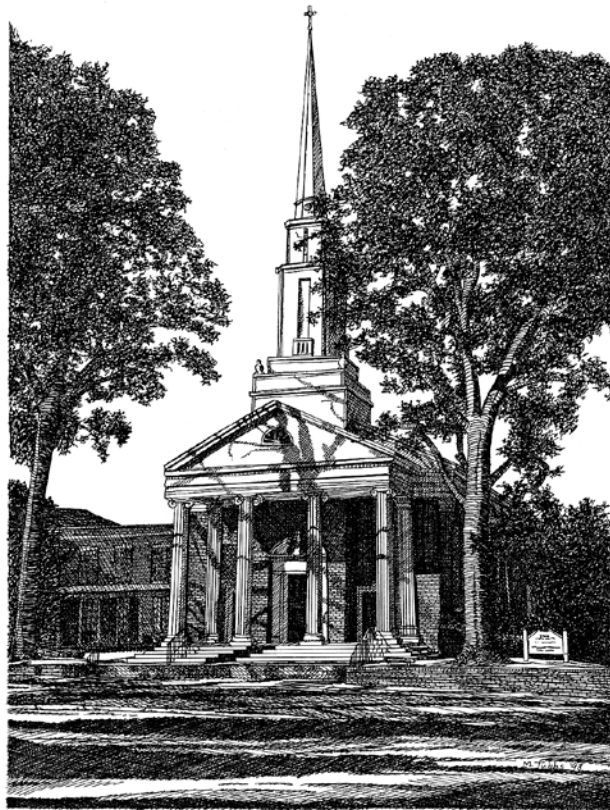


TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Montgomery, Alabama

Organized 1891 to the Glory of God



The Lord's Day, May 18, 2014

THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

May 18, 2014 ■ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

The heart is itself closed, but it is the prerogative of God to open it.

~ John Albert Bengel

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

The Prelude Partita on “How Firm a Foundation” Alfred Fedak
I. Prelude
VI. Meditation

The Striking of the Hour

† **The Ascription of Praise** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, thou fount of ev’ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,
Mount of God’s unchanging love.

† **The Call to Worship** Mr. Curles

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

† **The Hymn No. 94** [stanzas 1-4, 6] “How Firm a Foundation”

† **The Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

◀ ALL are welcome at Trinity Church, and our hope is that each worshipper is drawn into the very presence of God. May your experience be one that is God-ward, Christ-focused, Gospel-centered, and Spirit-driven.

◀ The setting apart of the hour for the worship of God.

◀ God Himself calls us to worship. The Scriptures teach that God seeks worshippers, and that those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

◀ We come boldly into the presence of God because of our great Mediator. In this first prayer, we are by all accounts beseeching Him to be present in our worship of Him.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession [in unison]

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask for Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence, or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore us to the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit. *Amen.*

