

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

MORNING WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, November 17, 2013 ▪ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

Jesus told us the essence of the Holy Spirit's mission in John 16:14: "He will glorify Me." J.I. Packer has written: "The essence of the Holy Spirit's ministry is, at this or any time in the Christian era, to mediate the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ." In other words, the Spirit is sent to make Christ real to people and to show us Who Christ really is in His glory, so that we come to love Him, trust Him, and show Him to the world. The Spirit responds to the exalting of Christ.

~ Derek Thomas

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

* THE PRELUDE *Andante* from Sonata VI Mendelssohn

THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

† THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE "Holy, Holy, Holy!" NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Howell

Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted. Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

† THE HYMN No. 30 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" [stanzas 1-4, 6] ST. ANNE

† 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 CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being; Whose face is hidden from us by our sins; and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts; cleanse us, we beseech You, from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with lowliness and meekness we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the gracious words of our Lord Jesus Christ unto all that truly repent and turn to Him: come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out. Believe the Gospel and live in peace. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. *Amen.*

THE MORNING PRAYER

† **THE HYMN** **“O Church, Arise”** [see insert] **Getty/Townend**
Stanza 1: Chancel Choir; stanzas 2-4: ALL

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem **“How Lovely Are the Messengers”** **Felix Mendelssohn**

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!

**To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.**

~ Romans 10:15, 18

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

† **THE SCRIPTURE LESSON** ***Acts 10:36-48*** **Page 1169 in the Pew Bible**

† **THE RESPONSE**

Minister: **All men are like grass and all their glory is like the flowers of**

People: **The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.**

THE HYMN **“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”** [see insert]

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).

A GOSPEL FOR THE GENTILES ... *THANKFULLY!*

Acts 10:36—11:18

XXVI. Exposition of Acts

INTRODUCTION

I. THE GENTILES RECEIVE THE SAME MESSAGE ~ 10:36-43

II. THE GENTILES RECEIVE THE SAME SPIRIT ~ 10:44-46

**III. THE JEWISH-CHRISTIANS “BACK HOME” MUST CONCEDE THE SAME
CONVICTION ~ 11:1-18**

CONCLUSION

† **THE HYMN No. 524 “Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”**

DARWALL

THE RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

***The Introductions* [8:30] Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Humphreys (Elizabeth)**

[8:30] Mr. and Mrs. Sib McLellan (Lisa)

[11:00] Ms Ruth Dunbar

† ***The Confession of Our Faith***

The Apostles’ Creed

Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*

† ***The Vows for Membership***

- 1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?**
- 2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?**
- 3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?**
- 4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?**
- 5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?**

The Prayer of Commitment

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDRETH

† **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 REFLECTION**

† **THE POSTLUDE**

“Festival Piece on “Nicaea” arr. Jerry Westenkuhler

* 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

In the Sanctuary • Matthew Pillsbury, piano • 5:45

*In the Westminster Room • Prayer for the Service with the
Ministers • 5:45*

Opening Medley of Hymns of Praise • 6:00

Hymn No. 448 ~ "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound" [stanzas
1-2]

Hymn No. 444 ~ "O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High
Fulfilling" [stanzas 1, 3-4]

Praying for God's Presence

Silent Reflection, Confession, and Repentance

Scriptures of Hope

Anthem "Let the Praise Go Round" Boyce, arr. Hopson

Children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Homily BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED, Part 1 Mr. Howell

Matthew 5:11-12

I. Persecution Expanded: v. 11

A. Important Expansion

B. Immediate Reason

II. Promises Enriched: v. 12

A. Appropriate Response

B. Reasonable Response

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Commitment No. 263 ~ "Lift High the Cross"

**Report from the Field ~ Ms Carolyn Phillips ~ *Mission to the
World, Uganda***

**Commissioning Our Short-term Missionaries [Children's Hope
Orphanage, Haiti; November 22-26, 2013]**

The Introductions

**Mr. and Mrs. Price Bishop (Jacquelyn), Joy, Ann Price, Paul,
and Julia Lynn Bishop**

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Jones (Jill), Bray and Echols Jones

**Mr. and Mrs. Jason Dorey (Myra), Myra Rivers and Hollister
Dorey**

The Questions of Commitment

Prayer of Commitment

Benediction

Dismissal Hymn - "Be Thou My Vision"

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save
that Thou art—**

**Thou my best thought by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy
presence my light.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now
and always:**

**Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure
Thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright
heav'n's Sun!**

**Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of
all.**

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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 17, 2013

The Lord's Day	<i>Family Promise</i> through November 24
8:30 A.M.	Early Morning Worship/New Member Introductions
8:30 A.M.	Pathway Class in the Westminster Room
9:45 A.M.	Sunday School
11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship/New Member Introductions
12 Noon	Pathway Class Lunch and Concluding Classes
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 18-23, 2013	
Monday	11:30 A.M. Finance Committee in the John Knox Room
	12 Noon Men's Bible Study in the Spires Room
Tuesday	6:45 A.M. Prayer Breakfast in Trinity Hall
	12:00 P.M. Ministry to Adults in the John Knox Room
Wednesday Knox Room	6:30 A.M. Men's <i>Search the Scriptures</i> in the John
	7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study in the Westminster Room
	10:00 A.M. Trinity-led Communion at Oak Grove
	10:00 A.M. <i>Garden of Readin'</i> at the Steiners' Home
	5:00 P.M. <i>Midweek</i>
	7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 P.M. Diaconate Meeting in the John Knox Room
Thursday	9:30 A.M. <i>Mother2Mother</i> in the Spires Room
	7:00 P.M. <i>Third Thursdays</i> BookTalk in the Spires Room

Trinity Church Ministry Focus of the Week*Budget Process for 2014***Missionary Focus of the Week***Carolyn Phillips ~ Mission to the World, Uganda***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

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