

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

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

**JANUARY 8, 2023**

# MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*The love of Christ is broad enough to encompass all mankind, long enough to last for eternity, deep enough to reach the most degraded sinner, and high enough to exalt him to Heaven.*

— JOHN STOTT



## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation 9:55 a.m.

The Prelude *Recit de Nazard* Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

*Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!*

*Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!*

Psalm 34:8-9

The Striking of the Hour

The Call to Worship Psalm 95:6 Mr. Cooper

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

† The Hymn *O Worship the King* (see page 7)

† 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 Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

## **SEEKING GOD'S FACE**

The Corporate Prayer of Confession – taken from Psalm 130

**Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, so that You may be revered. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His Word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is great power to redeem. It is He Who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

The Silent, Personal Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. Child of God, in Christ you are forgiven.

The Offering

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,  
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7

## HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Anthem

*Offertory*

Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,  
shall I come before Him with yearling calves?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?  
(Micah 6:6-8)

† The Reading of God's Word

Ephesians 3:14-21

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from Whom every family in Heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 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, 21 to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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 Preparation and Meditation of the Heart

*Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.  
They may be picked up in Room E-100 (Pre-K4) and Room E-105 (Kindergarten) after the service.*

*Breathtaking Words*

Ephesians 3:14-21

**INTRODUCTION**

**I. THE POWERFUL PETITION OF A BREATHTAKING PRAYER ~ 3:14-19**

**A. Deep Spiritual Strength**

*For Further Study and Encouragement: Luke 4:1,14; Romans 8:9; Acts 1:8; 10:38;  
II Corinthians 4:16-18; Hebrews 5:12-14*

**B. Genuine Experiential Comprehension**

*For Further Study and Encouragement: Psalm 1:1-3; Jeremiah 17:5-8; Philippians 4:13*

**C. Satisfying Fullness of God**

*For Further Study and Encouragement: John 1:16; Ephesians 5:18-21; Colossians 2:9-10*

**II. THE POWERFUL BENEDICTION OF A BREATHTAKING DOXOLOGY ~ 3:20-21**

*For Further Study and Encouragement: John 15:5; Ephesians 1:19-23; 2:19-22;  
Philippians 1:6; 2:12-13*

**CONCLUSION**

## COMMUNING WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND HIS PEOPLE

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Trinity Presbyterian Church is for all who have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, do now repent, endeavor to live a holy life, and have publicly professed their faith through membership in an evangelical church. Children who have not publicly confessed Christ by being received by the Session into communicant church membership should refrain from the Sacrament and learn by reverent observation; this even though they may already have received Christ privately. Those without personal saving faith in Jesus Christ are to refrain from the Sacrament and are implored now to receive Him by faith and repentance.*

† The Hymn of Preparation      *O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*      (see page 8)

† 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 Humble Access

The Words of Institution

The Serving of the Meal      *Adagio non Troppo*      Alexandre Boely  
*Concerto in Bb Major, Op. 4, No. 1, Largo*      Antonio Vivaldi

## FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn                                      *We Will Feast in the House of Zion*                                      (see page 9)

† The Benediction of God's Grace

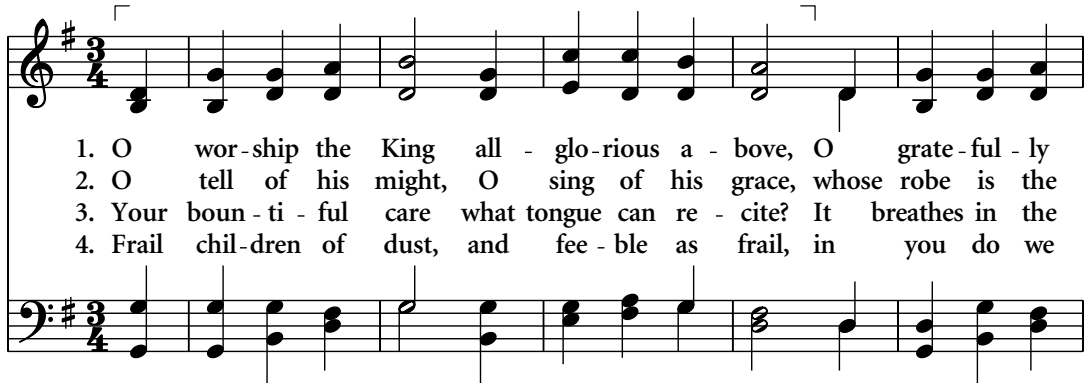
The Threefold Amen (*sung by all*)

