



*We gather as a true branch of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.
We affirm our allegiance to Him as the sole Head of the Church
and the sole Law-giver in Zion.
We remember that “the gates of hell shall not prevail” against His Church.*

From “A Message to All Churches of Jesus Christ throughout the World,” December 7, 1973,
the founding document of the Presbyterian Church in America.

REFORMATION SERVICE

SOUTHEAST ALABAMA PRESBYTERY

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

OCTOBER 30, 2022

Reformation Sunday

A COMBINED SERVICE OF WORSHIP

This Service is modeled upon the liturgy established by John Knox in the Reformed Kirk in Scotland and published as FORM OF PRAYERS in 1556 and 1562, expanded in the BOOK OF COMMON ORDER, 1564.



The Prelude	<i>Concerto for Two Trumpets, RV537</i>	Antonio Vivaldi
	I. <i>Allegro</i>	
	Carly Johnson and Bryan Reeves, <i>trumpets</i>	
The Striking of the Hour		
The Welcome and Announcements	The Reverend Claude McRoberts III <i>Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery</i>	
† The Psalter Hymn	<i>Psalm 100</i>	OLD HUNDREDTH arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

People and Choir in Unison:

**All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell, Come ye before Him and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.**

Choir Alone:

O enter then His gates with praise, Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always, For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good: His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

People and Choir in Unison:

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God Whom Heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host, Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.**

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

The Reverend Lincoln Speece

Good Hope, Hayneville, and Lowndesboro Presbyterian Churches

Minister: Eternal and everlasting God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You Who show mercy, and keep covenant with those who love and in reverence keep Your commandments, even when You pour forth Your hot displeasure and just judgements upon the obstinate and disobedient;

People: **We here prostrate ourselves before the throne of Your majesty, from our hearts confessing, that justly You may bring upon us again the bondage and yoke, which of Your mercy for a season You have removed. Our leaders and people in blindness have refused the word of Your eternal truth; and in so doing, we have refused Your mercy offered to us, in Jesus Christ Your Son.**

Minister: For the great multitude delight themselves in ignorance and idolatry; and such, indeed, as appear to reverence and embrace Your Word, do not express the fruits of repentance, as it becomes the people to whom You have showed Yourself so merciful and favorable.

People: **Convert us, therefore, Lord, and we shall be converted. Take not the light of Your gospel from us. But for the glory of Your own Name, and for the glory of Your only beloved Son Jesus Christ, take us into Your protection, and in Your defense, that all the world may know that, by Your sheer mercy, You have begun this work of salvation among us, and of the same mercy You will continue it.**

ALL: **Grant us this, merciful Father, for Christ Jesus Your Son's sake. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

Emma Peacock, *First Presbyterian Church, Prattville*
William Cooper Bradshaw, *Covenant Presbyterian Church, Auburn*
Millie Freeman, *Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery*
Finley Govan, *Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery*
Sawyer Speagle, *Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery*
Phillip Thomas, *Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery*
Maggie Beams, *Trinity Presbyterian Church, Opelika*
Gabriela Mendenhall, *Trinity Presbyterian Church, Opelika*

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

Kendall Anne Bethel, *First Presbyterian Church, Prattville*
Joshua Wales, *Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery*
Elizabeth Belcher, *Trinity Presbyterian Church, Opelika*
Sam Dudley, *Trinity Presbyterian Church, Opelika*
Mackenzie Kurth, *Trinity Presbyterian Church, Opelika*
Lilah Middleton, *Trinity Presbyterian Church, Opelika*
Madelyn Tarvin, *Trinity Presbyterian Church, Opelika*
Joshua Washburn, *Trinity Presbyterian Church, Opelika*

The Children's Anthem

The Combined Children's Choirs, *Trinity Presbyterian Church*

The Lord our God is One; Father, Spirit, Son;
And yet the Lord our God is Three, the blessed Trinity.
Father is God, Jesus is God, Spirit is God; the Three-in-One.
From all eternity, God, the One in Three;
And all are equal in power and glory, God the Trinity.
Father is God, Jesus is God, Spirit is God; the Three-in-One.

The Prayer for the Holy Spirit's Assistance

The Reverend Robert Fossett
First Presbyterian Church, Greenville

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

† The Psalter Hymn (Psalm 121) – *I Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills* (see page 7) DUNDEE (C.M.)

Children’s Program

The Reverend and Mrs. John Eidsmoe

Children ages 1st-5th grades are dismissed for a special program by Martin Luther (John Eidsmoe) and his wife, Katherina (Marlene Eidsmoe).

The Sermon

GOSPEL CLARITY
Ephesians 2:1-10

The Reverend Parker Johnson
First Presbyterian Church, Brewton

The Collection

The Anthem

Lauda Anima (Based upon Psalm 103)
The Combined Presbytery Choir

Mark Andrews

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!
Fatherlike He tends and spares us: well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.
Angels in the height adore Him! Ye behold Him face to face;
Saints triumphant bow before Him! Gathered in from every race.

Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace! Amen.

