



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

DECEMBER 29, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

The Vision which we shall have of the Glory of Christ in heaven, and of the Glory of the immense God in Him, is perfectly and absolutely transforming. It doth change us wholly into the Image of Christ. When we shall see Him, we shall be as He is, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him (1 John 3:2).

JOHN OWEN, *THE GLORY OF CHRIST* (1864)



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst

The Organ & Trumpet Prelude *His Yoke is Easy*

G. F. Handel

*Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.*

Matthew 11:28-30

The Announcements

Rev. Michael Howell

The Chiming of the Hour

The Choral Introit

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Franz Joseph Haydn

Glory to God in the highest!

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

† The Call to Worship – 2 Corinthians 8:9 (*congregation reads bold print*)

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.

Let us worship God with thankful hearts!

•† The Carol No. 157 *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

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

† 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 – 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 – Martin Bucer, 1539

**Almighty and everlasting God and Father,
we acknowledge and confess that we are inclined to evil and slow to all good;
that we unceasingly transgress Your holy commandments,
and corrupt ourselves more and more.
But we are sorry for this, and desire Your grace and help.
Therefore, have mercy on us, most gracious and merciful God and Father,
through Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ.
Grant to us and increase in us Your Holy Spirit,
so that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness from the depth of our heart,
feel true contrition and grief for them, die to them completely,
and please You wholly in a new, godly life. Amen.**

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

The Pastoral Prayer

•† The Carol No. 143

Away in a Manger

CRADLE SONG

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*

The Organ & Trumpet Offertory *For Unto Us A Child Is Born*

G.F. Handel

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Whitehurst

† The Reading of God's Word – Numbers 6:24-26

pew Bible, page 145

*If you are visiting today and do not own a personal 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

WORDS TO LIVE BY

Rev. Whitehurst

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 399 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* LEMMEL

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Postlude *Noël Suisse* Claude Daquin

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.
Philemon 1:25*

Leading in Worship

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst, *Assistant Minister*

Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister*

Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*

Mrs. Shannon Mathai, *Assistant Director of Music and Organist*

Drs. Michael Huff and Carly Johnson, *trumpets*

WORDS TO LIVE BY
Numbers 6:24-26

I. Only the Lord blesses

II. How the Lord blesses

III. Why the Lord blesses

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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