



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

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

JULY 30, 2023

# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*A silly idea is current that good people do not know what temptation means. This is an obvious lie. Only those who try to resist temptation know how strong it is. A man who gives in to temptation after five minutes simply doesn't know what it would have been like an hour later. That is why bad people, in one sense, know very little about badness. They have lived a sheltered life by always giving in. We never find out the strength of the evil impulse inside us until we try to fight it: and Christ, because He was the only man who never yielded to temptation, is also the only man who knows to the full what temptation means.*

C. S. LEWIS IN *MERE CHRISTIANITY*



## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

Rev. Kurt Cooper  
*Assistant Minister*

The Prelude

*Aria*

Paul Manz

Jane Kaye, *guest organist*

Q. *What is the sixth petition [of the Lord's Prayer]?*

A. *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. That is: In ourselves we are so weak that we cannot stand even for a moment. Moreover, our sworn enemies – the devil, the world, and our own flesh – do not cease to attack us. Wilt Thou, therefore, uphold and strengthen us by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, so that in this spiritual war we may not go down to defeat, but always firmly resist our enemies, until we finally obtain the complete victory. – The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 127*

The Announcements

Rev. Bill Clark  
*Interim Minister*

† *Indicates the congregation standing*

• *Indicates seating for those detained*

The Striking of the Hour

The Ascription of Praise (*sung by all*)

HYMN TO JOY

**God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You sov'reign Lord!  
Mighty King, Whom angels worship, Father, by Your church adored;  
All creation shows Your glory, heav'n and earth draw near Your throne  
Singing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Hosts, and God alone!"**

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 121 (*congregation reads bold type*)

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

**My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.

**Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The LORD is your keeper;

**The LORD is your shade on your right hand.**

The sun shall not strike you by day,

**Nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will keep you from all evil;

**He will keep your life.**

***ALL: The LORD will keep our going out and our coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.***

•† The Hymn No. 27

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

† 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 – No. 650 in *The Hymnal*

OLD HUNDREDTH

## SEEKING GOD’S FACE

The Call to Confession – Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”  
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of God’s Pardon – Romans 8:34

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one Who died – more than that,  
Who was raised – Who is at the right hand of God, Who indeed is interceding for us.

The Pastoral Prayer

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 Offertory Duet based on Psalm 84	<i>How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place</i> Laurel Pinard and Fran Nabholz	Sergei Rachmaninoff arr. Diana Stoneberg
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How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts. My soul longeth, even fainteth  
for the courts of the Lord. My soul and body crieth out for the Living God.  
As the sparrow finds a home within Thy house, and the swallow a nest beside Thine altar,  
where she may lay her young, so my soul yearns to dwell within Thy house, O Lord,  
beside Thine altar, within Thy holy presence.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, Almighty Lord of Hosts.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of God, than to dwell in palaces of wickedness.  
O let me come before Thine altar into the light of Thy Holy Presence;  
Let the light of Thy holy face shine upon my heart,  
and in Thy presence is my hope, my joy, my rest. To see Thy holy face, my hope, my joy, Lord,  
I sought Thy face with all my heart; O, to see Thy holy face, my highest joy!  
I shall be satisfied when at last I see Thy face, O Christ, my Savior!  
Thou Living God, I at last shall see the face of Christ, face to face.

The Prayer for Illumination

† The Reading of God's Word

Rev. Cooper

*If you do not own a personal copy of the Scriptures,  
please take one from the table in the narthex as our gift.*

Genesis 3:1-6

pew Bible, page 3

James 1:2-3, 13-15

pew Bible, page 1288

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. They may be  
picked up in Room E-100 (Pre-K4) and Room E-105 (Kindergarten) after the service.*

The Sermon

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Cooper

VIII. "Signed, Sealed, Delivered"

*An outline may be found on page 6.*

## **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

The Words of Instruction and Exhortation

•† The Hymn No. 487

*He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought!*

HE LEADETH ME

† The Introduction of the Covenant Families

**JILL MIRIAM SPOONER**

*Parents:* Sarah Barry and Stephen Spooner

*Siblings:* Stephen, Laurie, George, and Caroline Spooner

*Baptizing:* Grandfather, Rev. Gary B. Spooner

*Assisting:* Ruling Elder/Shepherd, Jim Byram

Ruling Elder/Grandfather, Barry Gillespie

† The Apostles' Creed – inside cover of *The Hymnal*

The Biblical Promise

## The Covenant Vows

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

## The Vow of the Congregation

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of Jill?

## The Baptism

## The Baptismal Benediction and the Covenant Prayer

# **FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT**

† The Hymn No. 546                      *Before the Throne of God Above*                      BEFORE THE THRONE

† The Benediction of God's Grace

† The Threefold Amen – No. 657 in *The Hymnal*

The Postlude                                      *Fugue in C Major*                                      Dietrich Buxtehude

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

Romans 15:13

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
VIII. "Signed, Sealed, Delivered"

I. "And lead us not into temptation..."

What is temptation?

Is this a contradiction?

II. "...but deliver us from evil."

What do we mean by deliverance?

From Evil or from the Evil One?

III. So What?

*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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