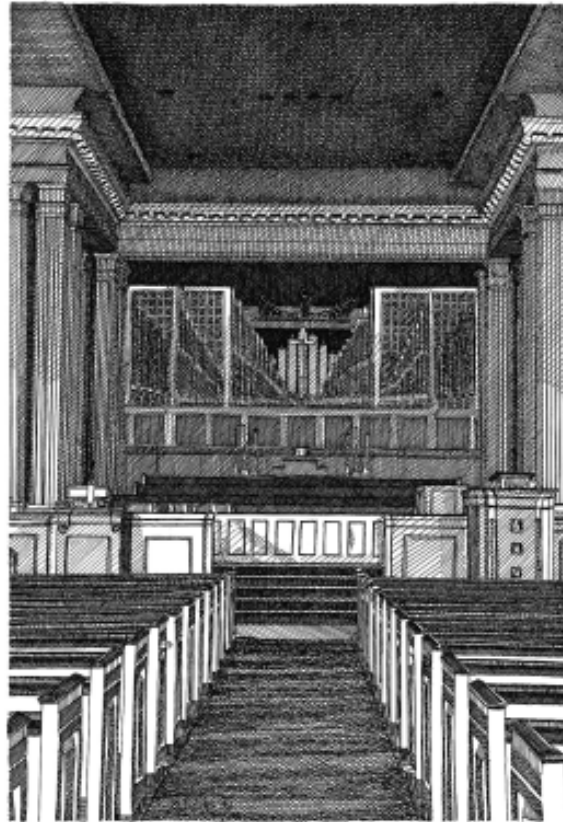


TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Montgomery, Alabama

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The Lord's Day, November 23, 2014

# THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

November 23, 2014 ■ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

## The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God,  
be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

~ I Timothy 1:17

*Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,  
according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus  
throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

~ Ephesians 3:20-21

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

**The Prelude**

Brass Ensemble

**The Striking of the Hour**

**The Opening Statement of Worship** ~ *Psalm 75:1*

Mr. Howell

We give thanks to You, O God; we give thanks, for Your name is near. We  
recount Your wondrous deeds!

† **The Ascription of Praise No. 125**

“Let All Things Now Living”

† **The Call to Worship** *Psalm 34:4-5, 8, 3*

Minister: I sought the Lord, and He answered me,

**People: He delivered me from all my fears.**

Minister: Look to Him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**People: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take  
refuge in Him.**

Minister: O magnify the Lord with me,

**ALL: Let us exalt His Name together!**

† **The Processional Hymn No. 98**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

† **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

◀ Paul, Peter and the writer of Hebrews all exhort God’s people to show hospitality. Jesus tells us in Matthew that kindness to strangers is kindness to Him. Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome any unfamiliar faces you see.

◀ The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth be silent before Him (Habakkuk 2:20).

◀ Focusing on God as He reveals Himself in Scripture and on His mighty acts for us, in this prayer we name the God we worship—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. We hallow His name, claim Him as our God and confess that we are His people.

## The Anthem

“Look at the World”

John Rutter

*The Children’s Choirs with Chancel Choir*

Look at the world, everything all around us  
Look at the world and marvel every day.  
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,  
So many miracles along our way

*Refrain: Praise to Thee, O Lord, for all creation.  
Give us thankful hearts that we may see  
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,  
All things come of Thee.*

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower,  
Look at the sky, the sunshine, and the rain.  
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,  
Valley and flowing river, field and plain. *Refrain*

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer  
Bringing the harvest before winter’s cold.  
Everything grows, everything has a season,  
Till it is gathered to the Father’s fold: *Refrain*

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish,  
Comes from the Lord in token of His love;  
We are His hands, stewards of all His bounty;  
His is the earth and His the heavens above. *Refrain*

## The Children’s Sermon

Mr. McRoberts

## The Interlude

## The Scripture Meditation *Acts 23:11*

The following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about Me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome.”

## The Morning Prayers

Mr. Howell

### The Corporate Confession of Sin

Minister: Father, when I kept silent about my sin, my bones wasted away.

**People: Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity, and You forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Minister: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand before You?

**People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

Minister: I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, and You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.

**People: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

Minister: Therefore let the godly pray to You while You may be found.

**People: You are our hiding place; You will protect us from trouble and surround us with songs of deliverance.**

◀ The praises of these covenant children as they lead us in worship are a sweet smelling aroma to our Heavenly Father.

◀ During His ministry Jesus took time to pray and bless children. In a culture that placed little value on small children, this was surprising, if not a revolutionary practice for a respected teacher to condescend in such a manner (see Matthew 19:13-14). Jesus loves children.

◀ 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).

◀ We are the people of God, but Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus intercedes for us with the Father, who freely forgives us, through His never-ending grace and mercy. So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together.

