

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

The very fact that we're here—that on a Sunday morning, one of the few times that the city's streets are quiet and even the steady hum of consumption and production gets a bit quieter, here we find people streaming into a space to gather for worship of the triune God. Singles and families, seniors and toddlers, make the effort to gather together at an appointed time not of their choosing.

We could be still snug in our beds at home, or enjoying the *New York Times Magazine* with a coffee on our front porch. But instead we are part of—let's be honest—a rather motley crew that has made its way here.

Families have wrestled with children to make them presentable, and some probably argued in the car on the way here; students have perhaps only just felt the warmth of bed after a Saturday night of entertainment when they “have” to emerge, bleary-eyed, to “go to church”; senior citizens who find themselves secluded in nursing homes have been craving this day all week, when a deacon or friend drops by to pick them up to gather with the saints for worship

The author then looks at the contrast with those who aren't gathering and what that implies:

There is a certain hint of scandal here, of a reality that cuts against the grain of our late-modern liberal sensibilities: for as we're making our way to worship, not everyone is coming.

Our neighbor's home might still be quiet and darkened; folks down the street might already be mowing their lawn; we might walk softly through the dormitory hall because many of our peers won't emerge for hours; we may even be leaving family members in our own home who don't answer this call to worship, this summons to gather.

Since we, on our own, don't have the inclination or ability to answer the call, our response in gathering is already a sign of God's redemption and regeneration at work. But the neighbors and strangers we pass on the way also remind us that God's peculiar people is also a *chosen* people (1 Peter 2:9), called out from among the nations, graced “without why,” elected to be a renewed people for this still-sleeping world.

~ James K.A. Smith, [Desiring the Kingdom](#), p. 161

The Lord's Day in Worship

June 7, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, June 7, 2015 ▪ 10:00 A.M.

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

*When a man's ways please the Lord,
He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.*

~ Proverbs 16:7

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS [9:55A.M.]

THE PRELUDE "Pastorale" from *Lyric Suite for Organ* Alfred Fedak

THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

THE CHRISTIAN GREETING

Mr. McRoberts

† **THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 2** "O Worship the King" [stanzas 1-5]

† **THE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH** The Apostles' Creed
(Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

† **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION** Mr. Curles

† **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 DOXOLOGY**

**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 RESPONSIVE READING Isaiah 49:15; John 10:14-15; Psalm 91:1

Minister: Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.

People: I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

Minister: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

† 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 babe! 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



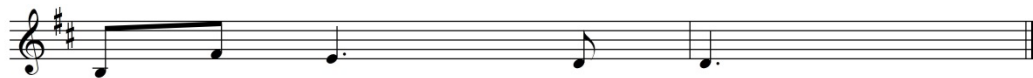
ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Till on the
 day up from the grave he rose a - gain. And as he
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



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.

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THE MORNING OFFERING

The Meditation

Proverbs 1:8-9

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.

The Anthem

“Jesus Paid It All”

arr. Robert Sterling

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**Exodus 20:12**

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**Ephesians 6:1-3**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother (this is the first commandment with a promise), that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.

THE INTERLUDE

Children aged four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.

Following the worship service, please pick up your children from the in the Children's Chapel in the Covenant Building (E-100).

THE SERMON**Mr. McRoberts**

THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY
Role within the Family (3)
IX. Marriage and Family
Ephesians 6:1-3

INTRODUCTION**I. A CHILD'S ROLE IN THE HOME: *Obedience and Honor*****II. A CHILD'S MOTIVE TO OBEY AND HONOR****CONCLUSION**† **THE HYMN No. 693****"Blessed Assurance"**† **THE BENEDICTION****Jude 24-25**

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 CHORAL RESPONSE "Prayer of St. Richard"****L.J. White**† **THE POSTLUDE****"O Worship the King" arr. Paul Laubengayer**† **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
Dr. Robert Strong
by the members of the Robert Strong Bible Class.

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

LORD'S DAY VESPERS

CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

PRELIMINARY PREPARATION • 5:45

In the Sanctuary ~ Instrumental Prelude

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

Opening Scriptures

Mr. McRoberts

Hymn Medley

Hymn No. 699 ~ "Like a River Glorious"

Hymn No. 629 ~ "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Commissioning of the Trinity Youth Choir **2015 Mission Trip**
June 13-16; Metro-Atlanta Area

Anthem

"Love One Another"

John Bell

Trinity Youth Choir

Evening Prayer

Hymn ~ "My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness" [see handout]

Children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Scripture Reading ~ Luke 14:1-24 **Page 1110 in the Pew Bible**

Homily

Mr. Howell

"Spicy Conversation Served with a Savory Meal"

Luke 14:1-24

Introduction

I. Healing and Hostility: vv. 1-6

II. Banquet and Banter: vv. 7-24

A. Designating Seating: vv. 7-11

B. Distinctly Entertaining: vv. 12-14

C. Discriminating Inviting: vv. 15-24

Conclusion

The Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn No. 402 – "Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide"

Stanza #1 ... Joel and Nathan Alexander

Stanza #3 ... Congregation in four-part harmony, as able

Stanza #5 ... Congregation in four-part harmony; *a cappella*

Benediction

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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 Westminster Room provides overflow seating. The Spires Room is set up to provide seating in a smaller environment. 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 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
43rd Annual PCA General Assembly,
Chattanooga
Foundation Youth Missions
at House to House, Montgomery
Missionary Focus of the Week
John Gibbons and Erick Armster
~ Fellowship of Christian Athletes,
Montgomery

OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, June 7

8:45 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Morning Worship

5:00 PM Youth Choir Final Rehearsal before

6:00 PM Evening Worship

7:00 PM Senior High Fellowship

at the Home of Marty and Kurt Cooper

FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION, June 8-13**Monday-Thursday ... 43rd Annual PCA****General Assembly, Chattanooga****Monday** *Foundation Youth Missions at H2H*

12 Noon Men's Bible Study

Tuesday *Foundation Youth Missions at H2H*

6:45 AM Prayer Breakfast in Trinity Hall

Wednesday *Foundation Youth Missions at H2H*6:30 AM Men's *Search the Scriptures* ~ John

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast

12 Noon Ministry of Outreach Meeting

12 Noon Ministry of Worship in John Knox Room

5:00 PM Youth Ultimate Wednesday

Saturday *Youth Choir Tour - June 13-16**Metro-Atlanta Area***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.****Canerday***Director of Outreach
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Business Operations***Stacy S. Hamilton***Director of
Children's Ministry***Mary Cam Shaw***Youth Ministry
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