



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

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

**JANUARY 22, 2023**

# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*The God of Christians is not a God Who is simply the author of geometrical truths,  
or the order of the elements; that is the view of the pagans and the Epicurians.*

*He is not merely a God Who exercises His providence over the lives and fortunes of men,  
to bestow on those who worship Him a long and happy life.*

*The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, the God of Christians is a God of love  
and comfort, a God Who fills the soul and heart of those whom He possesses,  
a God Who makes them conscious of their inward wretchedness, and His infinite mercy;  
Who unites Himself to their inmost soul, Who fills it with humility and joy, with confidence and  
love, Who renders them incapable of any other end than Himself.*

— BLAISE PASCAL, MATHEMETICIAN, PHILOSOPHER, THEOLOGIAN (1623-1662)



## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude *Schubler-Chorale on 'Praise to the Lord'* J. S. Bach

*You make known to me the path of life;  
in Your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

Psalm 16:11

The Striking of the Hour

† *Indicates the congregation standing*

• *Indicates seating for those detained*

† The Ascription of Praise (*sung by all*)

DIADEMATA

*to the tune of "Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

**Come, sound His praise abroad, and hymns of glory sing;  
Jehovah is the sov'reign God, the universal King.  
Come, worship at His throne, come bow before the Lord;  
We are His works, and not our own, He formed us by His Word.**

† The Call to Worship (*congregation reads bold type*)

Mr. Cooper

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

For He is our God,

**And we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.** (*Psalm 95:6-7a*)

•† The Hymn

*From All That Dwell below the Skies*

(*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 Invocation and 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 (*sung by all*)

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 Corporate Prayer of Confession      adapted from The Book of Common Worship, 1946

**Almighty God, rich in mercy to all who call upon You, hear us as we come before You, humbly confessing our sins, asking for Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and our neighbors. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and in Your great goodness, grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Silent, Personal Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon – 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake He made Him to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Pastoral Prayer

•† The Hymn      *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*      (see page 9)

The Announcements

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

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

arr. Ken Berg

Sing praise to God Who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;  
With healing balm my soul He fills and every faithless murmur stills:  
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made His gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of His might, Lo! all is just and all is right:  
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,  
An ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.  
As with a mother's tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud His praises  
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises:  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory!

† The Reading of God's Word

Matthew 6:9-13

9 Pray then like this: "Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name. 10 Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread, 12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

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.*

The Sermon

**BACK TO MORE BASICS**

Dr. Pratt

The Closing Prayer



## **THE ORDINATION AND INSTALATION OF OFFICERS**

The Introduction of the Classes of 2025: (\* *To be ordained*)

Deacons

Robert J. Allan (2024)\*  
Patrick W. Cooper\*  
D. Hugh Frazer III\*  
J. Ross Gunnells  
John E. "Josh" Hall III  
Luke A. Hall\*  
J. Douglas Robertson  
Peter O. Thompson\*  
Kyle H. Trammell  
William H. Van Hooser, Jr.\*

Elders

W. Mark Anderson III  
John B. Bricken III\*  
C. Edward Carlson, Jr.  
Thomas R. Govan, Jr.\*  
Edward M. Patterson  
Irby J. Thompson

## The Ordination and Installation Vows

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder or deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity, and edification of the church?

## The Vow of the Congregation

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as ruling elders and deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their offices, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this church, entitle them?

## The Prayer of Consecration

## The Declaration

## The Charge



## FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (see page 10)

† The Benediction of God's Grace

† The Threefold Amen (*sung by all*)

The Postlude *Fugue in C Major, BWV 531* J. S. Bach

*Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it; shout, O depths of the earth;  
break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it!  
For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.  
Isaiah 44:23*



### *The Sanctuary Flowers*

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

*Marjorie Jeanne Dubina*

BY HER FAMILY

AND

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Elizabeth Cecile Smith*

BY CAROLINE AND DAVIS SMITH, ANNE EMERY AND HOUGHTON SMITH,  
AND JUDY AND KYLE KYSER.



# From All That Dwell below the Skies

*Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. Ps. 117:1*

1. From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre -  
2. In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery  
3. E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal

a - tor's praise a - rise; let the Re - deem - er's name be  
land the strains be - long. In cheer - ful sound all voic - es  
truth at - tends your word. Your praise shall sound from shore to

sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue.  
raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.  
shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

# Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee



1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee with sweet-ness fills my breast;
2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mem - ory find,
3. O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite heart, O Joy of all the meek,
4. But what to those who find? Ah, this, nor tongue nor pen can show:
5. Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;



but sweet - er far thy face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.  
a sweet - er sound than thy blest name, O Sav - ior of man - kind.  
to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!  
the love of Je - sus, what it is none but his loved ones know.  
Je - sus, be thou our glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.



# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil-grim through this bar - ren land;  
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;  
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;

I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand;  
 let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through;  
 Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's side;

Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no  
 strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

more, (want no more,) feed me till I want no more.  
 shield, (strength and shield,) be thou still my strength and shield.  
 thee, (give to thee,) I will ev - er give to thee.

*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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