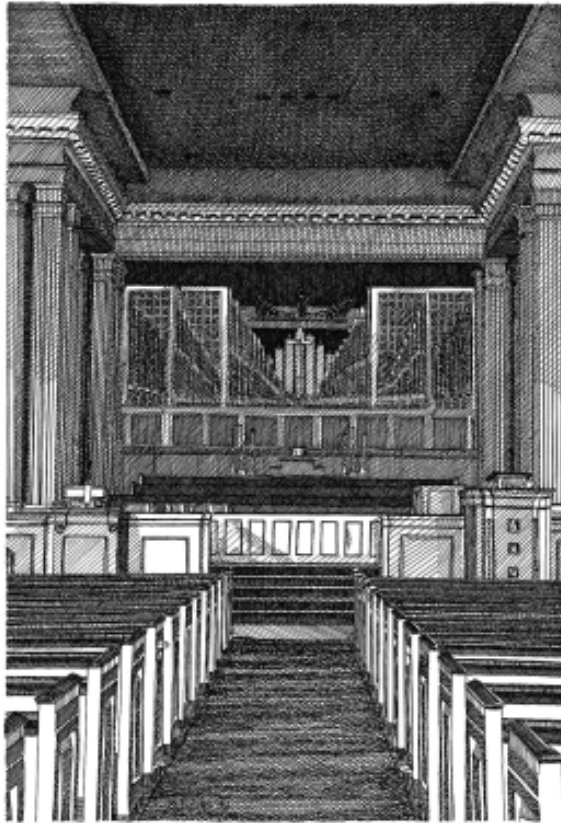


TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Montgomery, Alabama



The Lord's Day, August 31, 2014

# THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

August 31, 2014 ■ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

## The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

We are fools for Christ's sake. But professionals are wise. We are weak. But professionals are strong. Professionals are held in honor. We are in disrepute. We do not try to secure a professional lifestyle, but we are ready to hunger and thirst and be ill-clad and homeless. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things.

~ John Piper

**The Welcome and Announcements** [8:25 and 10:55 A.M.]

**The Prelude** "Rhosymedre" Ralph Vaughan Williams

**The Striking of the Hour**

† **The Ascription of Praise** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:  
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

† **The Call to Worship** Mr. Curles

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**People: Serve the Lord with gladness!**

Minister: Come into His presence with singing!

**People: The Lord is good! His steadfast love endures forever!**

Minister: Bless His name! His faithfulness endures to all generations.

**People: We are His people; the sheep of His pasture.**

Minister: Lord, have mercy!

**People: Christ, have mercy!**

Minister: Let us worship the Living God!

† **The Hymn No. 53** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

† **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

◀ Please use this time to pray, meditate, confess, and prepare for worship.

◀ The Ascription is typically one or two stanzas of a familiar, exalting hymn of praise. On this Labor Day Weekend, we remember His faithfulness to all generations.

◀ Those who desire to worship God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6).

◀ Opening hymns are typically joyous hymns. We remind ourselves of all the reasons we have to praise our God.

## † The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father Which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.**

◀ The Lord's Prayer has all the elements of worship. There is adoration and praise. There is confession. There is supplication. The Lord's Prayer covers the loftiest of matters; i.e., God's will being done and His kingdom coming. It also covers the mundane needs of our lives; i.e., our daily bread and temptations.

## † The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## The Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Most gracious and loving God, how much more could we ask of You, how much more could You give us, than You have given us in Jesus Christ? Yet, we confess that we have not claimed the fullness of Your grace to us in Christ Jesus but have often lived in the shadows of unbelief. We have too often hoped in earthly things. We have neglected to love you with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind, and our neighbor as ourselves. From these and all our sins, Father, forgive us and free us. And grant that we, with all the saints, may have power to comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge. Amen.**

◀ We confess to our merciful God the areas in our lives in which we know we have strayed like lost sheep.

## The Individual's Silent Prayer of Confession

### The Assurance of Pardon

Child of God, be comforted and hear the good tidings of the Gospel: Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Believe the Gospel and live in peace.

◀ We are reminded of the redeeming, pardoning grace of our heavenly Father.

### The Morning Prayer

### The Hymn

“Trust and Obey”

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will,  
He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

*Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil He doth richly repay; not a grief nor a loss,  
Not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. *Refrain.*

◀ The Morning Prayer is filled with Scripture and is always biblically based.

## The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

“Come, Labor On”

John Ferguson

Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain  
While all around us waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say, “Go work today.”

Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share;  
To young and old the gospel gladness bear.  
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.  
The night draws nigh.

Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and fear!  
No arm so weak but may do service here;  
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill God’s righteous will.

Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky,  
Till the long shadows o’er our pathway lie.  
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun,  
“Well done, well done!”

