



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

JULY 21, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

The deepest longing of the human heart is to know and enjoy the glory of God. We were made for this. "Bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the end of the earth . . . whom I created for My glory," says the Lord (Isaiah 43:6-7). To see it, to savor it, and to show it — that is why we exist. The untracked, unimaginable stretches of the created universe are a parable about the inexhaustible "riches of His glory" (Romans 9:23). The physical eye is meant to say to the spiritual eye, "Not this, but the Maker of this, is the Desire of your soul." Saint Paul said, "We rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Romans 5:2). Or, even more precisely, he said that we were "prepared beforehand for glory" (Romans 9:23). This is why we were created — that He might "make known the riches of His glory for vessels of mercy" (Romans 9:23).

JOHN PIPER
IN SEEING AND SAVORING CHRIST



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

The Prelude

Prelude on 'Brethren We Have Met to Worship'

Sam Batt Owens

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

Psalms 133:1

The Announcements

Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister*

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

The Chiming of the Hour

The Choral Introit

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God!
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray and holy manna will be showered all around!

† The Call to Worship – Revelation 1:4a, 5-6 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

**To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood
and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father,
to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

•† The Hymn No. 259

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

† 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 – Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Isaiah 44:22

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to Me, for I have redeemed you.

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 Offertory Solo

Peace I Leave with You (from John 14)

Hugo Alfvén
arr. Diana Soneberg

Peace I leave you, My peace I give to you,
Not as the world giveth, My peace I leave with you.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
Rolland Stoneberg, *soloist*

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word – Ephesians 1:11-14

pew Bible, page 1241

*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

THE ENDURING COMMUNITY
IV. Hopeless Wanderer

Rev. Cooper

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Words of Instruction and Exhortation

† The Hymn No. 206

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

TOWNEND

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

The Introduction of the Covenant Family

MARK EDWARD SHAW

Parents: Mary Cam and Zack Shaw

Siblings: Mary Louise, Lucy Reid, and Liza Shaw

Assisting: Ruling Elder Jim Rives

Ruling Elder/Grandfather Eddie Carlson

The Biblical Promise

The Covenant Vows

1. Do you acknowledge Ward'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 Ward 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 Ward?

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*

The Postlude

Postlude II

Denis Bedard

*For you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us,
and Israel does not acknowledge us; You, O LORD, are our Father,
our Redeemer from of old is your name.*

Isaiah 63:13

SERMON NOTES
THE ENDURING COMMUNITY
IV. Hopeless Wanderer
Ephesians 1:11-14

- I. We, You, We

- II. Inheritance
 - A. The Church as Heirs

 - B. The Church as Inheritance

- III. Holy Spirit
 - A. Seal

 - B. Guarantee

- IV. Sola Deo Gloria



The Sanctuary Flowers

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

Clayborne Stanford Johnson

BY MR. AND MRS. FRED JOHNSON AND FAMILY

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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