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Quincentennial Celebration*

THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHEAST ALABAMA

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP
OCTOBER 29, 2017

REFORMATION QUINCENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*All of us together are members of Christ and His Body, not only those of us in this place, but throughout the whole world; and not only those of us who are alive at this time, but...
from Abel the Just right up to the end of the world.*

AUGUSTINE, BISHOP OF HIPPO, *Sermon 341.11*

O God, the Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whose Name is great, whose goodness is inexhaustible, who is ever worshipped and served by all the hosts of heaven; touch our hearts, search out our consciences, and cast out of us every evil thought and base desire; all envy, wrath, and remembrance of injuries; every motion of the flesh and spirit that is contrary to your Holy Will. And grant us, O Lord, Lover of humankind, with freedom, with a pure heart, and a contrite soul, boldly to call on you, our Holy God and Father in heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Mediator. AMEN.

The Greeting and Welcome

Patrick Curles, *Trinity*, Montgomery

Minister: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, through Jesus Christ His Son, in the Holy Ghost.

The Prelude

O Worship the King

arr. Dan Marvin; ed. Tim Zimmerman

The Striking of the Hour

† The Call to Worship

Mr. Curles

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: And with your spirit!

Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.

People: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Minister: Blessed be our God, and blessed be His kingdom forever! So be it! Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth! Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

All: For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

† The Processional Hymn No. 343 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

† Congregation, please stand as able

† Ascription of Praise

Psalm 107:1-2; 72:18-19

Brewer Ames, *Pea River*, Clio
Frank Ellis, *Ozark*, Ozark

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the foe.

People: **Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, Who alone does wondrous things! Blessed be His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory!**

All: **Amen and Amen!**

† The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Mr. Ames/Mr. Ellis

Almighty Lord and Everlasting God, Whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the temples that our hands have built, but Who is always near to the humble: Send down Your Holy Spirit, we beseech You, on all who are assembled here, that being cleansed and illuminated by His grace, we may worthily show forth Your praise, meekly learn Your Word, render proper thanks for Your mercies and obtain a gracious answer to our prayers. Through the merits of Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

† The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen, Amen.

The Call to Confession

Jere Scott Bradshaw, *Covenant*, Auburn
Rob Fossett, *First*, Greenville

Minister: My brothers and sisters, let us now, each and all, come before the face of the Lord, and confess our faults and sins, praying together with me:

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Mr. Bradshaw/Dr. Fossett

We confess before You, Father of mercies, that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by our own fault, our own most grievous fault. We have wasted our time, misused our gifts and talents, refused our duty to You and to others, held holy things in contempt, and forgotten Your instructions and precepts. Because of these things, we pray to You for one another. Have mercy on us and grant us forgiveness of all our sins, space for true repentance and amendment of life, and the help and comfort of Your Holy Spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. To all those who repent and believe the Gospel, therefore, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

† The Psalm

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

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

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

~ from Psalm 90, in Isaac Watts', *The Psalms and Hymns of Isaac Watts*

† The Psalm Prayer

Mr. Temples/ Mr. Galloway

Eternal God, the only refuge of the afflicted: Seeing that the shortness of this present life admonishes us to turn ourselves away from earthly things and to meditate on heavenly matters, grant unto us that we may employ our whole life considering your mercy and goodness. And let Your anger be so turned away from us that we may continually have cause to rejoice in You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collection

The Offertory

Trinity Te Deum

We praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father everlasting.
To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.
To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Hosts;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of Thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles: praise Thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise Thee.
The noble army of Martyrs: praise Thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge Thee;
The Father: of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honorable, true: and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man: Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven
to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.
We believe that Thou shalt come: to be our Judge.
We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants:
Whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints: in glory everlasting.

Children are dismissed.

The Introduction of the Guest Speaker

Claude McRoberts, *Trinity*, Montgomery

The Prayer of Illumination

Mr. McRoberts

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant us, we pray, to be grounded and settled in
the truth by the coming down of Your Holy Spirit into our hearts. What we do not know, reveal to us;
what is lacking in us, make complete; what we do know, confirm in us. And keep us blameless in Your
service. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† The Confession of Our Faith ~ The Apostles' Creed

(Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)
Kevin Corley, *Grace Fellowship*, Clanton
Matthew Delong, *RUF1*, Auburn

The Great Litany of Intercession

Reed DePace, *First*, Montgomery
Brannon Bowman, *Millbrook*, Millbrook

O God, our refuge and strength, You are the author of all godliness. Be ready, we beseech You, to hear the devout prayers of Your Church, and grant that those things we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy on us.