The Postlude              *Psalm Prelude Set II, No. 2 God is Our Hope and Strength*      Robert J. Powell

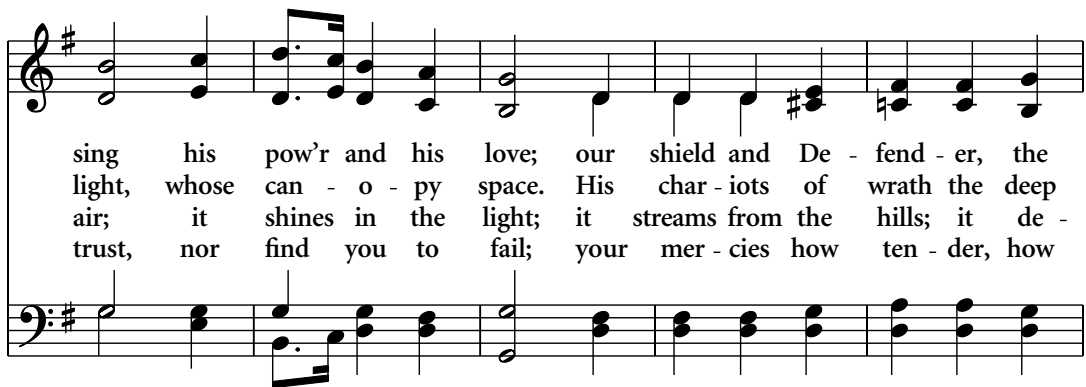
*The Lord redeems the life of His servants;  
none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.*

Psalm 34:22

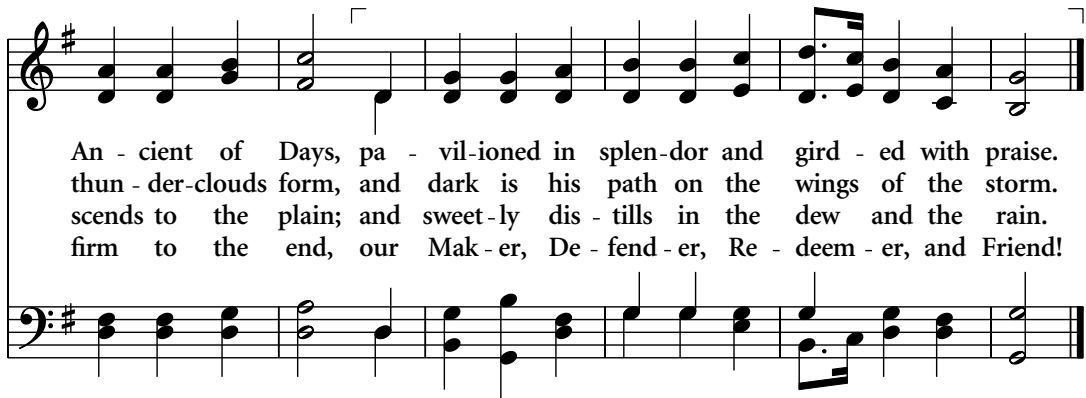
# O Worship the King



1. O wor-ship the King all - glo-rious a - bove, O grate-ful - ly  
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the  
3. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the  
4. Frail chil-dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in you do we