## The Acknowledgement of God's Deliverance ~ *Isaiah 54:8; I John 1:8-9*

“In a surge of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you,” says the Lord, your Redeemer.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

## The Pastoral Prayer

† **The Hymn No. 715**                      “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” [stanzas 1, 4]

## The Morning Offering

The Meditation                      *Psalm 150:6*  
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

The Christian Greeting

The Offertory                      “O God, Beyond All Praising”      Holst; arr. Eric Thiman

## The Sermon

Mr. McRoberts

TAKE HEART!  
*Jesus Used You in the Past; He'll Use You in the Future*  
*Acts 22:30—23:11*  
LX. Exposition of Acts

Introduction ~ Review 22:30

I. Paul Was Convinced that the Central Issue Was Jesus ~ 23:1-2 [November 16]

II. Paul Wasn't Always Focused on Jesus ~ 22:3-5 [November 16]

III. Paul Was Encouraged by the Lord Jesus Himself ~ 23:11 [November 23]

- A. Jesus knows every personal difficult circumstance in your life.
- B. Jesus will come alongside you.
- C. Jesus knows you and understands your circumstances.
- D. Jesus knows the secrets of the heart and would praise you for having had courage in the past.
- E. Jesus promises Paul a future ministry.

Conclusion

◀ In 1 Corinthians 16:2 Paul says: “On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper...” This practice of collecting was continued as a regular part of public worship. Justin Martyr, around A.D. 150 describes such a collection. The collection is both for the maintenance of the church and for the care of those in need, and it affirms that we are stewards, not owners, of God's good gifts. We also praise God in song for His goodness towards us all the time.

◀ Biblical preaching strives for the one meaning to the text while making modern-day application to the hearer.

† **The Closing Hymn No. 701**      “Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!”

Stanza 1 ... Solo  
Refrain ... Congregation  
Stanza 2 ... Solo  
Refrain ... Congregation  
Stanza 3 ... Solo  
Refrain twice through ... Congregation

† **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 Congregational Response**      “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

Give thanks with a grateful heart;  
Give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say I am strong;  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us;  
And now let the weak say I am strong;  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

† **The Postlude**

Brass Ensemble

† Indicates standing as able

**HAITI ORPHANAGE DEDICATION SERVICE**

Everyone is invited to Trinity Hall  
to be a part of the dedication of “Gray’s House” in Jacmel, Haiti  
at 10:30 a.m. as we have a live broadcast from our team there  
and participate in the dedication.  
This home for orphans in Haiti was built in  
loving memory of Gordon Gray Godwin.

◀ Fanny Crosby reminds us that having been redeemed, there is never a time when we are not God’s children.

◀ The minister, as the herald of God, prayerfully blesses the people on behalf of Christ, the Great Shepherd of our souls. The minister’s hand is turned palm down to symbolize this blessing. The people may receive this blessing with a posture of heads bowed, eyes closed, and palms up. Some prefer to raise the head and look at the minister. Whatever the worshipper’s preference, he/she must receive it with humble submission.

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# LORD'S DAY EVENING SERVICE

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

PREPARATION • REFLECTION • GREETING • PRAYER

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

**Prelude** ~ Rebekah Johnson, *piano* [5:45 p.m.]

## Our Need of and Longing for God

*II Samuel 22:2-4*

I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

**Hymn No. 363** ~ “We Gather Together”

## Prayer

**Hymn No. 334** ~ “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

**Reading of God's Word** ~ *Revelation 13*

## Sermon

Mr. Howell

“THE MARK OF THE BEAST”  
*Revelation 13*

Introduction

- I. The Beast from the Sea: vv. 1-10
  - A. The Appearance of the Beast: vv. 1-3
  - B. The Allegiance to the Beast: vv. 4-8
  - C. The Admonition to the Churches: vv. 9-10
- II. The Beast from the Land: vv. 11-18
  - A. The Appearance of the Beast: v. 11
  - B. The Activity of the Beast: vv. 12-17
  - C. The Admonition to the Churches: v. 18

Conclusion

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

◀ This text can be found in the Pew Bible, page 1319.

## The Lord's Supper

*The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table*

*The Hymn – “My Heart Is Filled”*

*The Confession of Our Faith*

*The Prayer of Humble Access*

*The Serving of the Meal*

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication*

The Apostles' Creed

**Hymn of Commitment No. 295** – “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

### 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.

### Benediction

Now may the God of peace sanctify you wholly. And may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He Who calls you is faithful, and He will do it. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

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◀ The words can be found on the  
inside front cover of the *Trinity*  
*Hymnal*.

◀ 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 23, 2014**

**The Lord's Day**

- 8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship
- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. Live Broadcast in Trinity Hall from Haiti Missions Team  
Dedication of "Gray's House" in Jacmel, Haiti
- 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Choir
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship/Communion

**FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION THIS WEEK**

**Monday, November 24**

- 11:30 A.M. 3-M Luncheon Meeting in the Westminster Room
- 12 Noon Men's Bible Study in the Spires Room

**Tuesday, November 25**

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

**Thursday, November 20**

- 9:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Day Worship in the Sanctuary

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**Trinity Church Prayer Focus:**

*Thanksgiving Day Service; that TPC would be in a spirit of thanksgiving all week*

**Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week:**

*Friendship Mission ~ Montgomery*

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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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