

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

JANUARY 2, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep today, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend Your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest Your weary ones.

*Bless Your dying ones. Soothe Your suffering ones. Shield Your joyous ones,
and all for Your love's sake. Amen.*

– ST. AUGUSTINE (354-430 A.D.)



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

8:25 and 10:55 a.m.

The Prelude

Chorale-Prelude on 'How Brightly Shines the Morning Star' Max Reger

How brightly shines the Morning Star, with God's full grace and truth afar, sweet Jesse's Offspring royal. O David's Son of Jacob's line, Thou art my King and Spouse divine, Thou hast my heart true loyal. Lovely, kindly, fair and glorious, great and righteous, rich in wonder, high and most sublime in splendour.

*Please maintain social distancing. Masks are requested in the sanctuary;
masks are mandatory in the Spires Room and the Westminster Room.*

The Striking of the Hour

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He Who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His Name! For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

† The Hymn No. 30

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
(stanzas 1-4, 7)

ST. ANNE

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

† 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 Prayer of 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 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.

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession – Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great High Priest Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful God; We acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We beseech You, O God, to forgive what we have been, to help us amend what we are, and of Your mercy to direct what we shall be; so that we may walk in the way of Your commandments, and do those things which are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of God's Pardon

Almighty God, Who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

✠ The Hymn

We Three Kings of Orient Are

(see page 11)

The Offering of His Tithes and Our Gifts Beyond the Tithe

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Anthem

Star in the East
Chancel Choir

Early American
arr. Brad Holmes

Hail thou blest morn when the great Mediator,
down from the regions of glory descends.
Shepherds go worship the Babe in the manger,
lo for His guard the bright angels attend.

*Refrain: Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid.
Star in the East the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining,
low lies His head with the beasts of the stall.
Angels adore Him in slumbers reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all. *Refrain.*

Say, shall we yield Him in costly devotion,
odors of Edom and offerings divine.
Gems from the mountain and pearls from the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine. *Refrain.*

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. 3 A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. 5 And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." 6 A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. 7 The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. 8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. 9 Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" 10 Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and His arm rules for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him. 11 He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

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 Personal Meditation and Preparation of the Heart

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

I. DECLARATION OF THE HEAVENLY COURT: vv. 1-5

A. Call to Speak Comfort: vv. 1-2

B. Call to Prepare the Way: vv. 3-5

II. HESITATION OF THE EARTHLY PROPHET: vv. 6-8

A. Herald's Commission: v. 6a

B. Prophet's Objection: vv. 6b-7

C. Herald's Reassurance: v. 8

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE HEAVENLY MESSAGE: vv. 9-11

A. Empowered Commission: v. 9a

B. Wondrous Content: vv. 9b-11

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 599

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

SHEPHERD

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
in Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine; do Thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to Thee;
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Early let us seek Thy favor; early let us do Thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still,
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† The Benediction of God's Grace and The Congregation's AMEN

Minister: Now to Him Who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

The Threefold Amen (*sung by all*):

A - men, A - men, A - men.

The Postlude

Fugue in C Major

J. S. Bach



The Sanctuary Flowers

**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS LORD'S DAY ARE GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF OUR NEW MEMBERS OF 2021**

Mr. and Mrs. John George Archer (Katie)

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Barganier, Jr. (Leigh); Nash and Jeb Barganier

Mr. Stephen Bauer

Ms. Taylor Borders

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Conner II (Heather)

Mrs. Rose Desjarlais

Mr. Weston Heartsill

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Herndon (Helen); Ginny Herndon

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Hill (Anne Caroline); Holmes Hill, Jr.

Mrs. Jake Howell (Abby); Lillian Howell

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Huggins (Margaret Ann)

Mr. Joshua Husted

Mr. Jeremiah Johnson

Mr. Caleb Johnston

Mr. and Mrs. Chip Lasseter III (Joan)

Ms. Audrey Lynn

Mr. Frank Moody, Jr.

Mr. Luke Moody

Ms. Shannon Murphy

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Nabholz (Fran); Laura Nabholz

Ms. Grace Ng'ang'a

Mr. George Roby

Ms. Helen Sevier
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shelnutt III (Susan); Will and Annie Shelnutt
Miss Anne Emery Smith
Mr. Stephen Spooner, Jr.
Mr. John Harris Taylor
Miss Harper Thomas
Miss Katherine Warren
Mr. Selma Williams
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Wood (Marsha)
Mr. and Mrs. Warwick Woodham (Lori); Izzy Woodham



We Three Kings of Orient Are



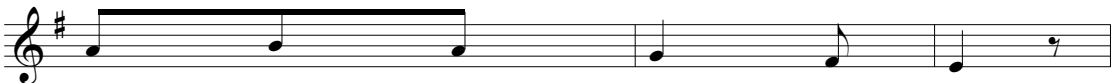
1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are,
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain,
 3. *Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I:*
 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise,



Bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far,
 Gold I bring to crown Him a - gain,
In - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh;
 Breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 King and God and Sac - ri - fice,



Field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain,
 King for ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er
Prayer and prais - ing all men rais - ing,
 Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing,
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia



Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 O - ver us all to reign.
Wor - ship Him, God Most High.
 Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Sounds through the earth and skies.



O — star of won - der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



West - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light!

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*



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