



# **THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP**

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

AUGUST 25, 2024

# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*Almighty God, enter our hearts and so fill us with Your love that, forsaking all evil desires, we may embrace You, our only good. Show us, for Your mercies' sake, what You are unto us.*

*Say to our souls, "I am your salvation." Our hearts are open before You; open our ears; let us hasten after Your voice and take hold of You. Amen.*

**AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO (354-430 AD)**



## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

The Prelude

*Psalm 42*

Felix Mendelssohn

*As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for You, O God.*

*My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.*

*When shall I come and appear before God?*

*Psalm 42:1-2*

The Announcements

Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister*

The Chiming of the Hour

The Ascription of Praise (*sung by all*)

REGENT SQUARE

**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,  
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run.**

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

The Call to Worship – Psalm 100 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!**

Know that the LORD, He is God!

**It is He Who made us, and we are His;**

We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

**Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!**

*ALL:* **Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

**For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,  
and His faithfulness to all generations.**

•† The Hymn No. 6

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

OLD HUNDREDTH

† 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*

GREATOR EX

## **SEEKING GOD'S FACE**

The Call to Confession – Matthew 11:28-30

*Hear the words of Jesus:* “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.”

The Silent Prayers of Confession

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;  
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.  
I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Titus 3:5-7

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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 Anthem

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

Don Wyrzten

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see and in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
Nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show –  
The love of Jesus, what it is, none but His loved ones know.

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word – 1 Tim 3:1-16

pew Bible, page 1263

*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 six may leave to attend Children's Church.  
They may be picked up in Room E-100 after the service.*

The Sermon

*Everybody Wants to Rule the World*

Rev. Cooper

## **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

The Words of Instruction and Exhortation

† The Hymn No. 56

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

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

The Introduction of the Covenant Family

**VIRGINIA BROOKS McCLENDON**

*Parents:* Lora and Brooks McClendon

*Siblings:* Margaret McClendon

*Assisting:* Ruling Elder Jim Rives

The Biblical Promise

## The Covenant Vows

1. Do you acknowledge Virginia'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 Virginia 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 Virginia?

## 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

*Jerusalem*

Hubert Parry, arr. Edward Elgar

*For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are My ways higher than your ways  
and My thoughts than your thoughts.*

*Isaiah 55:9*

**SERMON NOTES**

**IV. Everybody Wants to Rule the World**

1 Timothy 3:1-16

I. The Church's Organizational Chart

A. The Grace of God's Revelation

B. The Wisdom of God's Plan

II. The Elephant in the Room

A. Ladies & Gentlemen, Boys & Girls

B. When Scripture Confronts Culture

III. The Two Offices

A. Elders/Overseers

B. Deacons

IV. The Calling to Lead God's Church

A. Inward Call

B. Outward Call

V. So What?



*The Sanctuary Flowers*

**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS LORD'S DAY ARE GIVEN**

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY**

*Mr. and Mrs. Sam Adams 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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