



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

DECEMBER 31, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*Welcome, all Wonders in one sight!
Eternity shut in a span.
Summer in winter, day in night,
Heaven in earth, and God in man.
Great little One! Whose all-embracing birth
Lifts earth to Heaven, stoops Heaven to earth.
To Thee, meek Majesty! soft King
Of simple graces and sweet loves,
Each of us his lamb will bring,
Each his pair of silver doves;
At last in fire of Thy fair eyes,
We'll burn, our own best sacrifice.*

RICHARD CRASHAW (1613-1649)



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Bill Clark, *Interim Minister*

The Prelude

Concerto for Two Trumpets in C, RV 537
Michael Huff and Bryan Reeves, *trumpets*
James Atkins, *guest organist*

Antonio Vivaldi

*The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt.
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.*

Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

Psalm 93:1-2

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

The Announcements

Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister*

The Chiming of the Hour

The Choral Introit

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

arr. David Willcocks

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

† The Call to Worship – 2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich,
yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.
Therefore, let us worship God with thankful hearts!

•† The Hymn No. 151

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

GOD REST YOU MERRY

† 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 – 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.

The Prayer of Confession (*congregation reads bold type*) – Martin Bucer, 1539

O God the Father of Heaven,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit,

Have mercy upon us.

From all sin, from all error, from all evil –

Deliver us, O Lord.

From the wiles of the devil and from everlasting death –

Deliver us, O Lord.

Lord Jesus, by the mystery of Your holy nativity,

by Your baptism, fasting, and temptations –

Deliver us, O Lord.

By Your cross and passions,

by Your death and burial,

by Your resurrection and ascension,

by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter –

Deliver us, O Lord.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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 Trumpet & Organ Offertory *Fairest of Roses*

Frederik Magle

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Clark

† The Reading of God's Word - Luke 2:21-38

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*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 after the service.*

The Sermon

SIMEON'S SONG: IN JESUS ALONE

Rev. Clark

† The Hymn No. 144

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Words of Instruction and Exhortation

The Introduction of the Covenant Family

LAUREL KLINE GREEN

Parents: Adrien and Michael Green

Siblings: Eliza and Vivian Green

Assisting: Ruling Elder Jim Byram

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

The Biblical Promise

The Covenant Vows

1. Do you acknowledge Laurel'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 Laurel 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 Laurel?

The Baptism

The Baptismal Benediction and the Covenant Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 167

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Postlude

Carillon de Longpoint

Louis Vierne

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

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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