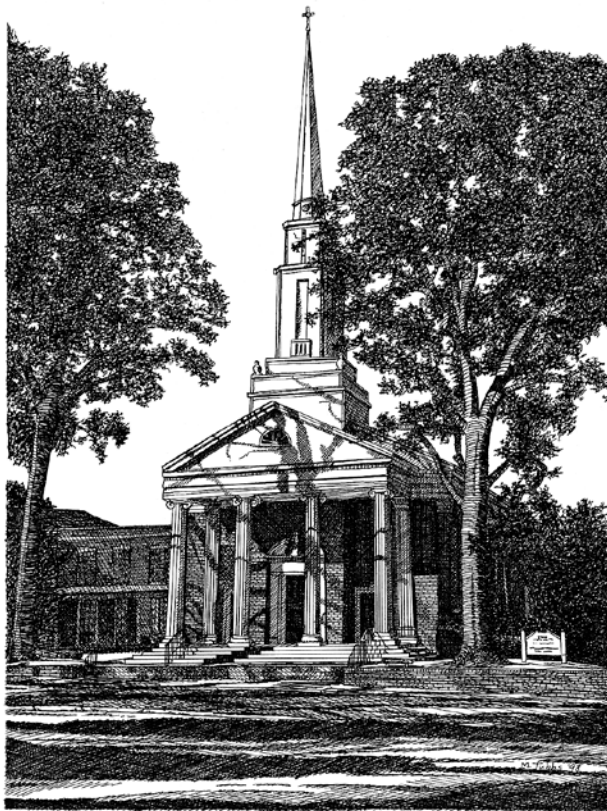
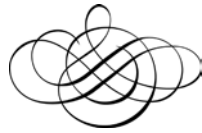


TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Montgomery, Alabama



The Lord's Day, November 9, 2014

THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

November 9, 2014 ■ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

*Eighty-six years I have served Him, and He has done me no wrong.
How can I blaspheme my King Who has saved me?*

~ Polycarp before his execution at Smyrna, Second Century

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

The Prelude

“Elegy”

G.T. Thalben-Ball

◀ The Prelude is a wonderful time to pray for yourself, those around you, those in leadership roles, and the Church around the world. Pray for worship that is in spirit and in truth.

The Striking of the Hour

The Declaration of Worship *Hebrews 12:1-3*

Mr. Howell

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

† **The Hymn No. 296**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

◀ This hymn of Edward Parronet points the worshipper to the time when all believers will join together in a celestial chorus.

† **The Call to Worship**

Minister: His mercy extends to those who fear Him from generation to generation!

People: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Minister: Let us worship the living God!

People: Let us worship Him in spirit and in truth!

† **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

◀ We come boldly into the presence of God because of our great Mediator. In this first prayer, we are by all accounts beseeking Him to be present in our worship of Him.

† **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 Hymn No. 713

“Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer”

The Pastoral Prayer

Mr. McRoberts

The Morning Offering

The Meditation *Acts 5:41-42*

Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem “God So Loved the World” John Stainer

[The text of this morning’s anthem is taken from John 3:16-17]

The Prayer of Illumination

† The Scripture Lesson *Acts 22:22-30*

† The Response

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

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

The Hymn of Preparation No. 499

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

The Sermon

Mr. McRoberts

REJOICING TO BE COUNTED WORTHY OF SUFFERING

Suffering with a View to the Cross

Acts 22:22-30

LVIX. Exposition of Acts

Introduction

I. A World That Opposes the Gospel ~ 22:22-25a

II. A Reaction from a Christian Who Loves the Gospel ~ 22:25b-30

Conclusion

◀ John Gurney helps the worshipper focus on God’s perspective on “the nation.” As we celebrate Veterans’ Day in this country on November 11, believers can give humble thanks for all of God’s great (undeserved) provision, mercy, protection and victory.

◀ All are welcome in the name of Jesus Christ, King and Head of the Church.

◀ A prayer invoking the Holy Spirit to help the minister to preach faithfully the honor of Jesus Christ and His Word; and further, that the hearer would have ears to hear and the eyes to see and the courage to act upon what is heard and taught.

◀ Text may be found in the Pew Bible, page 1185.

◀ The hymn expressing our total dependence upon God. In Him alone, the Rock of Ages, do we find hope. *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 Lord's Supper

Robert Fleming, a persecuted Scottish minister who lived from 1630–1694, said,

*“In the worst of times, there is still more cause
to complain of an evil heart than of an evil world.”*

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

The Hymn No. 254

“Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed”

† The Confession of Our Faith

The Nicene Creed

† The Prayer of Humble Access

The Serving of the Meal

Trinity Handbell Choir

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

† The Hymn of Commitment No. 164

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” [stanzas 1-4]

† The Charge

And now, go forth into the world in peace; take courage; put on the full armor of God; be above reproach; have a good reputation with those outside the church; there is no reason for revenge—leave it in the Lord's hands; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; pray for the afflicted; love God and love others; believe the gospel; rest in the freedom of grace; diligently do the good deeds prepared in advance for you to do; and do all things without complaining; rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

† The Benediction

Minister: And may grace, mercy and peace be yours now and forevermore.

