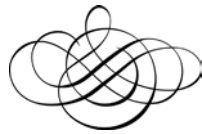


TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Montgomery, Alabama

Organized 1891 to the Glory of God



The Lord's Day, May 4, 2014

THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

May 4, 2014 ■ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

Patient waiting is often the highest way of doing God's will.

~ Jeremy Collier

I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

~ Isaiah 6:8

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

The Prelude

"Bell Jubilee"

"A Merry Peal"

Trinity Bell Choir; Steve Lee, *Director*

Ellen Jane Lorenz

Peter Jerome

The Striking of the Hour

† **The Ascription of Praise** "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

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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. Curles

Minister: Seek the Lord while He may be found;

All: Call upon Him while He is near.

Minister: By day the LORD commands His steadfast love, and at night His song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

All: Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God ... Who leads you in the way you should go."

† **The Hymn No. 167**

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" [stanzas 1-3, 6]

† **The Confession of Our Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

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 Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

◀ To all who come to worship we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord, Jesus Christ!

◀ An initial call to worship.

◀ The Call to Worship is a formal declaration of our intent. We haven't gathered for something trite or hackneyed, but to engage with the Creator of the universe, our God and Father.

◀ We confess faith in Jesus Christ: that which we believe and that for which we would be willing to give our very lives.

◀ The Psalter is a wonderful means of singing God's Word back to Him.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession [in unison]

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done; and we have done those things that we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:5 Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 5:1

Child of God, hear the promises of God as recorded in God's Word: *I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin (Psalm 32:5); for by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast (Ephesians 2:8-9); therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1).*

◀ The Holy Spirit gives us assurance, through the Scriptures, that we have peace with God through the reconciling work of Jesus Christ.

The Anthem

"Easter Carol"

David Williams

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands for our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand He stands and brings us life from heaven;
Wherefore let us joyful be, and sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of Alleluia!

It was a strange and dreadful strife when life and death contended;
The victory remained with life, the reign of death was ended;
Stripped of power, no more he reigns,
An empty form alone remains; his sting is lost forever! Alleluia!

Then let us feast this Eastertide on the true bread of heaven;
The word of grace hath purged away the old and wicked leaven;
Christ alone our souls will feed, He is our meat and drink indeed,
Faith lives upon no other! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Morning Prayer

◀ This morning's prayer is based upon I Peter 5:6-11.

† **The Hymn No. 642**

“Be Thou My Vision” [stanzas 1-2, 4-5]

◀ A hymn of submission to God’s will; a profession that He is my “all in all”; a declaration of His superiority; and our expression of homage to Him alone.

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Bell Offertory

“Genesis”

William A. Payn

The Prayer of Illumination [in unison]

Guide us, O God, by Your Word and Spirit, that in Your light we may see light, in Your truth find freedom, and in Your will discover Your peace: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

◀ We need the Spirit to enable us to understand spiritual things which cannot be learned, only revealed and received (Matthew 9).

† **The Scripture Lesson**

Acts 16:6-10

Page 1176 in the Pew Bible

† **The Response**

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

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

◀ The people are reminded that while all their “glory” will one day fail and pass away, the truth of God’s Word is forever.

The Hymn of Preparation

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine; do Thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

◀ Children leave for **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

THE LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Acts 16:6-10
XLI. Exposition of Acts

◀ The preaching of God's Word is proclamation in which the minister serves as a herald of God's truth.

INTRODUCTION

I. THE LEADING AND GUIDING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. The Word

B. Prayer

C. Fasting

D. Patience

E. Obedience

F. Closed Doors

G. Interruptions

II. THE REASON AND MOTIVE FOR FOLLOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. We are happiest when we are found in God's will.

B. We want to be God's man or woman in God's place at God's time.

C. Jesus is the Head of the Church, and He commands it.

D. Someone is crying.

E. The love of Christ compels us.

CONCLUSION

† **The Hymn No. 498**

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

† **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 Honest Contemplation and Hopeful Prayer**

† **The Postlude** “He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him” J.S. Bach
Elizabeth V. Arnold, *organ*

† Indicates standing as able

The sanctuary flowers this Lord’s Day are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Robert Carter Nicholas III
by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Frazer McRae, Jr.

WELCOME

Welcome to the family of Trinity Presbyterian Church! We believe that the Lord has a purpose in bringing you here today, and we extend to you a genuine greeting as you worship with us. *Everyone is encouraged to sign the Friendship Registers at the center aisle end of the pews.* The Spires Room is set up to provide overflow seating for each Lord’s Day morning worship services. Please use this seating when the sanctuary is overcrowded or you have special worship needs. If you are new to Trinity, please speak to a minister at one of the doors at the close of the service and inform him. To find out more about the many opportunities to serve and learn at Trinity, please visit our website, www.trinitypca.org. Audio enhancement units are available from an usher in the Narthex. Our morning service is broadcast live over WNZZ AM 950 at 11:00 a.m. in the metropolitan area and on iHeart Radio on the internet. Archived sermons may be heard at any time on our website: www.trinitypca.org. Complimentary childcare is provided for all worship services.



Evening Service
MAY 4, 2014 ... 6:00 P.M.

IN TRINITY'S SANCTUARY CHOIR
SERAFIM SINGERS
COVENANT CHOIR
YOUTH CHOIR

Awards will be presented at this service to all children graduating to the next choir level, and to our graduating seniors in the Youth Choir.

Please come and support our children and youth as they lead us in the music of worship this evening!

SUMMER LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
May 25 through August 3, 2014

Morning Worship ... 9:00
Sunday School ... 10:30
Evening Worship ... 6:00

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, May 4, 2014

The Lord's Day

8:30 A.M.	Early Morning Worship
8:30 A.M.	Pathway Class
9:45 A.M.	Sunday School
11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship
5:00 P.M.	Youth and Children's Choirs Pre-worship Rehearsal
6:00 P.M.	Youth and Children's Choirs Festival Service
7:00 P.M.	Senior High Fellowship at the McRoberts'

FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION THIS WEEK

Monday, May 5

9:30 A.M.	WIC Circle in the Westminster Room
12 Noon	Men's Bible Study in the Spires Room

Tuesday, May 6

6:45 A.M.	Prayer Breakfast in Trinity Hall
6:30 P.M.	High School Seniors' Dinner at the Home of the Williams

Wednesday, May 7

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

Thursday, May 8

6:00 P.M.	Mother, Daughter, Friends Banquet in the Westminster Room
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Trinity Church Prayer Focus:

All participants in this morning's Pathway Class • "Show hospitality to one another."

Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week:

Harold and Sarah Schepian ~ World Harvest Missions in London, UK

Our Purpose: To exalt Christ in metropolitan Montgomery by dynamic and faithful worship, aggressive evangelism both at home and abroad, teaching the Word of God, and equipping members to minister to the spiritual needs of our church and community.

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