



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

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*'They sought Him with all their heart,' (2 Chronicles 15:15).  
That does not mean, remember, that there are to be no other desires,  
for it is a great mistake to pit religion against other things  
which are meant to be its instruments and its helps.  
We are not required to seek nothing else in order to seek God wholly.  
He demands no impossible and fantastic detachment of ourselves  
from the ordinary and legitimate occupations, affections, and duties of human life,  
but He does ask that the dominant desire after Him should be powerful enough  
to express itself through all our actions,  
and that we should seek for God in them, and for them in God.*

**ALEXANDER MACLAREN, SCOTTISH BAPTIST MINISTER, 1826-1910**



## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Bill Clark, *Interim Minister*

The Prelude

Improvisation on *Hymns of Praise*

E. Patterson

Edward M. Patterson, *organist-choirmaster emeritus*

*Come Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!*

The Announcements

Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister*

The Striking of the Hour

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
 Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!  
 Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
 From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

† The Call to Worship – from Psalm 90 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,  
 or ever You had formed the earth and the world,  
 from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past,  
 or as a watch in the night.

**So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
**that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

•† The Hymn No. 295

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

GROSSER GOTT

† 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 – No. 648 in *The Hymnal*

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## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession – Jeremiah 29:11-13

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD,  
plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.  
Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you.  
You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Romans 5:6-8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.  
For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—  
though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—  
but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Pastoral Prayer

•† The Hymn No. 305                      *O Word of God Incarnate*                      MUNICH  
*The Choir will sing verse 1, the congregation will join on verses 2-4.*

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                                      *Best of All Friends*                                      K. Lee Scott  
The Women of the Chancel Choir

Jesus, my Lord, let me be near You; by Your own Word help me to hear You.  
Jesus, my Lord, lead me to love You, nothing more dear, no one above You.  
All through the day, sisters and brothers, Yours we will be, caring for others,  
Hearing Your words, learning Your story, bearing Your cross, sharing Your glory.

Teach me to know seeing from blindness, help us to show everywhere kindness.  
Jesus, our Lord, lead us and guide us, best of all friends, always beside us.

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Clark

† The Reading of God's Word - 2 Chronicles 15:1-19 pew Bible page 467

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

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

**REVIVE US AGAIN**  
V. Seeking and Finding

Rev. Clark

† The Hymn No. 536 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* ST. AGNES

## **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

The Words of Instruction and Exhortation

The Introduction of the Covenant Family

**JULIA OWENS HILL**

*Parents:* Anne Caroline and Holmes Hill

*Siblings:* Holmes Michie Hill, Jr.

*Assisting:* Ruling Elder, Irby Thompson

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

The Biblical Promise

## The Covenant Vows

1. Do you acknowledge Julia'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 Julia 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 the congregation undertake to pray for these parents as they faithfully nurture Julia in the Christian faith?

## The Baptism

## The Baptismal Benediction and the Covenant Prayer

# FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Doxology – No. 650 in *The Hymnal*

OLD HUNDREDTH

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Postlude

*Fantasia in G Major, BWV 572*

J.S. Bach

*Following the Service, the congregation is encouraged to greet the Hill family at the front of the Sanctuary. Join them in their thanksgiving and anticipation of God's faithfulness to His covenant promises. Assure them of your support through prayer, encouragement, and partnership in Julia's instruction in the fear and admonition of the Lord.*

# SERMON NOTES

*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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