

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

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*The Word of God is like a lion. You don't have to defend a lion.  
All you have to do is let the lion loose, and the lion will defend itself.*

**CHARLES SPURGEON (1834-1892)**



## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Prelude

*Adagio from Sonata no. 6*

Felix Mendelssohn

*O rest in the LORD, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.  
from Psalm 37*

The Announcements

Rev. Michael Howell

The Chiming of the Hour

The Choral Introit

*In Thee Is Gladness*

Giovanni Gastoldi

In Thee is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By Thee are given the gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.  
Our souls Thou weakest; our bonds Thou breakest;  
Who trusts Thee surely hath built securely, he stands forever: Hallelujah!  
We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness,  
Love Him and praise Him, and still shall raise Him glad hymns forever: Hallelujah!

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 98:4-6 (*congregation reads bold type*)

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

**Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn**

**Make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

•† The Hymn No. 578

*Come, Ye That Love the Lord*

ST. THOMAS

† 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 Prayers 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,  
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 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 Offertory *Brother James’ Air (The Lord’s My Shepherd)*

Searle Wright

## HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word – Mark 12:1-12

pew Bible, page 1078

*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

**HOW GREAT THOU ART**

Rev. Cooper

XXXVI. Say It Ain't So

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

† The Hymn No. 383

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

† The Words of Instruction and Exhortation

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

The Introduction of the Covenant Family

**KEVIN BRITTON MINGUS**

*Parents:* Shea and Andrew Mingus

*Assisting:* Ruling Elder Clint Carroll

The Biblical Promise

## The Covenant Vows

1. Do you acknowledge Britton'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 Britton 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 Britton?

## The Baptism

## The Baptismal Benediction and the Covenant Prayer

# **FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT**

† The Hymn No. 320      *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*      WESTMINSTER ABBEY

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Postlude      *In Thee is Gladness, BWV 615*      J. S. Bach

**HOW GREAT THOU ART**

XXXVI. Say It Ain't So

Mark 12:1-12

I. The Context

II. The Vineyard

III. The Emissaries

IV. The Son & The Stone

V. So What?



*The Sanctuary Flowers*

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS LORD'S DAY ARE GIVEN

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Bobbie Royal Champion*

BY MR. AND MRS. BOB CHAMPION AND FAMILY

**LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister*

Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*

Dr. Jacob Taylor, *Organist & Music Associate*



*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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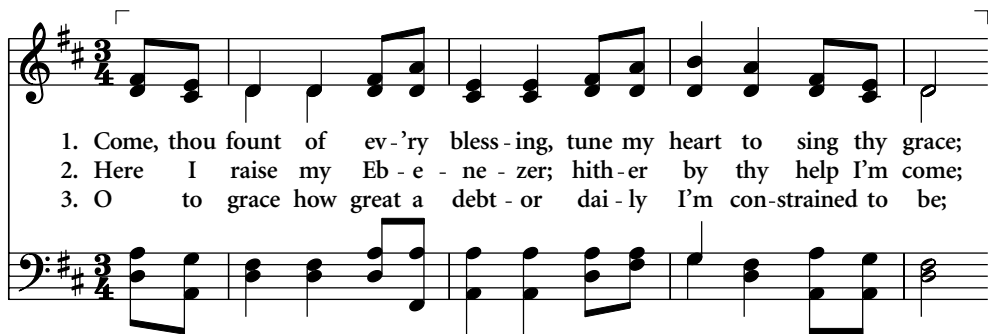
er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
 his and he is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.  
 turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.

## Come, We That Love the Lord 578

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
 2. Let those re - fuse to sing that nev - er knew our God;  
 3. The men of grace have found glo - ry be - gun be - low;  
 4. The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets,  
 5. Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac - cord, and thus sur-round the throne.  
 but chil-dren of the heav'n - ly King may speak their joys a - broad.  
 ce - les - tial fruits on earth - ly grounds from faith and hope may grow.  
 be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields or walk the gold - en streets.  
 we're march-ing through Im - man-uel's ground to fair - er worlds on high.

