



# THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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# MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*If a commission by an earthly king is considered an honor,  
how can a commission by a Heavenly King be considered a sacrifice?*

DAVID LIVINGSTONE (1813-1873)  
SCOTTISH MISSIONARY TO AFRICA



## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Prelude Craig Phillips  
*Suite for Brass & Organ*  
II. *Cantilene*

The Announcements Rev. Cooper

The Chiming of the Hour

The Ascription of Praise AZMON  
*Shu Iesu No, Megumi Yo*

*Sung in Japanese:* O grace of the Son Jesus,  
O love of the Father, O power of the Spirit, O Trinity!

*Sung in English:* O for a thousand tongues to sing,  
our great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of His grace!

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 57:9-11 (*congregation reads bold type*)

I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples;

**I will sing praises to You among the nations.**

For Your steadfast love is great to the heavens,

**Your faithfulness to the clouds.**

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

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!**

*ALL:* **Your glory be over all the earth.**

† The Processional Hymn No. 217 *Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

† 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 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

The Prayer of Confession – adapted from the *Dutch Psalter*, 1566

**Almighty God, rich in mercy to all who call upon You, hear us as we come to You,  
humbly confessing our sins, asking for Your mercy and forgiveness.**

**We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words,  
and by the sinful affections of our hearts.**

**We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness,  
and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and our neighbor.**

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and in Your great goodness,  
grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life,  
through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Assurance of God’s Pardon – Isaiah 55:7

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to  
the LORD, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly  
pardon.

The Faith Promise Missions Fund Update

Kate and Nono Beale

The Pastoral Prayer

•† The Hymn No. 324

*O Church, Arise*

O CHURCH, ARISE

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 Anthem

*Glorious Everlasting* (Psalm 57:9, 11)

M. Thomas Cousins

Glorious everlasting!  
I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the people,  
I will sing unto Thee among the nations.  
Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens.  
Let Thy glory be above all the earth.  
Glorious everlasting! Amen.

## HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer for Illumination

Dr. Sandy Willson

† The Reading of God's Word – Genesis 12:1-4

pew Bible, page 11

*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

**OUR ABRAHAMIC CALLING**

Dr. Willson

The Closing Prayer

## FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 369	<i>O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling</i>	TIDINGS
† The Benediction of God's Grace		Dr. Willson
† The Threefold Amen – No. 657 in <i>The Hymnal</i>		
The Postlude	<i>Prelude in G Major, BWV 541</i>	J. S. Bach

*And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,  
He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death,  
in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him,  
if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast,  
not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard.  
Colossians 1:21-23a*



### LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Sandy Willson, *The Gospel Coalition*  
Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*  
Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Music Director*  
Mrs. Shannon Mathai, *Asst. Director of Music & Organist*

### THE INSTRUMENTALISTS

Dr. Michael Huff, *trumpet*  
Dr. Carly Johnson, *trumpet*  
Dr. Jonathan Houghtling, *trombone*  
Dr. Jason Sulliman, *bass trombone*  
Mr. Mike Mason, *tuba*  
Mr. Brandon Mooney, *percussion*

**SERMON NOTES**  
*Our Abrahamic Calling*  
Genesis 12:1-4



**Dr. Sandy Willson**  
The Gospel Coalition

Dr. Sandy Willson is our pulpit guest today, the final Sunday of Missions Month. Sandy is interim president of The Gospel Coalition. He is also pastor emeritus at Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee, after serving as senior minister there for 22 years. Since then, he has served two churches as interim senior pastor. He also pastored Memorial Presbyterian Church in Elizabethton, Tennessee and Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church in Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. He is a cofounder of the Memphis Center for Urban Theological Studies as well as a cofounder and chair of the Nexus leadership mentoring program. He also serves on the boards of World Relief, Union University, and Reformed Theological Seminary. Sandy earned a B.S. from the University of Virginia and an MDiv. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Sandy and his wife, Allison, have been married 50 years and are deeply grateful for their five children and fourteen grandchildren.



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