SOUTHEAST ALABAMA PRESBYTERY



JOINT

REFORMATION SERVICE

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

OCTOBER 25, 2026

6:00 P.M.

A COMBINED SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda
(the church reformed, always reforming)

The part of religion that always needs reforming is the human heart.
It is vital religion and true faith that must be constantly cultivated.
Formalism, indifferentism, and conformism must all be vigorously opposed by a faithful ministry.

W. ROBERT GODFREY
PRESIDENT EMERITUS AND PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF CHURCH HISTORY
WESTMINSTER SEMINARY (CA)

The Brass & Organ Prelude *Choral, Op. 37, No. 4* Joseph Jongen

The Welcome and Announcements Rev. Cameron Whitehurst

The Chiming of the Hour

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 124:8; 145:18, 21 Rev. Wesley Rule

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth;
The LORD is near to all who call on Him,
to all who call on Him in truth.
My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.

† *Indicates the congregation standing*
• *Indicates seating for those detained*

• ✝ The Hymn *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Choir and Congregation

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

Choir Alone

To this temple where we call Thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Thy wonted [customary] lovingkindness hear Thy servants as they pray,
And Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

Choir and Congregation

Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants what they ask of Thee to gain,
What they gain from Thee forever with the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Thy glory evermore with Thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
Consubstantial, coeternal, while unending ages run.

The Recognition of Catechism Recitations Rev. Jake Matulia

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

Robert Thomas Bradshaw, *Covenant Presbyterian Church, Auburn*

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

William Cooper Bradshaw, *Covenant Presbyterian Church, Auburn*

The Call to Confession – 2 Peter 3:8-9 Rev. Jere Scott Bradshaw

> But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

The Confession of Sin – John Calvin, 1509-1564

> **Almighty God, since You delay with so much forbearance**
> **the punishments which we have deserved and daily draw upon ourselves,**
> **grant that we may not indulge ourselves but carefully consider**
> **how often and in how many ways we have provoked Your wrath against us.**
> **May we learn humbly to present ourselves to You for pardon,**
> **and with true repentance implore Your mercy.**
> **With all our heart, we desire to submit ourselves to You, whether You chastise us,**
> **or, according to Your infinite goodness, You forgive us.**
> **Let our condition be ever blessed, not by flattering ourselves in our apathy,**
> **but by finding You to be our kind and bountiful Father,**
> **reconciled to us in Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.**

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon – Ephesians 2:4-7

> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

The Anthem *To the Lamb on the Throne* Dan Forrest

Worthy the Lamb.
Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name;
the Name all-victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

Worthy the Lamb.
"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Worthy the Lamb.
God rules in the height, almighty to save; though hid from our sight, His presence we have,
The great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Worthy the Lamb.
Then let us adore and give Him His right, all glory and pow'r, all wisdom and might;
All honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.
Worthy the Lamb!

The Prayer for Illumination Rev. Lee Bloodworth

✝ The Reading of God's Word – John 10:10-18, 27-30 pew Bible, page 1140

The Sermon **UNDER THE GOOD SHEPHERD** Rev. Josh Shideler

The Collection Rev. Chris Carver

Tonight's offering will go to the Henry Lewis Smith Catechism for Children Fund. This fund was established in the name of a dear brother and servant of the Southeast Alabama Presbytery. Reverend Smith was the longtime Senior Minister at the First Presbyterian Church of Prattville, Alabama, as well as the stated clerk of this Presbytery. The monies donated will be used to encourage and reward the catechizing of our children in the biblical doctrines of our faith; a lifelong passion of Reverend Smith.

The Brass Offertory *The Power of the Cross* arr. Richard Nichols

✝ The Confession of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* inside cover of *The Hymnal*

✝ The Doxology – No. 650 in *The Hymnal* OLD HUNDREDTH

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper — Rev. Kurt Cooper, Rev. Michael Howell

Please partake of the elements as you receive them,
just as we must each receive Christ for our own salvation by faith.

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

> *Who should come to the Lord's table? Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical church. (from the Heidelberg Catechism)*

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

The Prayer of Humble Access

The Words of Institution

The Serving of the Meal

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

✝ The Hymn No. 65 — *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* — EIN' FESTE BURG

✝ The Benediction — Rev. Shideler

✝ The Recessional — The Reverend Brannon Bowman, *bagpipes*

The Sanctuary Flowers

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS LORD'S DAY ARE GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF THE BAPTISM OF

Cathryn Reese Thompson

BY DR. AND MRS. JOHN DOUGLAS ROBERTSON

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)

Eclectic
Lake Martin Presbyterian Church (2025)

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)
Reformation Presbyterian Church (2023)

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 of Norway
Stavanger, Norway

Campus Work: Reformed University Fellowship, Auburn University

Service Participants

Rev. Lee Bloodworth
Assistant Minister, Eastwood Presbyterian Church, Montgomery

Rev. Brannon Bowman
Minister, Millbrook Presbyterian Church, Millbrook

Rev. Jere Scott Bradshaw
Minister, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Auburn

Rev. Chris Carver
Minister, Reformation Presbyterian Church, Montgomery

Rev. Kurt Cooper
Senior Minister, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery

Rev. Jake Matulia
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Rev. Wesley Rule
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Rev. Cameron Whitehurst
Assistant Minister, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery

Dr. Mark Nabholz
Director of Music, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery

Dr. Jacob Taylor
Organist & Music Associate, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery

The Presbytery Choir
Singers from
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Auburn
Eastwood Presbyterian Church, Montgomery
First Presbyterian Church, Prattville
Millbrook Presbyterian Church, Millbrook
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery

Instrumentalists
Dr. Michael Huff, trumpet
Dr. Carly Johnson, trumpet
Dr. Brenda Luchsinger, horn
Dr. Jonathan Houghtling, trombone
Dr. Brandon Slocumb, trombone
Mr. Brandon Mooney, timpani

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