

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**



The Lord's Day in Worship

March 22, 2015

But as for me, it is good to be near God.

MORNING WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, March 22, 2015 ▪ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

I Corinthians may be, from a literary viewpoint, the greatest passage Paul ever penned. Among many other things, it has been called the hymn of love, a lyrical interpretation of the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes set to music. Studying it is somewhat like taking apart a flower; part of the beauty is lost when the components are separated. But the Spirit's primary purpose in this passage, as in all Scripture, is to edify. When each part is understood more clearly, the whole can become even more beautiful.

~ John MacArthur

From the standpoint of literature I Corinthians is one of the most remarkable passages that ever came from the pen of man. The chapter is characterized by poetic beauty and scientific analysis. One is reluctant to deal with it by way of analysis. It seems almost irreverent to analyze it. I have read the whole chapter over and over again myself alone ... full of beauty, and yet marvelous in technique.

~ G. Campbell Morgan

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS [8:25/10:55A.M.]

THE PRELUDE "Fairest Lord Jesus" Hermann Schroeder
Mr. James K. Atkins, *organ*

THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

THE CALL TO WORSHIP *Ephesians 3:14-19* Mr. Howell

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from Whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

† **THE HYMN No. 529** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

† **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

† **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON *Ephesians 3:20-21*

Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

THE HYMN No. 535

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem “Embrace the Cross” John G. Elliott, arr. Joseph Linn

Men’s Quartet

THE MORNING PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE AND ILLUMINATION

† **THE READING OF GOD’S WORD**

I Corinthians 13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

† **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 HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 261

“What Wondrous Love I

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 SERMON

Mr. McRoberts

THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY

Laying a Foundation of Love

I. Marriage and Family

I Corinthians 13:4-8a

INTRODUCTION

I. The Prominence of Love ~ 13:1-3

II. Love Is ... ~ 13:4-5

A. Patient

B. Kind

CONCLUSION

THE HYMN No. 645

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS [8:30]

The Introductions Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Bagley (April); Mr. David Harmon

Ms Patsy Massey; Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Trammell (Ashley)

† *The Confession of Faith*

The Apostles' Creed

[Words may be found on the inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*.]

† *The Vows for Membership*

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Opening Sentences

The Words of Instruction

The Words of Institution

The Introduction

The Baptism

Mrs. Ryan Bagley (April)

Assisting Shepherd: Ruling Elder Ken Williams

The Prayer of Dedication

The Declaration and Charge

† **THE BENEDICTION**

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

† **THE POSTLUDE**

“Fanfare” Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

Mrs. Elizabeth V. Arnold, *organ*

† Indicates the congregation standing, as able

The sanctuary flowers this Lord's Day are given to the glory of God

and in loving memory of
Gay Townsend Rue
by her family.

Before the eyes of the Lord and in the presence of God

LORD'S DAY VESPERS

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

PRELIMINARY PREPARATION • 5:45

In the Sanctuary ~ Instrumental Prelude

In the Westminster Room ~ Prayer for the Service with the Ministers

Prelude Mr. Robert McGowin, *guitar*

Adoration of God

Mr. McRoberts

Call to Worship ~ Psalm 145:18

The Creator ~ Psalm 8:1

His Attributes ~ I Chronicles 29:11-13

The Redeemer ~ Selected Scriptures

The Holy Spirit ~ Selected Scriptures

Our Need and Longing for God ~ Psalm 27:4, 8

Prayer of Praise

Hymn of Praise No. 101 ~ "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Reading the Word of God ~ Revelation 22 Page 1327 in the Pew Bible

Solo

"The Sands of Time Are Sinking" arr. Erik D. Hanson

Mrs. Tiffany Button, *soprano*, and Miss Caris Button, *piano*

Homily

Mr. Howell

THE RIVER OF LIFE

Revelation 22

Introduction

I. Expectation of Eden Restored: vv. 1-5

II. Exhortation to Holiness Renewed: vv. 6-21

Conclusion

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

The Hymn No. 247 - "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

The Reading of the Law

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Pardon

The Prayer of Humble Access

The Serving of the Meal

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Hymn of Commitment No. 295 - "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

[stanzas 1-2]

Benediction

WELCOME TO TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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.

Trinity Church Prayer Focus of the Week
Sunday School Teachers
Missionary Focus of the Week
Missions Team to Isaiah 55, Reynosa, Mexico

OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, March 22

- 8:30 AM Early Morning Worship/Introduction of New Members/Adult Baptism
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Morning Worship
6:00 PM Evening Worship/Communion

FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION, March 23-28

- Monday**
10:00 AM Ice Skating for K-5th Graders at Eastdale M.
11:30 AM 3-M Luncheon in the Westminster Room
12 Noon Men's Bible Study Lunch in the Spires Room
Tuesday
6:45 AM Prayer Breakfast in Trinity Hall
1:00 PM WIC Study in the Westminster Room
Wednesday
6:30 AM Men's *Search the Scriptures* in the John Kn
7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast in Westminste
12 Noon WIC Study in Room 203
5:00 PM *Messiah in the Passover* in the Westminster
Reservation required
6:30 PM Chancel Choir

HOLY WEEK 7-DAY PRAYER VIGIL
The sign-up is located near the Parlor.
Be sure to pick up a prayer guide.

PASTORAL AND MINISTRY STAFF

**Claude E. McRoberts,
III**

Senior Minister

Patrick W. Curles
Executive Minister

S. Michael Howell
*Minister of Pastoral
Care*

W. Robert Pendley
*Minister of
Discipleship*

P. Kurt Cooper
Minister to Youth

Todd Alexander
*Director of Music and
Organist*

**Rebecca S.
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and Women's
Ministries*

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