

# **THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP**

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

**JANUARY 30, 2022**

# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*“Is the Presbyterian view faithful to Scripture?” Based on the entire canon of Scripture, Presbyterians answer, “yes.” Ultimately, the Reformed view of infant baptism is grounded in the covenant promises of God, which promises are given to adult covenant members and their children. Our Creator made His covenant with Abraham and his offspring throughout their generations (Gen. 17:7). The blessings of being separated from the world unto God and hearing His Word were not limited to those who “made a decision for Yahweh;” rather, these blessings belonged also to the children of adult old covenant members. Circumcision, the sign of covenant initiation, was therefore given to adult believers and their children (vv. 9–14). In Romans 4, Paul uses Abraham to illustrate God’s covenant of grace. As this covenant with Abraham continues in Christ, the covenant promises belong to adult believers in Jesus and their children (Acts 2:1–41). Why, then, would we not give the new covenant sign of initiation—baptism—to the children of new covenant believers?*

– R. C. SPROUL ON INFANT BAPTISM



## APPROACHING GOD’S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

8:25 and 10:55 a.m.

The Prelude

*Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)*

Zoltán Kodály

Liturgical text often sung at The Lord’s Supper:

*Lamb of God, Who taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, Who taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, Who taketh away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

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

The Striking of the Hour

The Choral Introit

*Speak, Lord, in the Stillness*

QUIETUDE

Speak, Lord, in the stillness, while I wait on Thee;  
Hushed my heart to listen, in expectancy.  
For the words Thou speakest, they are life indeed;  
Living bread from Heaven, now my spirit feed.

† The Call to Worship

Psalm 113:4; Psalm 139:7

Mr. Howell

Minister: The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens!

**ALL: Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence?**

† The Hymn No. 699

*Like a River Glorious*

WYE VALLEY

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,  
over all victorious in its bright increase;  
perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day,  
perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

*Refrain: Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,  
finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.*

Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand,  
never foe can follow, never traitor stand;  
not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,  
not a blast of hurry, touch the spirit there. *[Refrain]*

Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,  
traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.  
We may trust him fully all for us to do;  
they who trust him wholly find him wholly true. *[Refrain]*

† 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.**

## **SEEKING GOD'S FACE**

The Call to Prayer

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question #1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**ALL: That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, Who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my Father in Heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live unto Him.**

The Corporate Prayer of Confession – Psalm 51:1-6, 10-12

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sins! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Behold, we were brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did our mothers conceive us. Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach us wisdom in the secret heart.**

**Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us. Cast us not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.**

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes and be careful to obey My rules.

✠ The Hymn

*In Christ Alone*

*(see page 11)*

The Offering of His Tithes and Our Gifts Beyond the Tithe

## HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Anthem

*Come, Ye That Love the Lord*

Early American Tune  
arr. Alice Parker; text: Isaac Watts

Come, ye that love the Lord, and let your love be known;  
join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne.

The sorrows of the mind be banished from this place;  
religion never was designed to make our pleasures less.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;  
but favorites of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.

† The Reading of God's Word

Matthew 3:13-17; I Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 2:42

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

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.**

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

The Sermon

**BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Mr. McRoberts

*Wonderful Gifts of Grace*

Acts 2:42-47

Why Trinity, IV

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*A sermon outline can be found on page 12.*

## **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

The Words of Instruction and Exhortation

† The Hymn of Preparation No. 660 *O God Beyond All Praising*

THAXTED

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift You send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,  
we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:  
to marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

† The Introduction of the Covenant Families

**CLAYBORNE STANFORD JOHNSON II (8:30)**

*Parents:* Caroline and Franklin Johnson

*Siblings:* Bo and Anne Caroline Johnson

*Assisting:* Ruling Elder/Shepherd Jim Byram

**MARGARET ELIZABETH MCCLENDON**

*Parents:* Lora and Brooks McClendon

*Assisting:* Ruling Elder/Shepherd Jim Byram

**WILLIAM GRIFFIN THOMPSON (11:00)**

*Parents:* Haley and Peter Thompson

*Siblings:* Pete, Allie, and Jones Thompson

*Assisting:* Ruling Elder/Grandfather Irby Thompson

† 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 Biblical Promise

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 Covenant Vows

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

## The Baptism(s)

## The Baptismal Benediction

## The Covenant Prayer

## FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

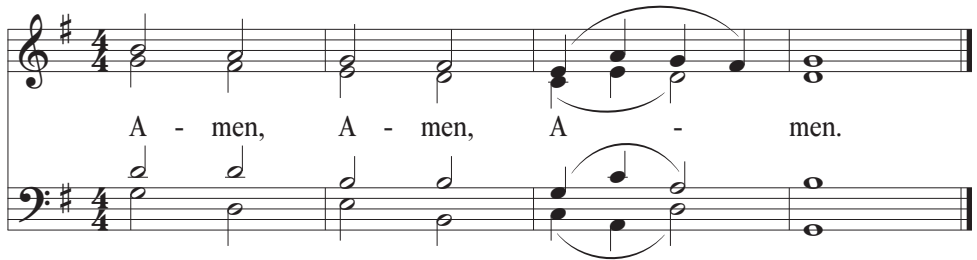
### † The Doxology

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 of God's Grace

The Threefold Amen (*sung by all*):



The Postlude

*Cortege et Litanie (Procession & Repeated Prayer)*

Marcel Dupre

*Following the service, the congregation is encouraged to greet the covenant families 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 them 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 children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.*



### *The Sanctuary Flowers*

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS LORD'S DAY ARE GIVEN  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*James Winfrey Wilson, Jr.*

BY HIS FAMILY.

## In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 3. There in the ground his bo - dy lay, Light of the  
 4. 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  
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to  
 day up from the grave he rose a -  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are  
 save. 'Till on the cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of  
 gain. And as he stands in vic - to - ry sin's curse has  
 ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in  
 God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was  
 lost its grip on me, for I am his and he is  
 pluck me from his hand. 'Till he re - turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

## **BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Wonderful Gifts of Grace*

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### **OPENING COMMENTS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **I. THE SACRAMENTS ARE LIFE-GIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN**

**A. Ordinary**

**B. Sign**

**C. Seal**

#### **II. THE BENEFITS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ARE DEEPLY INTIMATE**

#### **III. THE BENEFITS OF BAPTISM ARE STRONG CONFIRMATION OF GOD'S GRACE**

### **CONCLUSION**

## ***Join us this evening for WeSing***

with **Sandra McCracken**

5:00 p.m. in Trinity Hall followed by Evening Worship.



**SANDRA MCCRACKEN** is a prolific songwriter, modern-day hymn writer, and record producer. With more than thirteen studio albums to her credit, her soulful, alternative folk-gospel songs soar, whether in a grand theater or a country chapel. Her dynamic performances blur the lines of what “church music” sounds like, captivating and inviting audiences to sing along. While many of her songs, such as “We Will Feast in the House of Zion” and “Thy Mercy, My God,” have settled into regular rotation in worship services around the world, her songs have also been recorded or featured by many other artists, including Ellie Holcomb, Keith and Kristyn Getty, Rain for Roots, and Indelible Grace. Her most recent album, *Patient Kingdom*, was released in October 2020. Her first book, *Send Out Your Light*, was just recently released in September 2021.



*Beginning February 6, there will be one morning service at 10:00 a.m. in Trinity Hall.*

*Sunday school will be at 8:45.*

*The Sunday Evening Vespers service will be at 6:00 p.m. in Trinity Hall.*

*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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