People: **AMEN!**

† The Quiet Reflection, Meditation and Personal Application

† The Postlude

“We All Believe in One True God”

J.S. Bach

† Indicates standing as able

The sanctuary flowers this Lord's Day are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Kelly,
Mr. Harold V. McDonald, and Mrs. John R. O'Brien
by Mr. John R. O'Brien and Mrs. Harold V. McDonald.

◀ Today we worship in Word and sacrament. It is our privilege to see with our eyes the promises of God. At the Lord's Supper Christians, by faith, experience true communion with Christ in all His benefits.

◀ We confess together our common faith with saints from early Christendom. Words may be found on the inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*.

◀ Bach composed a collection of organ pieces based on Martin Luther's hymns corresponding to his catechism. Bach used musical devices to emphasize theological concepts. This piece is based on Luther's hymn about the Nicene Creed. The repeating fugue “subject” comes from the first few notes of the hymn. These notes accompany the text, “we believe.” The subject repeats over and over, as if to say, “We believe! We believe!” The heavy pedal part also repeats as if making a firm affirmation of faith.

LORD'S DAY EVENING SERVICE

CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP 6:00 P.M.

PREPARATION • REFLECTION • GREETING • PRAYER

5:45 prelude music in the sanctuary

5:45 time of prayer with ministers in the Westminster Room

Scripture Calls Us to Bold Confidence in Our Lord ~ *Joshua 1:6-9*

Mr. McRoberts

Hymn No. 598 – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Prayer Seeking the Face of God

Reading of Revelation Chapter 11

Hymn – “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, for those in peril on the sea!

O Savior, Whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep and calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly and those who on the ocean ply;
Be with our troops upon the land, and all who for their country stand:
Be with these guardians day and night and may their trust be in Thy might.

God, Who dost still the restless foam, protect the ones so far from home.
Provide that they should always be by Thine own grace both safe and free.
O Father, hear us when we pray for those we love so far away.

O Trinity of love and power! Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Testimony of God's Grace

Mrs. William Joseph (Peggy)
Mrs. Wallace Tidmore (Anne)

Evening Prayer

Hymn Medley –

“My Country 'Tis of Thee”

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride, From every mountainside,
Let freedom ring!

Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing: Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

◀ This text can be found in the
Pew Bible, page 1318.

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare of freedom beat Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!

◀ During the final stanza children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to attend their classes.

Homily

Mr. Howell

“THE TWO WITNESSES AND THE 7th TRUMPET”
Revelation 11

INTRODUCTION

I. THE STORY OF THE TWO WITNESSES: vv. 1-14

- A. Measuring the Temple: vv. 1-2
- B. Describing the Witnesses: vv. 3-6
- C. Killing the Witnesses: vv. 7-10
- D. Raising the Witnesses: vv. 11-14

II. THE BLAST OF THE 7th TRUMPET: vv. 15-19

- A. Proclaiming the Kingdom: v. 15
- B. Praising the King: vv. 16-18
- C. Picturing the Presence: v. 19

CONCLUSION

Closing Hymn No. 688 – “Have Thine Own Way, Lord!” [stanzas 1, 3-4]

Benediction



◀ Your evening offering may be given to one of the ushers standing at the doors as you exit.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK
OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, November 9, 2014

The Lord's Day

- 8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship/Communion
- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School
- 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship/Communion
- 3:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Sectional Rehearsals
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Choir
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship/Communicants' Class

FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION THIS WEEK

Monday, November 10

- 9:30 A.M. WIC Circle Meeting in the Westminster Room
- 12 Noon Men's Bible Study in the Spires Room

Tuesday, November 11

- 6:45 A.M. Prayer Breakfast in Trinity Hall
- 1:00 P.M. WIC Study in the Westminster Room

Wednesday, November 12

- 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
- 11:45 A.M. WIC Study in Room 203
- 12 Noon Ministry of Worship-Music in the John Knox Room
- 5:00 P.M. Ministry to Children 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. Chancel Choir
- 7:00 P.M. Ministry to Adults in the Westminster Room
- 7:00 P.M. Missions Executive Committee in the John Knox Room

Thursday, November 13

- 9:30 A.M. Mother2Mother in the Spires Room
- 6:00 P.M. Youth Social in The Frith
- 7:00 P.M. *Indelible Grace* Concert in Trinity Hall

Friday-Saturday, November 14-15

Senior High Girls' Retreat at the Carlson Home

Trinity Church Prayer Focus:

Widows and Widowers in Our Church Family

Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week:

Jeff and Heather Vaughn ~ Mission to the World, Costa Rica

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. 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. Complimentary childcare is provided for all worship services.

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