the adversary's origin or appearance. The Bible never depicts the Devil with horns and a tail, and it never gives him the name Lucifer, which is based on a Latin translation of Scripture. We do know that he is connected to the heavenly council (Job 1:6), which by inference tells us that he is an angel. But Satan is an angel who has fallen from grace, for he hates the Almighty. Many believe his fall is pictured symbolically in passages like Isaiah 14:12–20 and Ezekiel 28:1–10, but this interpretation is far from certain.

Genesis 3 features the first appearance of Satan in Scripture, telling us how he worked through a serpent to tempt Adam and Eve. The Enemy is called “crafty” (v. 1), which translates the Hebrew word ‘arum. This quality is not itself bad, for the same term is translated “prudent” in Proverbs 12:16. It is an ability to deal with people with subtlety, a quality that can be used for good or, in Satan's case, evil.

The Devil's craftiness is seen in that he does not present himself as an adversary; rather, he gets Eve to question God's goodness. He quizzes Eve in a way that emphasizes what the Lord has forbidden (Gen. 3:1), painting Him as strict and overbearing. Satan could have asked about the blessings God has generously given to mankind, but instead he asks what the Creator has told Eve not to do. Similarly, he intimates that the Lord God is jealous (in a bad way) and out to keep people down for His own sake, without any regard for their well-being (v. 5). Matthew Henry comments, “It is the subtlety of Satan to blemish the reputation of divine law as uncertain or unreasonable, and to draw people to sin.” Today, the Devil employs the very same tactics with us, so let us be careful lest he lead us astray into the violation of our Savior's will.

God has bound us to His law in order that we might experience true freedom (James 1:25). Despite what we are told every day, the commandments of the Lord are not given to make us miserable but to show us how to fulfill the purpose for which we were created, which is the only way we can find lasting pleasure. Do you love the law of God? Where have you thought that you know better than Him?

The Forbidden Fruit

(a devotional on Genesis 3:1-5 from www.ligonier.org)

One of the most thorough statements of biblical doctrine ever produced is the Westminster Confession of Faith. This confession masterfully summarizes many of the teachings of Scripture and looks to Genesis 1–3 as establishing the covenant of works. Chapter 7.2 of the confession states that in this covenant, “life was promised to Adam, and in him to his posterity, upon condition of perfect and personal obedience.”

As we saw in Genesis 2:16–17, Adam and Eve only had to refrain from eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in order to fulfill the terms of this covenant. It is impossible for us to know how long our first parents were able to resist the forbidden tree; it could have been hours or even years. Clearly, however, had Adam faithfully endured his period of testing until its appointed termination, he would have guaranteed an eternal reward for himself and for all of his descendants (Rom. 5:12–21).

Prior to consuming the forbidden fruit, Adam and Eve understood that obeying God is right and disobeying Him is wrong. The promise of death for disobedience (Gen. 2:16–17) informed them that to rebel against the Lord is evil. Eating of the outlawed tree did not introduce this knowledge; instead, it gave man experiential awareness of evil and an intimate perception of wickedness.

Satan was not wholly incorrect when he told Eve partaking of the banned tree would make her “like God” (3:5), as to be more aware of the horror of sin is to come closer to God’s knowledge of all things (v. 22a). However, as he is wont to do, the serpent never gave Eve the whole truth. He did not tell her man would develop a love for perversion by such knowledge of evil. Moreover, he lied outright in asserting that death would not follow her transgression (v. 4).

To tell half-truths and outright lies is in our enemy’s very nature (John 8:44). He enjoys calling God’s truthfulness and goodness into question with subtlety, as he did with Eve by over-emphasizing what the Lord forbade instead of what He permitted (Gen. 3:1b). His tactics have not changed, so let us beware lest he deceive us as well.

Do you believe in what God has revealed to us? Do you take Him at His word when He tells us He is good and that He never lies (Num. 23:19)? Or do you let your own “knowledge” or experience lead you to embrace disbelief? Perhaps you imply you doubt by not following all of His commandments? Consider an area of your life where you have not lived according to God’s Word. Repent and show you believe in Him by walking in obedience today.