



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

When we believe that we should be satisfied rather than God glorified in our worship, then we put God below ourselves as though He had been made for us rather than that we had been made for Him.

STEPHEN CHARNOCK
PURITAN DIVINE (1628-2680)



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Handbell Prelude *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*

CANDLER
arr. Sherman

*I know Thee, Savior, who Thou art: Jesus, the feeble sinner's friend;
Nor wilt Thou with the night depart, But stay and love me to the end;
Thy mercies never shall remove, Thy nature and Thy name is love.
Charles Wesley, 1707-1788*

The Announcements

Rev. Michael Howell

The Chiming of the Hour

The Choral Introit *Praise the Lord, Ye Heav'ns Adore Him*

arr. David Friberg

Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him, praise Him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him, praise Him all ye stars and light.
Praise the God of our salvation; hosts on high His power proclaim;
Heaven and earth and all creation laud and magnify His name. Amen.

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 96:9, Isaiah 6:3 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before Him, all the earth!

**Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Hosts;
The whole earth is full of His glory!**

•† The Hymn No. 27 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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† 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*

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SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession – James 4:8

Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

The Prayer of Confession – based upon Psalm 51:1-3, 9, 12

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin!
For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.
Hide Your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.
Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen.**

The Assurance of God's Pardon – 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake He made Him to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

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 Anthem

I Will Arise
(The Women of the Chancel Choir)

RESTORATION
arr. Patti Drennan

Come, ye sinners poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.

[Refrain:] I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. [Refrain]

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word – Mark 2:1-12

pew Bible, page 1065

*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

V. Easy

† The Hymn No. 577

In Christ Alone

IN CHRIST ALONE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

† The Words of Instruction and Exhortation

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

The Introduction of the Covenant Family

WINIFRED JAMES GREEN

Parents: Adrien and Michael Green

Siblings: Eliza, Vivian, and Laurel Green

Assisting: Ruling Elder Josh Blades

The Biblical Promise

The Covenant Vows

1. Do you acknowledge Winnie'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 Winnie 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 Winnie?

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

Fugue in G Major, BWV 541

J.S. Bach

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

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into His presence with singing!

Psalm 100:1-2a



LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister*

Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*

Mrs. Shannon Mathai, *Assistant Music Director and Organist*

Mr. Steve Lee, *Trinity Handbell Choir Director*

HOW GREAT THOU ART

V. Easy

Mark 2:1-12

- I. Popularity & Preaching (vv. 1-2)

- II. Determined Friends (vv. 3-4)

- III. Unexpected Response (v. 5)

- IV. Disappointed Audience (vv. 6-7)
 - A. The Disappointment of the Friends

 - B. The Disappointment of the Scribes

- V. Interesting Questions (v. 11)
 - A. Easier to Say?

 - B. Easier to Do?

 - C. Why Did Jesus Perform Miracles?

- VI. So What? (v. 12)

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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