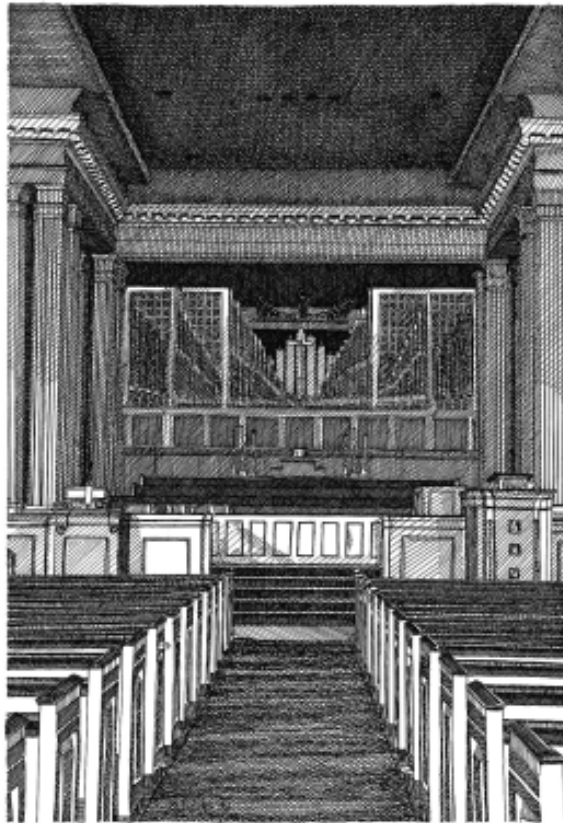


TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Montgomery, Alabama



Organized 1891 to the Glory of God

The Lord's Day, March 30, 2014

THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

March 30, 2014 ■ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

*Here O my Lord I see Thee face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace, and all my weariness upon Thee lean.*

*I have no help but Thine, nor do I need another arm save Thine to lean upon:
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed; my strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.*

*Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness; mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace, Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.*

~ Horatius Bonar, 1855

The Welcome and Announcements [8:25 and 10:55 A.M.]

◀ The welcome is a beautiful reminder of WHY we are here and WHO is our focus.

The Prelude

“Priere”

Longlais

Elizabeth V. Arnold, *organ*

◀ The candles are lit to remind us that God is present and that He is both our Abba (Romans 8:15-17) and a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29).

The Striking of the Hour

† **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 Call to Worship**

Psalm 127:1

Mr. Howell

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

◀ Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.

† **The Hymn No. 38**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

JOANNA

◀ The opening hymn is a hymn of majestic praise, focusing on Who God is and/or what God has done.

† **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 [led by minister]

You are good beyond all thought, but I am vile, wretched, miserable, blind; my lips are ready to confess, but my heart is slow to feel, and my ways reluctant to amend. I bring my soul to You; break it, wound it, bend it, mold it. Unmask to me sin's deformity, that I may hate it, abhor it, flee from it. My faculties have been a weapon of revolt against You; as a rebel I have misused my strength, and served the foul adversary of Your kingdom. Give me grace to bewail my insensate folly, grant me to know that the way of transgressors is hard, that evil paths are wretched paths, that to depart from You is to lose all good. I have seen the purity and beauty of Your perfect law, the happiness of those in whose heart it reigns, the calm dignity of the walk to which it calls, yet I daily violate and disdain its precepts. Your loving Spirit strives within me, brings me Scripture warnings, speaks in startling providences, allures by secret whispers, yet I choose devices and desires to my own hurt, impiously resent, grieve, and provoke Him to abandon me. All these sins I mourn, lament, and for them cry pardon. Work in me more profound and abiding repentance; give me the fullness of a godly grief that trembles and fears, yet ever trusts and loves, which is ever powerful, and ever confident; grant that through the tears of repentance I may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross.

The Silent Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon *cf. Romans 8:1*

Child of God, hear the promises of God: *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.* Believe the Gospel and live in peace.

The Morning Prayer

† The Hymn "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" SAGINA

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!),
Humbled Himself (so great His love!), and bled for all His chosen race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

◀ Having entered the presence of God in adoration and thanksgiving, we are reminded afresh of our own sinfulness, and we quickly acknowledge our shortcomings and failures.

◀ We are the people of God, but Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus intercedes for us with the Father, who freely forgives us, through His never-ending grace and mercy.

◀ We are reminded of the infinite grace of our Loving God; that HE would die for an undeserving sinner like me!

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Gilbert Martin

Steve Lee, *directing*

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

The Prayer of Illumination

† The Reading of God's Word

Acts 14:23-28

[page 1174 in the Pew Bible]

† The Response

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

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

The Interlude

The Sermon

Mr. McRoberts

OUR AIM AS A CHURCH

Acts 14:23-28

XXXVIII. Exposition of Acts

INTRODUCTION

I. PAUL'S AIM: *Make Disciples and Establish Churches*

II. PAUL'S REWARD: *Going Home to Antioch*

CONCLUSION

◀ Being the recipients of great spiritual blessing and benevolence, it behooves the Christian to respond in a monetary manner; a means of expressing thanks for undeserved blessings.