The Prayer for the Whole Estate of Christ's Church

The Reverend Reed DePace

First Presbyterian Church, Montgomery

Minister: Almighty God and most merciful Father, we humbly submit ourselves and fall down before Your Majesty, asking You from the bottom of our hearts that this seed of Your Word, now sown among us, may take such deep root that neither the burning heat of persecution will cause it to wither, nor the thorny cares of this life choke it, but like seed sown in good ground it may bring forth thirty, sixty, and a hundred fold, as Your heavenly wisdom has appointed. And because we need to continually seek many things from Your hands, we humbly ask You, O heavenly Father, to grant us Your Holy Spirit to direct our petitions, so that they are in agreement with Your will.

And because we are commanded to love and honor our parents, family, and country, we humbly ask You to show pity upon our country, which was once called to liberty but is now most miserably enslaved to sin. Root out from it, O Lord, the ravenous wolves which destroy Your flock in order to fill their bellies. And show Your great mercy upon our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for Your truth. Let Your sweet comfort never depart from them, but inflame their hearts with Your Holy Spirit so that they may boldly and cheerfully endure whatever trial Your wisdom appoints for them, so that at length, by their life as well as by their death, the kingdom of Your Son Jesus Christ may increase and shine throughout all the world. In Whose Name we make our humble petitions, as He has taught us to pray:

ALL: 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 forever. Amen.

The Confession of Faith

The Reverend Kurt Cooper
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery

Minister:

Almighty and ever living God, grant we ask You, to give us perfect and daily continuance in Your lively faith, until we grow to the full measure of our perfection in Christ, by which we make our confession, saying:

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† The Hymn (Psalm 90) – *O God, Our Help In Ages Past* (see page 8)

ST. ANNE

† The Benediction of God's Grace

The Reverend Bart Lester
Eastwood Presbyterian Church, Montgomery

† The Recessional

Amazing Grace!
Josh Givens, *bagpipes*

NEW BRITAIN

I Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system includes a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line has four verses of lyrics. The second system also includes a vocal line and a bass line with three verses of lyrics. The music is simple and hymn-like, with a clear melody and accompaniment.

1. ¹I lift my eyes up to the hills, from where shall come my aid?
2. ³He will not let your foot be moved; your keep - er will not sleep.
3. ⁵At your right hand the LORD, your keep - er, is your con - stant shade.
4. ⁷The LORD will keep you from all harm; he keeps your life se - cure.

²My help comes from the LORD a - bove, who heav'n and earth has made.
⁴Be - hold, he slum - bers not, nor sleeps, for he will Is - r'el keep.
⁶The moon shall strike you not by night, nor sun by light of day.
⁸Your go - ing out and com - ing in, the LORD keeps ev - er - more.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The time signature is 4/4. The first system contains six numbered verses of lyrics. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and a steady rhythm.

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all its sons a - way;
6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come:

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
they fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - p'ning day.
O be our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Psalm 90)

MUSIC: William Croft, 1708; harm. William Henry Monk, 19th cent.

ST. ANNE

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Psalm 90:1

Service Participants

The Reverend Brannon Bowman

Millbrook Presbyterian Church

The Reverend Kurt Cooper

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery

The Reverend Reed DePace

First Presbyterian Church, Montgomery

The Reverend Robert Fossett

First Presbyterian Church, Greenville

The Reverend Parker Johnson

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The Reverend and Mrs. John Eidsmoe (Marlene) for the children's program!

Churches of Southeast Alabama Presbytery

Auburn

Covenant Presbyterian Church (1965)
Christ Presbyterian Church (2020)

Benton

Good Hope Presbyterian Church (1840)

Brewton

First Presbyterian Church (1884)

Clanton

Grace Fellowship Presbyterian Church (1920)

Clayton

Pleasantview Presbyterian Church (1836)
Clayton Presbyterian Church (1872)

Clio

Pea River Presbyterian Church

Dothan

First Presbyterian Church (1900)
Westwood Presbyterian Church (1991)

Enterprise

First Presbyterian Church (1935)

Eufaula

Covenant Presbyterian Church (1999)

Florala

First Presbyterian Church (1900)

Fort Deposit

Little Sandy Ridge Presbyterian Church

Greenville

First Presbyterian Church (1820)

Hayneville

Hayneville Presbyterian Church (1842)

Lowndesboro

Lowndesboro Presbyterian Church (1816)

Millbrook

Millbrook Presbyterian Church (1929)

Monroeville

Monroeville Presbyterian Church (1845)

Montgomery

First Presbyterian Church (1824)
Providence Presbyterian Church (1828)
Trinity Presbyterian Church (1891)
Eastwood Presbyterian Church (1978)
Young Meadows Presbyterian Church (1994)

Notasulga

Notasulga Presbyterian Church (1912)

Opelika

Trinity Presbyterian Church (1973)

Ozark

Ozark Presbyterian Church (1893)

Prattville

First Presbyterian Church (1846)

Shorter

Calebee Presbyterian Church (1841)

Troy

First Presbyterian Church (1897)

Union Springs

Bethel Presbyterian Church (1837)

Military Base Churches

Trinity Reformed Presbyterian Church (1984)
Landstuhl, Germany

Covenant Fellowship Mission
Stuttgart, Germany

Christ Church of Wiesbaden
Wiesbaden, Germany

Okinawa Covenant Church, Okinawa, Japan

Trinity Church of Guam, Guam

New Life Church, Vicenza, Italy

First Presbyterian Church or Norway
Stavanger, Norway

Campus Work

Reformed University Fellowship,
Auburn University

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*



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