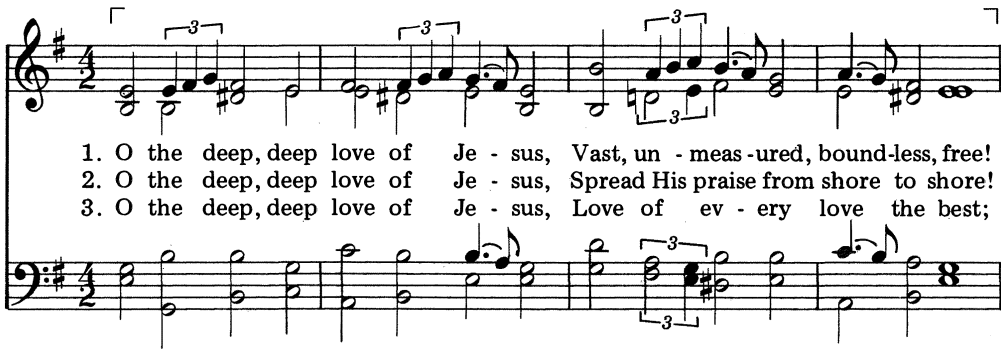
sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the  
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep  
air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -  
trust, nor find you to fail; your mer - cies how ten - der, how



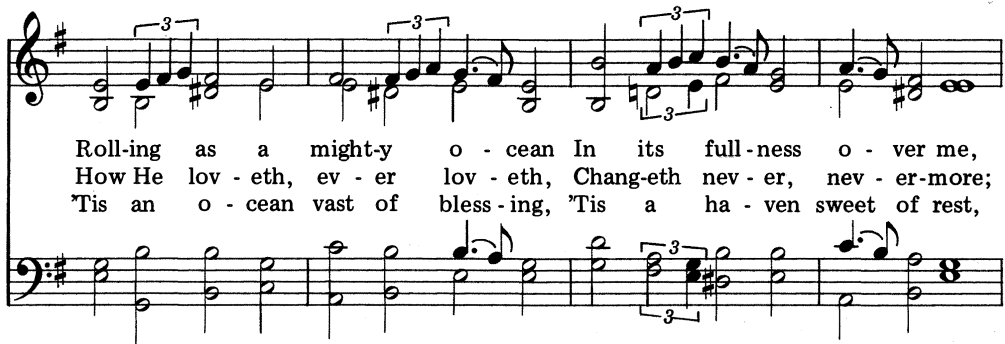
An - cient of Days, pa - vil-ioned in splen-dor and gird - ed with praise.  
thun - der-clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
scends to the plain; and sweet-ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
firm to the end, our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!



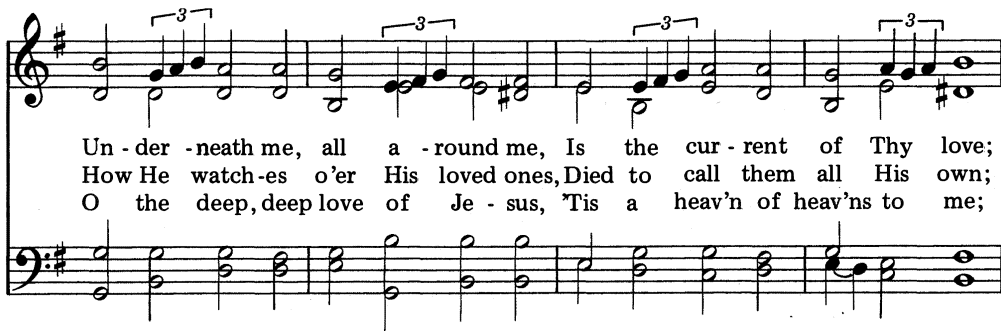
# O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus



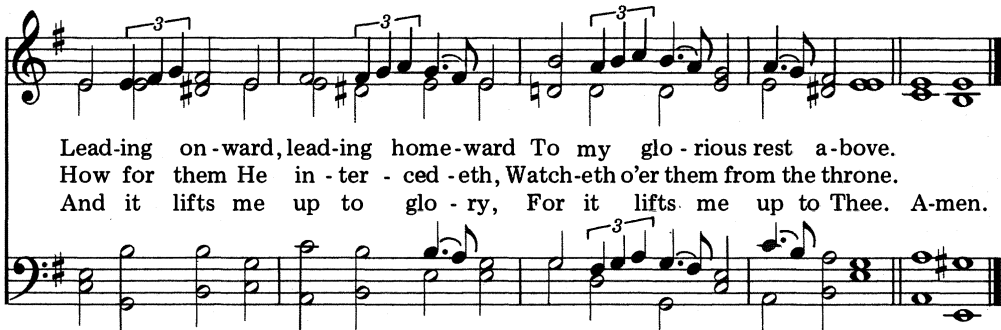
1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Vast, un - meas - ured, bound - less, free!  
2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Spread His praise from shore to shore!  
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Love of ev - ery love the best;



Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean In its full - ness o - ver me,  
How He lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, Chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more;  
'Tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'Tis a ha - ven sweet of rest,



Un - der - neath me, all a - round me, Is the cur - rent of Thy love;  
How He watch - es o'er His loved ones, Died to call them all His own;  
O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;



Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward To my glo - rious rest a - bove.  
How for them He in - ter - ced - eth, Watch - eth o'er them from the throne.  
And it lifts me up to glo - ry, For it lifts me up to Thee. A - men.

# We Will Feast in the House of Zion

## Refrain



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our



hearts re - stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther.

## Verse



We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be

2. In the dark of

3. Ev - ery vow we've



burned by the fire. He is the Lord our God.

We are not con -

night be - fore the dawn. My soul be not a - fraid;

for the pro - mised

bro - ken and be - trayed. You are the faith - ful One.

and \_ from the



sumed by the flood. Up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up.

morn - ing, O how long. O God of Ja - cob be \_ my strength.

gar - den to the grave. Bind us to - ge - ther bring sha - lom.

## TRINITY CHURCH INTERIM PASTORAL TRANSITION

The Session has approved a plan from the Interim Search Committee to move forward with the interim pastoral transition. The plan has two main components. First, the Session has retained a national consulting group to help guide the Session through the various processes involved with pastoral transition and calling a new Senior Minister. Second, Dr. Richard Pratt has graciously agreed to serve as the initial interim pastor with primary responsibilities on Sunday morning. We use the term initial because Dr. Pratt is only able to commit to us through the end of April. In the meantime, the Interim Search Committee will continue to search for a longer-term interim pastor while the Session works through the transition process with the consultants.

Dr. Pratt is no stranger to our congregation and has preached and taught in numerous countries around the world. He is the President and co-founder of Third Millennium Ministries, an evangelical ministry dedicated to providing sound biblical and theological training for Christian leaders worldwide. Prior to founding Thirdmill, Dr. Pratt served as professor of Old Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary and was chair of the Old Testament Department. He studied at Westminster Theological Seminary, received his M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary and earned his Th.D. in Old Testament Studies from Harvard University. Dr. Pratt is the author of numerous articles and books (including *Every Thought Captive*, and *Pray With Your Eyes Open*), is the general editor of the NIV Spirit of the Reformation Study Bible, and was a translator for the New Living Translation. He has also served as a pastor and as an interim pastor.

Dr. Pratt has a deep love for Trinity Presbyterian Church and her people. He will preach his first sermon on January 15. Rev. McRoberts, after the January 8, 2023 morning service, will be on sabbatical for the next several months. Rev. Cooper and Rev. Howell will continue to serve Trinity in their current roles as well as preaching in rotation with Dr. Pratt and others.

The Church will engage Flourish Coaching, a national consulting group with extensive experience in our denomination, to assist Trinity in our transition to new pastoral leadership. Mr. Matthew Bohling, Executive Director of Flourish Coaching, will meet with the Elders and Deacons on January 25.

Please continue to pray for Trinity Church, the work of the Interim Search Committee, Dr. Pratt and his ministry with us, Rev. McRoberts and his upcoming sabbatical, the Session, and the rest of our staff as we work toward and anticipate the future of Trinity Presbyterian Church, all to God's glory.

*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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