◀ We need God's help to understand and inwardly digest God's Word.

◀ Reminds us of the brevity of life and the length of eternity.

◀ 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 preaching of the Word of God is the Word of God." This statement is taken from the Second Helvetic Confession, written in 1566. It demonstrates the Reformer's understanding of the role and nature of preaching. They were convinced that God speaks to us through His Word and by His Spirit. We believe, as they did, that the faithful exposition and application of God's Word is essential to the life, health, and growth of the church. It is for this reason that we are committed to feed the flock of God among us by a regular diet of systematic expository preaching.

† **Hymn No. 358**

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

† **The Benediction**

Minister: May the God of peace Who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever.

People: **AMEN!**

† **The Moment of Quiet Reflection and Personal Application**

The Postlude

“Allegro Maesoso” from *Sonata II*

Mendelssohn

† Indicates standing as able



WELCOME

All are welcome in the name of Jesus Christ, King and Head of the Church.

If you are new to Trinity, please sign the Friendship Register in the pew.

Audio enhancements are available from the ushers.

Please use the Spires Room as an annex for the morning service
when the Sanctuary is full,

or if you need to worship in a smaller environment.

Complimentary childcare is available for all services.



A PERSONAL INVITATION

If you are interested in becoming a member of the warm and caring community of Trinity Presbyterian Church, the first step is to attend the Pathway Class, which will be offered on the Lord's Day, May 4, at 8:30 a.m. in the Westminster Room. Come find out more about Trinity Church and how you can be a part of our family; we'd love to have you join us!

◀ As we close the service today, let us “turn our hearts toward home” and be reminded not only of those who have faithfully gone before us, but also what awaits those of us who by God's grace persevere to the end.

◀ We have been blessed by being with God. Now at the end of the service, we are reminded that God takes loving delight in blessing us abundantly. We leave in peace, forgiven, fed, and sent out with a purpose in the name of Jesus Christ to be salt and light in the world.

LORD'S DAY VESPERS

CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP ■ 6:00

Opening Scripture Mr. McRoberts

Hymn No. 457, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

Responsive Reading ~ *Psalm 130* Page 833 in the *Trinity Hymnal*

Special Music "I Want to Be Ready" arr. John Wilson
Men's Quartet

*Refrain: I want to be ready, I want to be ready,
I want to be ready to walk in Jerusalem just like John!*

John said the city was just four-square;
Walk in Jerusalem just like John.
He declared he'd meet me there;
Walk in Jerusalem just like John. *Refrain*
When I reach that heavenly goal;
Walk in Jerusalem just like John.
Wash my sins and be made whole;
Walk in Jerusalem just like John. *Refrain*

Missions Report from the Field Costa Rica Team

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Mr. Tom Danielson, team leader
Davis Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. Bart Harmon (Hollie), Jack and Joy Harmon
Mrs. Ethel Harris
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Williams (Caroline), Kendall Williams

Hymn No. 585 ~ "Take My Life, and Let It Be" HENDON

Homily

Concluding the Lord's Day in Prayer

The Closing Response, "Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You" Michael Card

Jesus, let us come to know You;
Let us see You face to face.
Touch us, hold us, use us, mold us.
Only let us live in You.
Jesus, draw us ever nearer,
Hold us in Your loving arms.
Wrap us in Your gentle presence,
When the end comes, bring us home.

PREPARATION • REFLECTION GREETING • PRAYER

At 5:45 the congregation is invited to gather in the Sanctuary for prelude music. While this time is meant for personal prayer and preparation for worship, it is also a time to greet one another in Christ. Also at 5:45 there is a brief time of prayer in the Westminster Room with the Minister to pray for the worship service. All are invited and welcome to attend.

◀ Children are dismissed to attend their classes.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK
OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, March 30, 2014

The Lord's Day

- 8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship
9:45 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
4:30 P.M. Shepherds Meeting in Westminster Room
4:45 P.M. Communicants/Shepherds Meeting in Westminster Room
5:00 P.M. Youth Choir
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
7:15 P.M. Senior High Fellowship at the Home of the McRoberts

FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION, March 31-April 5, 2014

Monday, March 31

- 9:00 A.M. 3-M Tour of the First White House of the Confederacy and Alabama Department of Archives and History
12 Noon Men's Bible Study in the Spires Room

Tuesday, April 1

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

Wednesday, April 2

- 6:30 A.M. Men's *Search the Scriptures* in the John Knox Room
7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study in the Westminster Room
11:30 A.M. Ministry to Youth Meeting in The Frith
4:00 P.M. Ministry of Nominations in the John Knox Room
5:00 P.M. *Relax* ■ Church Family Supper
5:40 P.M. *Renew* ■ Prayer, Sharing, Singing
6:00 P.M. *Refresh* ■ Something for Everyone
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 P.M. Ministry of Administration
7:00 P.M. Stephen Committee

Trinity Church Ministry Focus of the Week:

*The use of our building for groups inside as well as outside the church.
May Christ be exalted!*

Missionary Focus of the Week:

Moises and Alma Mendoza ~ Isaiah 55, Reynosa

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