

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Montgomery, Alabama



I am more sinful  
and flawed in myself  
than I ever dared believe,  
yet at the very same time  
I am more loved  
and accepted in Jesus Christ  
than I ever dared hope.

~ Tim Keller

The Lord's Day, August 24, 2014

# THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

August 24, 2014 ■ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

## The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

If you wish to be disappointed, look at others.  
If you wish to be disheartened, look at yourself;  
If you wish to be encouraged, look to Jesus.

~ *Anonymous*

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

**The Prelude** “Dance prelude on “NEANDER” Neil Harmon

**The Striking of the Hour**

† **The Ascription of Praise** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

† **The Call to Worship** Mr. Curles

Minister: You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.

**People: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.**

Minister: For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

**People: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

Minister: The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

**People: We will run to the name of the Lord and find safety!**

Minister: Come, let us worship the living God in Spirit and in Truth.

† **The Hymn No. 699** “Like a River Glorious”

† **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

† **The Lord’s Prayer**

◀ Each worshipper is greeted by a minister on behalf of the church. This warm greeting followed by brief announcements, is an initial call to begin final preparations for worship.

◀ For your meditation there are three hymns in the Trinity Hymnal that use the tune on which this morning’s prelude is based: 324, 376, and 453.

◀ We ascribe to God the glory due His Name.

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

◀ The opening hymn is normally a vigorous, majestic song of praise. Preferably familiar, this hymn sets the tone for the whole service.  
◀ We recognize God in His superior worth to us because of Who He is and what He has done. In so doing, we humble ourselves before Him.

## The Individual's Silent Prayer

Suggestion:

**Adoration:** *God, You are ...*

**Confession:** *God, I am a sinner.*

**Thanksgiving:** *God, I thank You for Who You are and for what You have done.*

**Supplication:** *Great Provider, give us what we need.* ["You have not because you ask not" ~ James 4:2]

## The Hymn

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 There in the ground his bo - dy lay, Light of the  
 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the  
 light, my strength my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
 God in help - less babel! This gift of love and right - eous -  
 world by dark - ness slain. Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious  
 pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry to fi - nal  
 ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of  
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Till on the  
 day up from the grave he rose a - gain. And as he  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of  
 love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
 stands in vic - to - ry sin's curse has lost its grip on  
 hell, no scheme of man can ev - er pluck me from his  
 cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in all, here in the  
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the  
 me, for I am his and he is mine, bought with the  
 hand. 'Till he re - turns or calls me home, here in the  
 love of Christ I stand.  
 death of Christ I live.  
 pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

◀ Having prepared our hearts to worship, then entered His courts with praise with the body of Christ, we now bow head and heart in humble subjection to our Father God. Let us adore, confess, give thanks, and intercede for ourselves and others.

◀ Written in 2001, "In Christ Alone" has all the qualities of an enduring hymn. Like the hymns of Charles Wesley, it is expressive of passionate Evangelical Christian experience (stanza 1); it richly conveys a biblical doctrine of the atonement (stanza 2) and the Resurrection (stanza 3); and it deals squarely with issues of life, death and eternity (stanza 4). The music has equally good qualities: The rhythm is clear and simple, making it easy for large groups to sing. The interesting and sing-able melody ensures this hymn's continued presence in the repertoire of many churches.

◀ Keith Getty, Stuart Townend  
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## The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

“O Taste and See”

R. Vaughan Williams

Chancel Choir; Angie Martin, *soprano*

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

## † The Scripture Lesson

*Acts 20:1-16*

## † 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 Hymn

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou does love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

## The Sermon

Mr. McRoberts

“THE ENCOURAGING CHURCH”

*Acts 20:1-16*

LIII. Exposition of Acts

Introduction ~ Paul’s Burden for the Church (II Corinthians 11:23-28)

### I. Encouragement Is a Means of Grace

A. Encouragement to Give Sacrificially

B. Encouragement to Honor the Lord’s Day

C. Encouragement to Celebrate the Lord’s Supper ... Regularly

D. Encouragement to Sit under the Preaching of God’s Word

### II. Encouragement as a Culture

Conclusion ~ Jesus’ Burden for the Church (John 14:16)

◀ It is more blessed to give than to receive.

◀ Special music is led by those leading us in worship. Their role is to focus the worshipper on God.

◀ The Word of God is utterly trustworthy, our highest authority, and the very mind of God in print; therefore, we give it our greatest respect and undivided attention.

