

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

JANUARY 28, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

You weren't an accident. You weren't mass produced. You aren't an assembly-line product. You were deliberately planned, specifically gifted, and lovingly positioned on the Earth by the Master Craftsman.

MAX LUCADO



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper, Assistant Minister

The Prelude

Chorale-Prelude on 'O Mensch, Bewein', BWV 622

J. S. Bach

"He here was born, our Saviour mild, for sin to make atonement" German: Sebald Heyden, Translation: Catherine Winkworth

The Announcements

Rev. Bill Clark, Interim Minister

The Chiming of the Hour

• † The Ascription of Praise (sung by all)

DARWALL

We come, O Christ, to You, true Son of God and man, By Whom all things consist, in Whom all life began: In You alone we live and move, and have our being in Your love.

[†] Indicates the congregation standing

Indicates seating for those detained

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 34:1-3 (congregation reads bold type)

I will bless the LORD at all times:

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

and let us exalt His Name together!

• † The Hymn No. 5

O Worship the King

LYONS

- † 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

GREATOREX

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession - Acts 4:11-12

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under Heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon - Psalm 130:3-4

If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

Sanctity of Human Life Update

Bethany Garth, First Choice Women's Medical Center

The Pastoral Prayer

• † The Hymn No. 193

Man of Sorrows! What a Name HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

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

Lord of the Small

arr. Dan Forrest text: Johanna Anderson

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things, Who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing, Who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street, Who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet. Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid, Who girds them with courage and lends them His aid. He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak That the timid can serve and the silent can speak. Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, Who heals their afflictions, or carries them till They leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, To never be sick and never to die. Praise Him, O praise Him all ye who yet live, Who've been given so much and can so little give, Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise: He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word - 1 John 2:1-2

pew Bible page 1301

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.

(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

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

CONFIDENT CHRISTIAN LIVING

Rev. Cooper

III. Gone for Good

† The Hymn No. 546

Before the Throne of God Above

BEFORE THE THRONE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Words of Instruction and Exhortation

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

The Introduction of the Covenant Family

JULIA RANDALL RHODES

Parents: Meagan and William Rhodes III

Siblings: Slade and Thomas Rhodes Assisting: Ruling Elder Ken Williams

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 as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of Julia?

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*

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The Postlude Praeludium in D Major, BuxWV 139 Dietrich Buxtehude

I must perform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank offerings to You.

I must perform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank offerings to You. For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life. – Psalm 56:12-13



Following the Service, the congregation is encouraged to greet the Rhodes 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 Julia's instruction in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

SERMON NOTES

- I. Little Children
- II. Purpose Statement
- III. Realistic Expectation
- IV. Jesus Christ
 - A. His Role: Advocate
 - B. His Qualifications: Righteous
 - V. Propitiation
- VI. The World and Everyone in It?
- VII. So What?



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

James Winfrey Wilson, Jr.
BY HIS FAMILY

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.