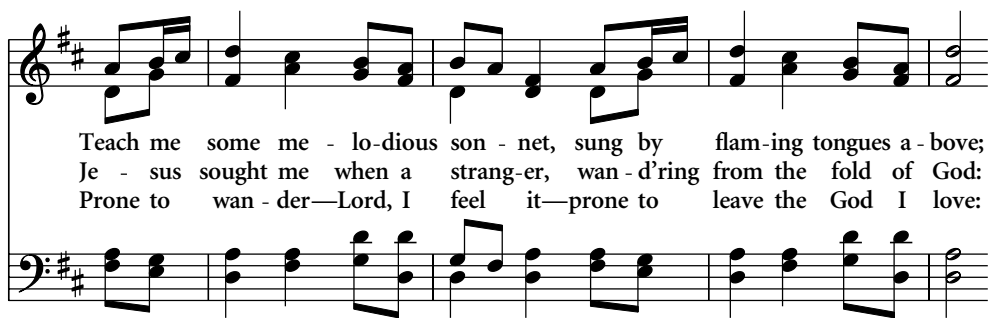
## 383 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



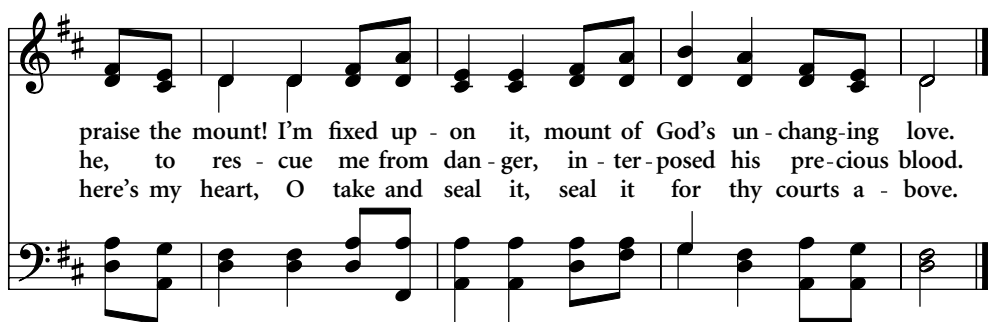
1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2. Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang-ing love.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758

MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

NETTLETON

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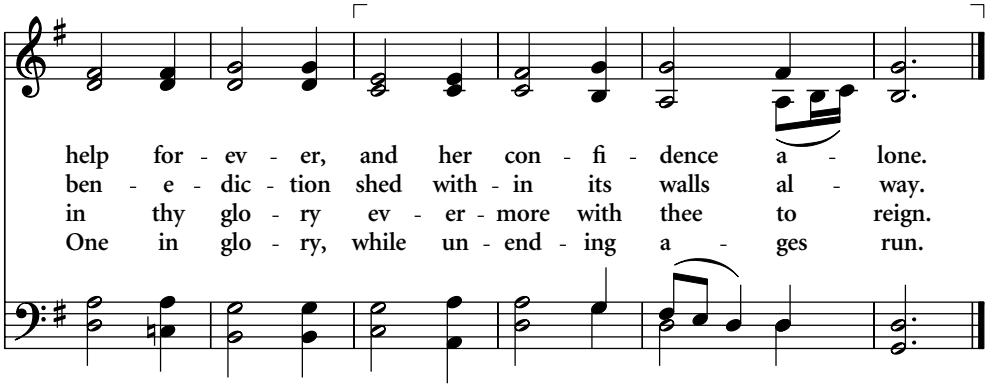
1 Samuel 7:12

# 320 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
 3. Here vouch - safe to all thy ser - vants what they ask of  
 4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, to - day: with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
 thee to gain, what they gain from thee for - ev - er  
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,