◀ Page 1182 in the Pew Bible.

◀ 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).

◀ We are resolutely committed to worship in spirit and in truth all that points to God, is centered on Christ, and focuses on the cross. We believe the power of salvation is found in the message of hope called the Gospel and from the pulpit the Scriptures are expounded, the sinner exhorted, and our Savior exalted.

## The Sacrament of Baptism

*The Words of Instruction and Exhortation*

*The Hymn No. 642*

“Be Thou My Vision”

*The Introduction of the Covenant Children and Their Parents*

[8:30] Timothy Stephen Taylor      Dr. and Mrs. Harrison Taylor (Denise)

[11:00] Catherine James Gunnells      Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gunnells (Mollye)

† *The Confession of Our Faith*

*The Apostles' Creed*

† *The Covenant Vows*

*Vows of the Parents*

*Vow of the Congregation*

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

*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 Baptism*

[8:30] *Assisting/ Shepherd:* Ruling Elder William J. DuBose

[11:00] *Assisting:* Ruling Elder James A. Byram, Jr.

*The Covenant Prayer*

## † 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

Minister: Now may the God of peace sanctify you wholly. And may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He Who calls you is faithful, and He will do it. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

**People: AMEN!**

## † The Quiet Meditation and Application of God's Word

### † The Postlude

Toccata Giocosa

Gilbert Martin

† Indicates standing as able

The sanctuary flowers this Lord's Day are given to the glory of God  
by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Adams and Mr. and Mrs. John Martin  
in loving memory of  
Dr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mac Martin.

◀ In the sacraments God's promises are made tangible. The sacrament is sign and seal, which means it reminds us and assures us of a promise. It points to and confirms a gracious promise of God to His people.

◀ Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*

◀ Nothing in all of life is more sacred than a vow made to God and before His people.

◀ To preserve the atmosphere of worship and in keeping with church policy, we request that no video or still photographs be taken during the worship service.

◀ Following the 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.

# LORD'S DAY EVENING SERVICE

CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

6:00 P.M.

**Scripture Calls Us to Worship** ~ *Psalm 103:1-3*

Mr. Hertenstein

**Hymn No. 76** – “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

**Prayer Invoking the Presence of God**

**Reading God's Word** ~ *Revelation 3*

**Scripture Song** – “The Church's One Foundation”

◀ Mr. Mark Hertenstein, son of Trinity Church, recently graduated from Boston College. He served as a pastoral intern here this summer and will attend Gordon Conwell Seminary in the fall.

◀ Page 1312 in the Pew Bible.

◀ Children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to attend their classes.

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## Homily

Mr. Howell

CHURCHES JESUS KNOWS, *Part 2*  
*Revelation 3*  
III. Exposition of Revelation

Introduction

- I. Jesus Knows a Dying Church: vv. 1-6
- II. Jesus Knows a Persevering Church: vv. 7-13
- III. Jesus Knows a Satisfied Church: vv. 14-22

Conclusion:

## Communion

Invitation to and Fencing of 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.

Hymn of Preparation No. 247 – "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Prayer of Humble Access

Words of Institution

Serving of the Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

**Hymn No. 103** – "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" [stanzas 1-3]

## Benediction



**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**  
**OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, August 24, 2014**

**The Lord's Day**

- 8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship/Baptism
- 8:30 A.M. Pathway Class in the Westminster Room
- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School
- 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship/Baptism
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship/Communion
- 7:00 P.M. Senior High Fellowship at the Home of the McRoberts

**FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION THIS WEEK**

**Monday, August 25**

- 12 Noon Men's Bible Study in the Spires Room

**Tuesday, August 26**

- 6:45 A.M. Prayer Breakfast in Trinity Hall
- 9:00 A.M. Southeast Alabama Presbytery Meeting  
Ozark Presbyterian Church, 187 Southeast Avenue

**Wednesday, August 27**

- 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
- 9:00 A.M. WIC Council in the John M. Ward Session 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. Session Meeting in the John M. Ward Session Room
- 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

**Thursday, August 28**

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**Trinity Church Prayer Focus:**

*The new pictorial directory to be used by God to draw us closer to one another; generating prayer, care, and unity among the church family (cf Psalm 133)*

**Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week:**

*John and Cathy Rugg ~ Mission to the World, Chile*

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**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 service. 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](http://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](http://www.trinitypca.org). Complimentary childcare is provided for all worship services.

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