

## THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

AUGUST 17, 2025

# **MORNING WORSHIP**

#### THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

True peace will be found nowhere but in Christ.

JOHN CALVIN (1509-1564)
FRENCH PROTESTANT REFORMER



#### APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Prelude

Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist, BuxWV 208 (Now We Ask the Holy Spirit)

Dietrich Buxtehude

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

For we do not know what to pray for as we ought,
but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Romans 8:26

The Announcements

Rev. Michael Howell

The Chiming of the Hour

- † Indicates the congregation standing
- Indicates seating for those detained

Praise ye the Father, for His lovingkindness, Tenderly cares He for His erring children; Praise Him, ye angels, praise Him in the heavens, Praise ye Jehovah!

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 67:3-4 (congregation reads bold type)

Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You!
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for You judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

• † The Hymn No. 335

God of Grace and God of Glory

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- † 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* 

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### SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession - Hebrews 7:25

Jesus is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

The Prayer of Confession – Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer, 1928

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.

Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent,

according to Your promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake,

that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

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

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

Saints Bound for Heaven

Traditional, arr. Alice Parker

Our bondage it shall end by and by, From Egypt's yoke set free, hail the glorious jubilee, And to Canaan we'll return by and by.

Our Deliverer He shall come by and by,
And our sorrows have an end with our three-score years and ten,
And vast glory crown the day by and by.

And when to Jordan's floods we are come, Jehovah rules the tide and the waters He'll divide, And the ransomed host shall shout we are come!

Then with all the happy throng we'll rejoice! Shouting glory to our King, 'til the vaults of heaven ring, And through all eternity we'll rejoice!

### **HEARING GOD'S VOICE**

† The Hymn No. 312

Speak, O Lord

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† The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word – Mark 9:14-29

pew Bible, page 1074

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

XXVI. I'm A Believer

The Closing Prayer

#### FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 84

He Will Hold Me Fast

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- † The Benediction of God's Grace
- † The Threefold Amen No. 657 in *The Hymnal*

The Postlude

Fugue in D minor

Anton Bruckner



THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS LORD'S DAY ARE GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Adams

AND

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Malcolm Martin

By the family of Mr. and Mrs. sam adams

#### HOW GREAT THOU ART

#### XXVI. I'm A Believer Mark 9:14-29

I.	The Context (vv. 14-15)
	A. Mount of Transfiguration
	B. Moses (Exodus 34:30)
II.	The Problem
	A. Argument (v. 16)
	B. Ailment (v. 17)
	C. Aggravation (v. 19)
III.	Honest Father
	A. "If you can"
	B. "Help my unbelief"

IV. The Power of Prayer

#### LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister*Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*Mr. James Atkins, *guest organist* 



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.



## God of Grace and God of Glory



WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt. MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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### Speak, O Lord

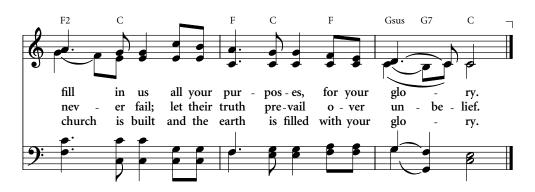


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SPEAK, O LORD Irregular 1 Corinthians 2:9-10



### Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth 313



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### He Will Hold Me Fast

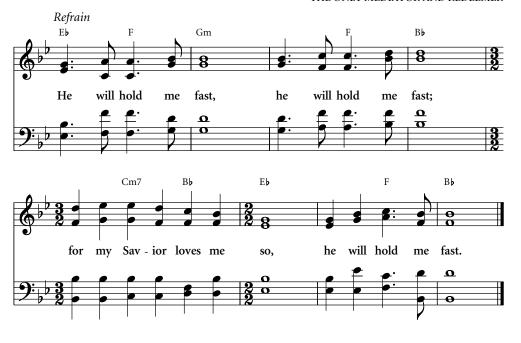


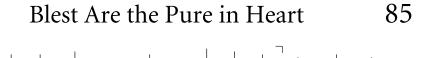
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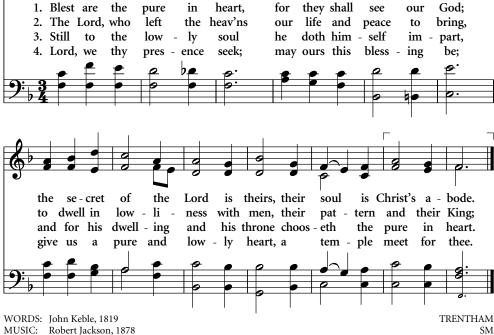
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HE WILL HOLD ME FAST Irregular with refrain Psalm 139:10







SM Matthew 5:8