## The Prayer of Illumination

### † The Scripture Lesson

*Acts 20:17-27*

### † The Response

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

**The grass withers and the flowers fade,  
but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.**

## The Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

## The Sermon

Mr. McRoberts

THE CHARACTER OF THE ELDER-SHEPHERDS

*Acts 20:17-27*

LIV. Exposition of Acts

INTRODUCTION ~ v. 17

I. PAUL WAS CONSISTENT ~ v. 18

II. PAUL WAS HUMBLE ~ v. 19

III. PAUL MINISTERED WITH TEARS BECAUSE HE TRULY CARED ~ v. 19b

IV. PAUL WAS FAITHFUL ~ vs. 20-21

V. PAUL WAS SELF-SACRIFICING ~ vs. 22-25

CONCLUSION ~ vs. 26-27

◀ Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

◀ Page 1182 in the Pew Bible.

◀ Children aged four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children’s Church. Following the worship service, please pick up your children from the Children’s Chapel in the Covenant Building (E-100).

◀ The preaching of God’s Word is proclamation in which the minister serves as a herald of God’s truth.

† **The Hymn No. 353**

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

† **The Benediction**

Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, descend and rest in your hearts until the day breaks and all these shadows flee away.

**People: AMEN!**

† **The Quiet Meditation and Application of God’s Word**

† **The Postlude**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Johann Walther

† Indicates standing as able

The sanctuary flowers this Lord’s Day are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
Mr. Henry Farrior Crenshaw  
by Mrs. Henry Farrior Crenshaw and his family.

◀ Timothy Dwight, the author of this text, was a president of Yale University, who prayed and worked for revival on the Yale campus. A dramatic revival came about in 1795. His text speaks of the Kingdom of God in three ways: The kingdom of God within us, the Kingdom of God on earth, and the Kingdom of God in Heaven ~ Kenneth W. Osbeck’s book, “Amazing Grace.”

# LORD'S DAY EVENING SERVICE

CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

6:00 P.M.

**Scripture Calls Us to Worship** ~ *Psalm 26:8; 122:1*

Mr. McRoberts

Minister: O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

People: **I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"**

**Hymn No. 701** – "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It"

**Prayer Invoking the Presence of God**

**Scripture Meditation** ~ *Revelation 4*

◀ Page 1313 in the Pew Bible.

**Report from the Field**

Ms. Marty Baas  
*Christ's College, Taiwan*

**Evening Prayer**

**Hymn Medley**

"The Old Rugged Cross"

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

*Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.*

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain.*

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see, For 'twas on that old cross  
Jesus suffered and died,  
To pardon and sanctify me. *Refrain.*

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share. *Refrain.*

Hymn No. 705 – “I Know Whom I Have Believed”

Hymn No. 467 – “Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

## Interlude

◀ Children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to attend their classes.

## Homily

Mr. Howell

A THRONE IN HEAVEN  
*Revelation 4*  
IV. Exposition of Revelation

Introduction: v. 1

I. The Central Throne and the One Upon It: vv. 2-6

II. The Central Throne and Those Around It: vv. 7-11

Conclusion:

## Hymn Concluding the Lord's Day – “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before the Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

## Benediction



**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**  
**OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, August 31, 2014**

**The Lord's Day**

8:30 A.M.	Early Morning Worship
9:45 A.M.	Sunday School
11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship
6:00 P.M.	Evening Worship

**FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION THIS WEEK**

**Monday, September 1**

Labor Day

*Church Offices and Bookstore Closed*

**Tuesday, September 2**

6:45 A.M. Prayer Breakfast in Trinity Hall

**Wednesday, September 3**

6:30 A.M. Men's *Search the Scriptures* in the John Knox Room

7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study in the Westminster Room

11:30 A.M. Ministry to Youth Meeting in The Frith

11:45 A.M. WIC Study in Room 203

12 Noon Ministry of Outreach Meeting in the John Knox Room

5:00 P.M. *Relax* ■ Church Family Supper

5:40 P.M. *Renew* ■ Prayer, Sharing, Singing

6:00 P.M. *Refresh* ■ Something for Everyone

7:00 P.M. Ministry of Administration

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

**Thursday, September 4**

9:30 A.M. *Mother2Mother* in the Spires Room

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**Trinity Church Prayer Focus:**

*The Youth Ministry under the direction of Kurt Cooper and Mary Cam Shaw*

**Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week:**

*Marty Baas ~ Christ's College, Taiwan*

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**WELCOME**

Welcome to the family of Trinity Presbyterian Church! We believe that the Lord has a purpose in bringing you here today, and we extend to you a genuine greeting as you worship with us. *Everyone is encouraged to sign the Friendship Registers at the center aisle end of the pews.* The Spires Room is set up to provide overflow seating for each Lord's Day morning worship service. Please use this seating when the sanctuary is overcrowded or you have special worship needs. If you are new to Trinity, please speak to a minister at one of the doors at the close of the service and inform him. To find out more about the many opportunities to serve and learn at Trinity, please visit our website, [www.trinitypca.org](http://www.trinitypca.org). Audio enhancement units are available from an usher in the Narthex. Our morning service is broadcast live over WNZZ AM 950 at 11:00 a.m. in the metropolitan area and on iHeart Radio on the internet. Archived sermons may be heard at any time on our website: [www.trinitypca.org](http://www.trinitypca.org). Complimentary childcare is provided for all worship services.

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