

But as for me, it is good to be near God.

MORNING WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, November 10, 2013 ▪ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice, which is more than liberty.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the eternal is more wonderfully kind.*

~ Frederick W. Faber

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS [8:25 and 10:55A.M.]

- * THE PRELUDE "Adagio and Allegro from the Sonata in E minor" Benedetto Marcello
Anita Burgher, *cello*

THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

- † THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE "Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns"

Shout, for the blessed Jesus reigns; through distant lands His triumphs spread;
And sinners, freed from endless pains, own Him their Savior and their Head.

He calls His chosen from afar, they all at Zion's gates arrive;
Those who were dead in sin before by sovereign grace are made alive.

- † THE CALL TO WORSHIP *Deuteronomy 10:17* Mr. Howell

For the Lord Your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, Who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.

- † THE HYMN No. 57 "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul" RIPLEY

- † THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

- † 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. 369 "Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns" [stanzas 3-5] **TRURO**

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem "Let Me Hide Myself in Thee" arr. Craig Courtney

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which
flowed,**

Be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

**Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in
death,**

**When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment
throne,**

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

THE PIANO INTERLUDE

*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 SERMON

Mr. McRoberts

NO FAVORITES WITH GOD

Acts 10:1-35

XXV. Exposition of Acts

INTRODUCTION

I. CORNELIUS AND HIS VISION ~ 9:1-8

II. PETER AND HIS VISION ~ 10:9-16

III. PETER AND THE MESSENGERS ~ 10:1-35

CONCLUSION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Fencing of and Invitation to the Table

Participation requires your reverence and attention, discernment of the Lord's Body, a clear understanding of the meaning of the Lord's Supper, meditation on Christ's suffering and death, self-judgment, sorrow for sin, desire for Christ, feeding on Him in faith, trusting in Him, rejoicing in His love, giving thanks for His grace, renewal of your covenant with God and commitment to Christ, and your special love to all Christians.

† ***The Hymn No. 455*** "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" [stanzas 1, 3-5]

† ***The Confession of Faith*** The Nicene Creed, Page 846 in the *Trinity Hymnal*

† ***The Prayer of Humble Access***

The Serving of the Supper

The Sursum Corda ~ for your own personal edification

Let us lift our spirits and hearts on high where Jesus Christ is in the glory of His Father, from where we expect Him at our redemption. Let us not be fascinated by these earthly and corruptible elements which we see with our eyes and touch with our hands, seeking Him there as though He were enclosed in the bread or wine. Only when our souls are lifted up above all earthly things, even into heaven, and enter (by faith) the kingdom of God where Christ dwells, shall we be nourished and edified by His substance. Therefore let us be content to have the truth spiritually where the Word of God promises that we shall find it.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

† **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 QUIET MEDITATION**

† **THE POSTLUDE** "Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns" arr. Wilbur Held

* Indicates seating times for those who are detained † Indicates the congregation standing, as able

Before the eyes of the Lord and in the presence of God

CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

PRELIMINARY PREPARATION • 5:45

In the Sanctuary • Matthew Pillsbury, piano

*In the Westminster Room • Prayer for the Service with the
Ministers*

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

*Though they be never so meek, merciful, pure in heart, their piety
will not shield them from sufferings. They must hang their harp on
the willows and take the cross. The way to heaven is by way of
thorns and blood Set it down as a maxim, if you will follow
Christ, you must see the swords and staves.*

~ The Beatitudes (Edinburgh: Banner of Truth Trust, 1971), pp. 259-
260

Call to Worship the Living Triune God • 6:00

Minister: Come follow Me; deny yourself; take up the cross
[Matthew 16:24].

People: Come to Me all who are weary, heavy laden [Matthew
11:28].

All: *Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever
would draw near to God must believe that He exists and
that He rewards those who seek Him [Hebrews 11:6].*

Psalter Selection ~ Psalm 96

Opening Prayer of Adoration

Report on the Persecuted Church

Dr. Brad Thomas

Evening Prayer

Hymn Medley

Children are dismissed to attend their classes.

“O Church, Arise” [insert]

“In Christ Alone” [insert]

“The Beatitudes”

**Blest are the suff'ers who partake of pain and shame for Jesus'
sake;**

**Their souls shall triumph in the Lord, glory and joy are their
reward**

Sermon

Mr. McRoberts

**“BLESSED ARE THE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS
SAKE”**

Matthew 5:10

INTRODUCTION

I. PERSECUTION IS INEVITABLE

II. FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE

III. FORMS OF PERSECUTION

IV. REJOICING IN PERSECUTION

CONCLUSION

**The Silent Reflection ~ a time of contemplation and personal
application**

Closing Hymn ~ No. 648, “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

[Stanza 1: ALL; stanza 2: women; stanza 3: men; stanza 4:
ALL]

Benediction

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We cordially welcome in Christ's name all who worship with Trinity Church this morning and evening. If you are new to Trinity, please sign the Friendship Register in the pew and speak to a minister at one of the doors at the close of the service. Audio enhancement units are available from an usher. Please use the Westminster Room as an annex for the morning service when the sanctuary is overcrowded or if you need to worship in a smaller environment. A nursery is available during all worship services. Our morning service is broadcast live at 11 o'clock over WNZZ-AM 950. Services on CD may be ordered through the Bookstore at 334-262-3935. [CCLI #703090]

OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, November 10, 2013**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

4:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

5:00 P.M. Youth Choir

6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

7:15 P.M. Senior High Fellowship at the McRoberts' Home

FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION, November 11-16, 2013**Monday***Veterans Day*

9:30 A.M. WIC Circle in the Westminster Room

12 Noon Men's Bible Study in the Spires Room

Tuesday

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

Wednesday6:30 A.M. Men's *Search the Scriptures* in the John**Knox Room**

7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study in the Westminster Room

10—Noon Church Plant Meeting in the Westminster Room

4:00 P.M. Ministry of Worship-Music in the John Knox Room

5:00 P.M. Ministry to Children in the Spires Room

5:00 P.M. *Midweek*

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 P.M. Missions Executive Committee in the John Knox Room

Thursday

9:30 A.M. Mother2Mother in the Spires Room

Trinity Church Ministry Focus of the Week*Trinity Presbyterian Church Preschool***Missionary Focus of the Week***The Persecuted Church***OUR PASTORAL AND MINISTRY STAFF****Claude E. McRoberts, III, Senior Minister****Patrick W. Curles, Executive Minister** **S. Michael Howell, Minister of Pastoral Care****P. Kurt Cooper, Minister to Youth** **Todd Alexander, Director of Music and Organist****Rebecca S. Canerday, Director of CE/Women's Ministries** **Thomas J. Danielson, Director of Missions****Stacy S. Hamilton, Director of Children's Ministries** **Michael Hogg, Director of Business Operations****Mary Cam Carlson, Youth Ministry Assistant**