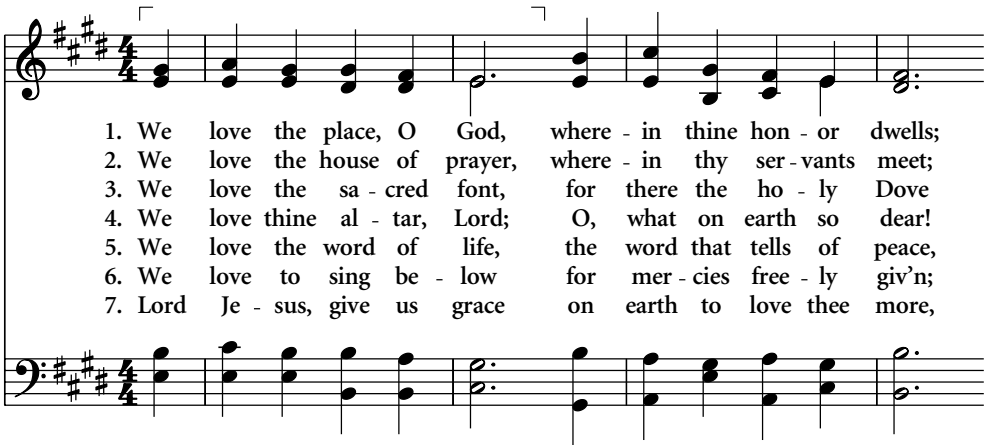
bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear thy peo - ple as they pray; and thy full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter  
 ev - er Three and ev - er One, One in might, and



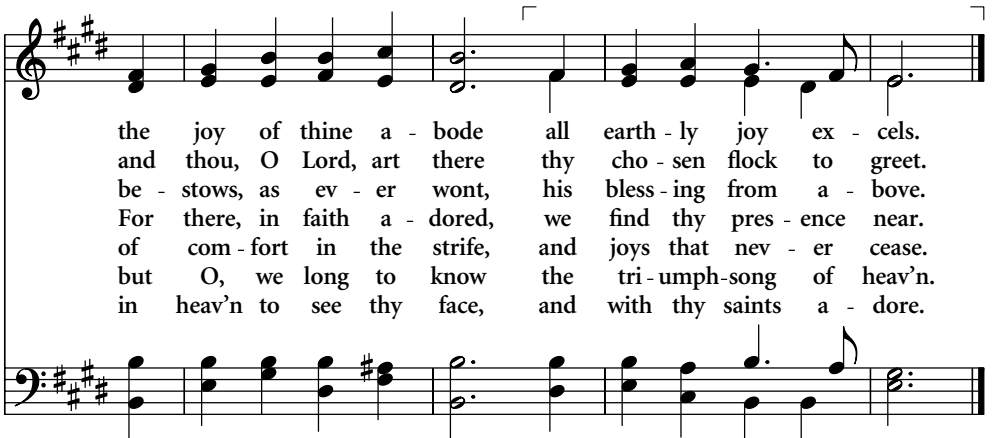
help for - ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.  
 One in glo - ry, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

## We Love the Place, O God

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1. We love the place, O God, where - in thine hon - or dwells;  
 2. We love the house of prayer, where - in thy ser - vants meet;  
 3. We love the sa - cred font, for there the ho - ly Dove  
 4. We love thine al - tar, Lord; O, what on earth so dear!  
 5. We love the word of life, the word that tells of peace,  
 6. We love to sing be - low for mer - cies free - ly giv'n;  
 7. Lord Je - sus, give us grace on earth to love thee more,



the joy of thine a - bode all earth - ly joy ex - cels.  
 and thou, O Lord, art there thy cho - sen flock to greet.  
 be - stows, as ev - er wont, his bless - ing from a - bove.  
 For there, in faith a - dored, we find thy pres - ence near.  
 of com - fort in the strife, and joys that nev - er cease.  
 but O, we long to know the tri - umph - song of heav'n.  
 in heav'n to see thy face, and with thy saints a - dore.

WORDS: William Bullock (sts. 1-4), 1854; H. W. Baker (sts. 5-7), 1859  
 MUSIC: Henry Lascelles Jenner, 1861

QUAM DILECTA (Jenner)  
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*Psalms 26:8*