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy on us.

For the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy on us.

For this holy congregation, and for those who with faith, reverence, and godly fear are here to worship, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy on us.

For the Presbyterian Church in America, that she may have clarity and unity of purpose and steadfast faithfulness to Christ and His Covenant; for her ministers, elders and deacons and for those committed to their care, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy on us.

For our country, her governing authorities and all her people, and for all the armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy on us.

For this city of Montgomery, and for every city and country, and for our brothers and sisters in Christ who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy on us.

For seasonable weather, for good harvest and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy on us.

For those who are traveling by air or automobile or trains or ships at sea; for those who are with child; for those who are sick or suffering or imprisoned for the sake of a good conscience, and for the salvation of the lost, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy on us.

For our deliverance from afflictions, from anger, our own and that of others, from need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Help us and transform us into the likeness of Christ our Savior and Example; have mercy on us and preserve us in faith and hope and love, O Lord, by Your grace.

Hear and answer, Good Lord.

As we remember with thanks our loved ones who have died in the Lord, together with all the saints, let us pray that as we believe and rejoice in the Communion of the Saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the Resurrection to life everlasting, we may all our life-long walk by faith until at last we receive the glorious consummation our hope in God.

Hear and answer, Good Lord.

O Lord our God, Your power is ineffable, Your glory is immeasurable, Your mercy is boundless, and Your love for humanity and all that You have made is beyond telling. Look down on us, Your holy congregation, in all Your goodness and grant to us who seek Your face the riches of Your grace, mercy, and steadfast love. For to You, most Holy God our Father, belong all glory, honor, and worship now and forever, together with Jesus Christ the Son and the Holy Ghost, one God. And together we pray as Jesus taught us, saying:

The Lord's Prayer

(Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)
Mr. DePace/Mr. Bowman

The Recognition of Catechism Recitations (4:00)

Henry Lewis Smith, *Stated Clerk*, SEALP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MONTGOMERY

Grant Speagle – Children's Catechism

Morris Carmichael – Westminster Shorter Catechism

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, OPELIKA

Mamie Nicholson - Westminster Shorter Catechism

Clara Duncan - Westminster Shorter Catechism

Mary Ellen Watts - Catechism for Young Children

† The Prayer of Dismissal Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29-32 Parker Johnson, *First*, Brewton
Lincoln Speece, *Good Hope, Benton; Hayneville; Lowndesboro*

Lord, now let Your servants depart in peace, according to Your word; for our eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.

† The Benediction of God’s Grace and the Congregation’s AMEN Mr. Johnson/Mr. Speece

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

† Postlude Festive Postlude on OLD 100TH arr. Bruce A. Stevenson



KEYNOTE SPEAKER ~ DOCTOR DOUGLAS KELLY
PROFESSOR EMERITUS • REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, CHARLOTTE, NC

Douglas Kelly was born in Lumberton, North Carolina, and graduated from University of NC at Chapel Hill; University of Lyon (France), Union Theological Seminary in Virginia; University of Edinburgh (PhD), and University of Tubingen (Germany). He is married to Caroline, with five grown children and several grandchildren. He was ordained in First Presbyterian Church of Raeford, NC in 1968, and served as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Dillon, SC for eight years. From 1983 to 2016, he taught in Reformed Theological Seminary, first in Jackson, and later in Charlotte. Now he is professor emeritus of RTS. He preaches every Sunday (often at Reedy Creek Presbyterian Church, Minturn, SC, and elsewhere), teaches a class in Systematic Theology for African-American ministers in Charleston, SC once each month (for several hours on Friday and Saturday), and continues to write.

Among his books are: *If God Already Knows, Why Pray?*; *Creation and Change*; *The Emergence of Liberty in the Modern World*; an English translation of John Calvin’s *Sermons on II Samuel*; *Preachers with Power*, and several others. He is currently working on a series in Systematic Theology, of which the first two volumes (of four) have been published.

Service participants not listed in the bulletin include:
Linton Beavers, Beadle - Deacon, *First*, Prattville
Steve Dowling, Marshal – Moderator, SEALP

**THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHEAST ALABAMA WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THANKS TO
OUR GUEST INSTRUMENTALISTS**