



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

MAY 26, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Woven into the warp and woof of the New Testament's exposition of what it means for us to be holy is the great groundwork that the self-existent, thrice holy, triune God has — in Himself, by Himself and for Himself — committed Himself and all three Persons of His being to bringing about the holiness of His own people. This is the Father's purpose, the Son's purchase and the Spirit's ministry.

**SINCLAIR B. FERGUSON,
SCOTTISH THEOLOGIAN**



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

The Prelude

Dawn Hymn

Alan Hovhaness

*Save us, O LORD our God,
and gather us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to Your holy name
and glory in Your praise.*

Psalm 106:47

The Announcements

Rev. Bill Clark, *Assistant Minister*

The Chiming of the Hour

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

† The Ascription of Praise (*sung by all*)

ITALIAN HYMN

**To the great One in Three
eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.**

† The Call to Worship – Based upon 1 Corinthians 3:23; 3:16

You are Christ's, and Christ is God's, and God's Spirit dwells in you. Let us now bow our hearts in worship and glorify the triune Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

•† The Hymn No. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy!

NICAEA

† 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 – 2 Peter 3:8-9

Do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

The Prayer of Confession – From the *Book of Common Prayer*

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name.
Amen.**

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Ezekiel 36:26-27

I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

The Pastoral Prayer

• † The Hymn No. 538

My Jesus, I Love Thee

GORDON

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

Grant Us Wisdom, Grant Us Courage

Eric Nelson

*(This anthem was commissioned to celebrate
the dedication of the Sanctuary renovations, May 21, 2023)*

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the search for Thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee Whom we adore.

Lo! The hosts of evil 'round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set all free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
That we fail not man nor Thee!

The Prayer for Illumination

† The Reading of God's Word – 1 John 4:13-21

pew Bible, page 1304

*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

CONFIDENT CHRISTIAN LIVING
XIII. Fearless

Rev. Cooper

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 546

Before the Throne of God Above

BEFORE THE THRONE

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Postlude

Voluntary X

John Stanley

*O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare Your praise.
Psalm 51:15*



The Sanctuary Flowers

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

Caroline McCoy Evans & Walker Lloyd Van Hooser

AND IN HONOR OF

Mr. and Mrs. David Franklin Evans, Sr.
Colonel and Mrs. Hugh David McCracken
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Butler Williams

AND IN MEMORY OF

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Clark Van Hooser

SERMON NOTES

1 John 4:13-21

Fearless

- I. Two Testimonies (vv. 13-14)
 - A. God's Spirit
 - B. God's Servants
- II. Confession of Faith (v. 15)
- III. Confidence Producing Love (vv. 16-18)
- IV. Overflowing Love (vv. 19-21)
 - A. Love's Source
 - B. Love's Logic
 - C. Love's Result

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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