



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

DECEMBER 28, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*The year is gone, beyond recall, with all its hopes and fears,
with all its bright and gladdening smiles, with all its mourners' tears;
Thy thankful people praise Thee, Lord, for countless gifts received;
and pray for grace to keep the faith which saints of old believed.*

18TH CENTURY LATIN HYMN
TRANSLATED FRANCIS POTT, 1861



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation Rev. Cameron Whitehurst

The Trumpet & Organ Prelude Ralph Vaughan Williams
Rhosymedre
(My Song is Love Unknown)

The Announcements Rev. Michael Howell

The Chiming of the Hour

The Choral Introit Camille Saint-Saëns
Praise Ye the Lord
from *Oratorio de Noël*

Praise ye the Lord of Hosts, sing and adore Him,
Bless His name, show forth His praise in His holy house!

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

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

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 Hymn No. 128 *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* ANTIOCH

† 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 Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon – Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Howell

•† The Hymn No. 176

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

QUELLE EST

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 Instrumental Offertory

Trumpet Voluntary

William Boyce

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Whitehurst

† The Reading of God's Word – Psalm 139

pew Bible, page 662

*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

OLD PATHS

Rev. Whitehurst

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 157

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Postlude

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Johann Pachelbel

SERMON NOTES

Old Paths

Psalm 139

- I. The Way Everlasting is a comfort
 - A. Comfort in God's Omniscience

 - B. Comfort in God's Omnipresence

 - C. Comfort in God's Omnipotence

- II. The Way Everlasting is a commitment
 - A. Commitment to be on the Lord's Side

 - B. Commitment to hate what the Lord hates

- III. The Way Everlasting is confident
 - A. Confident in being known

 - B. Confident in forgiveness

 - C. Confident in the future

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister*

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst, *Assistant Minister*

Dr. Jacob Taylor, *Organist & Music Associate*

THE INSTRUMENTALISTS

Dr. Michael Huff, *trumpet*

Dr. Carly Johnson, *trumpet*



Worship at Trinity

BEGINNING JANUARY 4, 2026

8:30 a.m. Early Service



9:45 a.m. Sunday School



11:00 a.m. Late Service

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.



Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come 128

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1. and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
 heav'n and na - ture sing,

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Psalm 98:4-9)
 MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, 1741; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

ANTIOCH
 CM with repeat
 Psalm 98:4

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor 176

1. Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be -
 2. Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be -
 3. Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we

cam - est poor; thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,
 cam - est man; stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing,
 wor - ship thee. Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,

sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble floor. Thou who wast rich be -
 heav'n - ward by thine e - ter - nal plan. Thou who art God be -
 make us what thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love be -

yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be - cam - est poor.
 yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be - cam - est man.
 yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship thee.

WORDS: Frank Houghton, 1934

MUSIC: French carol melody; arr. Charles H. Kitson, 1930

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QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

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2 Corinthians 8:9

157 Angels We Have Heard on High

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4. See with - in a man - ger laid Je - sus, Lord of heav'n and earth!

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
 Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, sing with us our Sav - ior's birth.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o, glo - ri - a