



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

JANUARY 7, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He Who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him."

MATTHEW 2:1-2



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Bill Clark, *Interim Minister*

The Prelude

Prelude on REPTON

Charles Callahan

Laura Doss, *guest organist*

He comes in love as once He came

By flesh and blood and birth;

To bear within our mortal frame

A life, a death, a saving name

For every child of earth.

Timothy Dudley Smith

The Announcements

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Assistant Minister*

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

The Chiming of the Hour

•† The Ascription of Praise

REGENT SQUARE

**Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen His natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!**

† The Call to Worship – Isaiah 60:1-3 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and His glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to Your light,
ALL: and kings to the brightness of Your rising.

•† The Hymn No. 182

As with Gladness Men of Old

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† 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 – 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 – 1 Timothy 1 :15, 17

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

•✠ The Hymn No. 578

Come, We That Love the Lord

ST. THOMAS

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

Offertory (Micah 6:6-8)

Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, shall I come before Him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Clark

† The Reading of God's Word - 1 John 1:1-4

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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.**

(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. Clark

I. Eternal Life: Heard, Seen, Touched, Proclaimed

The Closing Prayer

† The Hymn No. 564

Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him!

ACCLAIM

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

The Words of Instruction and Exhortation

The Introduction of the Covenant Family

HAMPTON BLAKE VOSEL

Parents: Alice and Stephen Voxel

Siblings: Oliver Voxel

Assisting: Ruling Elder Todd Parsons

Ruling Elder/Grandfather Tom McLemore

The Biblical Promise

The Covenant Vows

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

The Baptism

The Baptismal Benediction and the Covenant Prayer

† The Hymn

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.**

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

**Jesus loves me, He who died, heaven's gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in.**

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Postlude

Festival Trumpet Tune

David German

Following the Service, the congregation is encouraged to greet the Vosel 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 Hampton'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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