The Silent Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

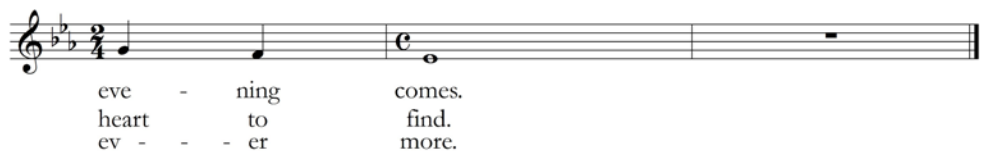
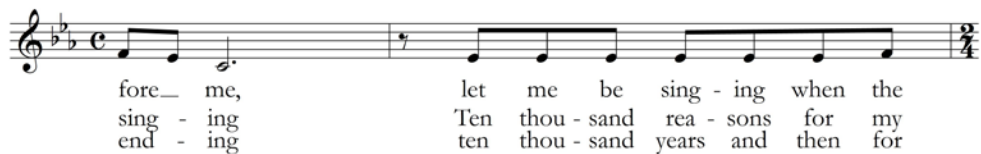
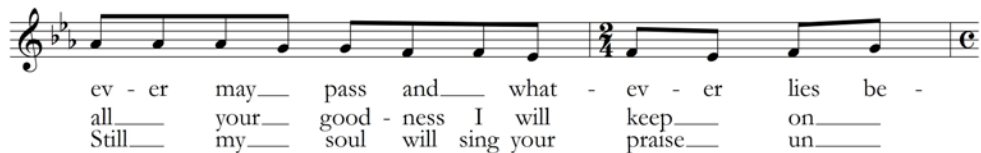
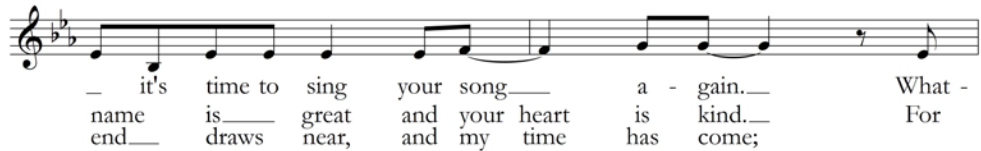
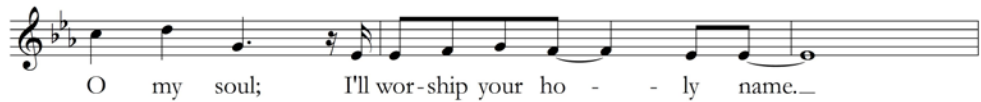
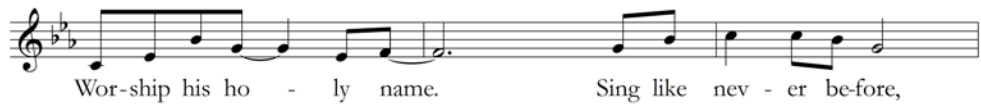
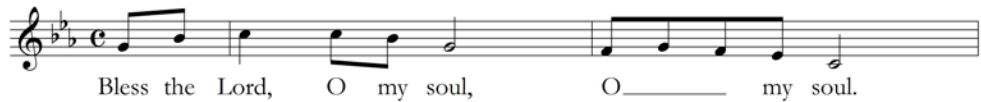
Hear the gracious words of our Lord Jesus Christ unto all that truly repent and turn to Him: come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. *Amen.*

◀ 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 reminded of the redeeming, pardoning grace of our heavenly Father

† The Hymn

“Ten Thousand Reasons”



The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

“At the Name of Jesus”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

At the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;
’Tis the Father’s pleasure we should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom He came,
Faithfully He bore it, spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious when from death He passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father’s breast;
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Name Him, brothers, name Him, with love strong as death
But with awe and wonder, and with bated breath!
He is God the Savior, He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With His Father’s glory, with His angel train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

The Prayer of Illumination

† The Old Testament Lesson

[Page 918 in the Pew Bible]

Ezekiel 36:26-29a

† The New Testament Lesson

[Page 1177 in the Pew Bible]

Acts 16:11-15

† 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 Interlude

◀ As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord (Joshua 24:15).

◀ A prayer invoking the Holy Spirit to help the minister to preach faithfully the honor of Jesus Christ and His Word; and further, that the hearer would have ears to hear and the eyes to see and the courage to act upon what is heard and taught.

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

◀ 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

A TEXTBOOK CONVERSION
Acts 16:11-15
XLII. Exposition of Acts

INTRODUCTION

- I. LYDIA, THOUGH A DEVOUT, RELIGIOUS WOMAN, WAS UNCONVERTED
~ 16:11-14A

- II. LYDIA, THOUGH LOST IN SIN, HAS A “CHANGE IN HEART”
AND FINDS HOPE IN THE GOSPEL ~ 16:14b

- III. LYDIA, THOUGH HER LIFE IN DANGER, IMMEDIATELY SHOWS
THE FRUIT OF GENUINE CONVERSION ~ 16:15
 - A. By way of OBEDIENCE
 - B. By way of OUTREACH
 - C. By way of HOSPITALITY

CONCLUSION

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:1-11

◀ The preaching of God's Word is one of the most prominent features of the worship of God; a primary means of God's grace in growing His Church more and more into the image of His Son, Jesus Christ.

