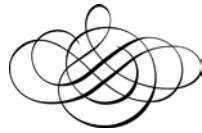


TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Montgomery, Alabama



Sometimes when we read the words of those
who have been more than conquerors,
we feel despondent.

We feel that we shall never be like that.

But they won step-by-step, by little bits of wills,
little denials of self, little inner victories,
by faithfulness in very little things—
they BECAME what they are.

No one sees these little hidden steps.

They only see the accomplishments.

But even so, those small steps were taken.

No sudden triumph, no spiritual maturity
that is the work of the moment.

~ Amy Carmichael

The Lord's Day, October 19, 2014

THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

October 19, 2014 ■ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

Suffering and martyrdom have to be seen as part of God's plan; they are His instruments by which He achieves His purposes in history and by which He will accomplish His final purpose with man.

~ Joseph Tson, *Romanian Pastor*

Mr. Tson, who risked his life teaching and preaching under Communist rule and persecution until he was exiled in 1981, has preached in Trinity's pulpit on more than one occasion.

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

◀ Having already entered the sanctuary quietly and reverently, the welcome and brief announcements are an initial call to final preparation for the worship of the Living God.

The Prelude "Simple Gifts" Dale Wood

The Striking of the Hour

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

† **The Call to Worship** Mr. Curles

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is good and right to do so!

† **The Hymn No. 2** "O Worship the King" [stanzas 1-2, 5-6]

◀ This hymn, which is based on Psalm 104, is glorious and majestic. It evokes within the worshipper a sense of the majesty of the Triune God.

† **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 Reading of God's Word

Acts 21:1-36

◀ The reading of Scripture is performed by the minister as God's servant. Through it God speaks most directly to the congregation, even more directly than through the sermon. In it God is addressing the people of God. This text can be found in the Pew Bible on page 1183.

The Solo

"Blessed Assurance" John Ness Beck, arr. Courtney
Mrs. Tiffany Button, *soprano*

The Morning Offering

The Meditation

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Anthem

"Victory in Jesus"

Men's Quartet

The Interlude

The Sermon

Mr. McRoberts

"AN UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE WILL OF GOD"

Acts 21:1-36

LVII. The Exposition of Acts

◀ 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).

Introduction

◀ The text of Scripture is explained and applied.

I. God's Call on Paul's Life

II. Conflict in Doing God's Will

III. The Result of Paul's Commitment

Conclusion

The Sacrament of Baptism [11:00]

The Words of Instruction and Exhortation

The Hymn of Preparation

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

The Introduction of the Covenant Family

Abigail Katherine Carroll

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Carroll (Heather)

The Confession of Our Faith

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.

◀ 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.

The Covenant Vows

Vows of the Parents

1. Do you acknowledge Abby Kate's 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 her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate her to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her 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 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

Assisting Shepherd: Ruling Elder Bob Champion

The Covenant Prayer

† The Doxology

† The Benediction

† The Quiet Reflection, Meditation and Personal Application

† **The Postlude** Antiphon V: How Fair and Pleasant Art Thou Dupre
Mr. James K. Atkins, *organ*

CONSIDER CAREFULLY AND PRAYERFULLY

We have seen how difficult guidance can be to discern and how godly Christians, with the best of intentions, can arrive at different (even opposing) conclusions. One thing must be clear, however: a path must not be avoided simply because it is a difficult one. We should listen to, and carefully evaluate, the advice that others may give us. We must weigh what they say carefully. And our goal must be to follow the path that God has set for us. Once we have arrived at a conclusion as to the direction of that path, we must ensure that we walk down the path with faith and a good conscience. That path may even call upon us to make great sacrifices. It may even be a path that could lead to our death. Are we prepared to take such a path if God calls upon us to take it? Is our love for Jesus great enough that we would be prepared to risk our very lives for Him? This is a haunting question to be considered carefully and prayerfully.

~ Derek W.H. Thomas, *Reformed Expository Commentary*, page 599

◀ The Words of Institution are the scriptural warrant for the administration of the sacrament. They not only authorize the administration but also contain the promise of grace to those who receive the sacrament by faith.

◀ Following the 11 o'clock 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.

† Indicates standing as able

LORD'S DAY EVENING SERVICE

CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP 6:00 P.M.

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's brother and sister in Christ prior to worshipping together.

Also at 5:45 there is a brief time of prayer in the Westminster Room. The ministers and members of the congregation gather to pray for the worship service. All are invited and welcome to attend.

Prelude John Hall, *piano*

Scripture Calls Us to Worship ~ *Psalms 63* Mr. McRoberts

Hymn No. 289 – “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Prayer Invoking the Nearness of God

Hymn No. 585 – “Take My Life and Let It Be”

Report from the Field ~ Jim and Anna Rodgers, *Youth with a Mission*, Asia

Special Music “Uiger Psalm” Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers

Evening Prayer

Hymn No. 42 – “El-Shaddai”

Scripture Reading ~ *Revelation 10*

Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire. ² He had a little scroll open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, ³ and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he called out, the seven thunders sounded. ⁴ And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down.” ⁵ And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven ⁶ and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, that there would be no more delay, ⁷ but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as He announced to His servants the prophets.

⁸ Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, “Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.” ⁹ So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, “Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.” ¹⁰ And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter. ¹¹ And I was told, “You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings.”

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

Musical Interlude: *Personal Preparation for the Preaching of the Word*

Homily

Mr. Howell

ANOTHER INTERLUDE
Revelation 10
X. Exposition of Revelation

Introduction

I. The Mighty Angel with the Book: vv. 1-7

II. The Prophet John Eats the Book: vv. 8-11

Conclusion

Closing Hymn No. 441 – “Jesus Shall Reign”

Benediction



◀ Your evening offering may be given to one of the ushers standing at the doors as you exit.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK
OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, October 19 2014

The Lord's Day

8:30 A.M.	Early Morning Worship
9:45 A.M.	Sunday School <i>Created for a Purpose</i> Information/Registration in Trinity Hall
11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship/Baptism
12 Noon	New Member Luncheon
5:00 P.M.	Youth Choir
6:00 P.M.	Evening Worship/Communicants' Class
7:00 P.M.	Senior High Fellowship at the Home of the Coopers

FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION THIS WEEK

Monday, October 20

12 Noon Men's Bible Study in the Spires Room

Tuesday, October 21

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

1:00 P.M. WIC Study in the Spires Room

Wednesday, October 22

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

11:45 A.M. WIC Study in Room 203

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

7:00 P.M. Session Meeting in the John M. Ward Session Room

Thursday, October 23

9:30 A.M. Mother2Mother in the Spires Room

Trinity Church Prayer Focus:

New members who have recently joined

Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week:

Jim and Anna Rodgers ~ Youth with a Mission, Asia

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. 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.

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