The Sacrament of Baptism [11:00]

The Words of Instruction and Exhortation

The Hymn No. 189

“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

The Introduction of the Covenant Children and Their Parents

Spears Rhodes Griffin

Mr. and Mrs. Spears Griffin (Meagan)

Michael Roberts Griffin

† *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 Covenant Vows*

Vows of the Parents

1. Do you acknowledge Spears' and Roberts' need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate them to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Vow of the Congregation

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of their children?

The Words of Institution

For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto Him. And I will establish my covenant between Me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto you and to your seed after you. Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household (*Acts 2:39; Genesis 17:7; Acts 16:31*). All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age (*Matthew 28:18-20*).

The Baptisms

Assisting Shepherd: Ruling Elder Ken Williams

The Covenant Prayer

◀ The occurrence of household baptisms in the NT is best understood as an expression of the Old Testament covenantal principle of the solidarity of the family... While the very idea of a “household” assumes the possibility (even statistical probability) of a wide variety of ages, including children and infants, this per se is not the significant point. The point is that baptism of an entire household as such (*Acts 16:15; I Corinthians 1:16*) echoes the pattern governing circumcision in *Genesis 17:11-14*. The New Testament term *oikos* (“household”) translates the Hebrew word *bayit*. Throughout the Old Testament it signifies the entire family, even the extended family, and automatically includes all members whatever their ages. In particular, the Hebrew term expresses the corporate concept of family in the biblical world, in distinction from the atomistic (or, “fragmented”) concept of individuality characteristic of our post-Enlightenment (and postmodern) world.
~ Sinclair Ferguson

† The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace ... until the day breaks and all these shadows flee away.

People: AMEN!

† The Quiet Prayer of Thanksgiving

† The Postlude

Partita on "How Firm a Foundation"
IV. Chorale
VII. Finale

Alfred Fedak

† Indicates standing as able

The sanctuary flowers this Lord's Day are given to the glory of God
in honor of the baptisms of
Spears Rhodes Griffin
and
Michael Roberts Griffin
and in loving memory of
Sharon Roberts Shearer, grandmother of the twins.

THIS LORD'S DAY EVENING

6 o'clock in the Sanctuary

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL
BACCALAUREATE**

Sermon by Mr. McRoberts

House of Sticks or House of Bricks?

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 25—August 3, 2014

Morning Worship ... 9 o'clock

Sunday School ... 10:30

Evening Worship ... 6 o'clock

◀ 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.

◀ Following the 11:00 service the congregation is encouraged to greet the covenant family at the front of the church. Join them in their excitement, thanksgiving and anticipation of God's faithfulness to His covenant promises. Please use this time to assure these parents that you will indeed be there for them in prayer, with encouragement, as a source of refuge and partnership, as well as an aid in instructing their child in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, May 18, 2014

The Lord's Day

8:30 A.M.	Early Morning Worship
9:45 A.M.	Sunday School
11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship/Baptism
5:00 P.M.	Youth Choir
6:00 P.M.	Trinity Presbyterian School Baccalaureate Service
7:00 P.M.	Senior High Fellowship at the McRoberts'

FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION THIS WEEK

Monday, May 19

11:30 A.M.	3-M Picnic at the Babingtons' Lake House
11:30 A.M.	Finance Committee Meeting
12 Noon	Men's Bible Study in the Spires Room

Tuesday, May 20

6:45 A.M.	Prayer Breakfast in Trinity Hall
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Wednesday, May 21

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
4:00 P.M.	Ministry of Shepherding
5:30 P.M.	Executive Committee
5:45 P.M.	Diaconate Meeting
6:00 P.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Trinity Church Prayer Focus:

New Summer Morning Schedule/ Spirit-filled Worship

Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week:

Ryan and Ada Moore ~ Reformed University Fellowship, Alabama

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.

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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