



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

We are all missionaries.

Wherever we go we either bring people nearer to Christ or we repel them from Christ.

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APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Prelude

Our Father Which Art in Heaven, BWV 737

J. S. Bach

*O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house
and the place where Your glory dwells.*

Psalms 26:8

The Announcements

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst

The Chiming of the Hour

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

•† The Ascription of Praise (*sung by all*)

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

(to the tune of "Come, Ye Thankful People Come")

**Praise, O praise our God and King! Hymns of adoration sing:
For His mercies still endure ever faithful, ever sure.
Glory to our bounteous King ever let creation sing:
Glory to the Father, Son, and blest Spirit, Three in One.**

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 135:1-3 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Praise the LORD!

Praise the name of the LORD,

Give praise, O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD,

In the courts of the house of our God!

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;

Sing to His name, for it is pleasant!

•† The Hymn No. 257

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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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*

OLD HUNDREDTH

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession – Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

**Eternal and merciful God and Father,
we humble ourselves before Your great Majesty,
for we have frequently and grievously sinned against You.
We acknowledge that if You were to enter into judgment against us,
we would deserve nothing but eternal death.
We are deeply conscious of the fact that we are conceived and born in sin,
and that all manner of evil desires against You and our neighbor fill our hearts.
We all, like sheep, have gone astray and each of us has turned to his own way.
We acknowledge our waywardness and are heartily sorry for all our sins.
We confess that we have nothing with which to repay our debt.
Therefore, we are not worthy to be called Your children.**

**Nevertheless, O Lord God and gracious Father,
we know that You do not desire the death of the sinner,
but rather that we should turn to You and live.
We know that Your mercy toward those who turn to You is infinite;
and so we take courage to call upon You from the depths of our hearts,
trusting in our Mediator Jesus Christ,
the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Have compassion on us and forgive us all our sins for Christ's sake.
Wash us in the pure fountain of His blood,
so that we may become clean and white as snow.
Cover our nakedness with His righteousness, for the glory of Your name.
Free our understanding from all blindness,
and our hearts from all stubbornness and rebellion. Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon – Romans 8:34

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the One who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

The Pastoral Prayer

•✠ The Hymn No. 290

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

LIVING BREATH OF GOD

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

This Is My Father's World

arr. Paul Christiansen

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair;
In rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me not forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let heaven ring! God reigns, let earth be glad!

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word – Mark 10:1-12

pew Bible, page 1076

*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
XVIV. What Hurts the Most

Rev. Cooper

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 322

We Are God's People

SYMPHONY

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Postlude

Fantasia in G Major, BWV 572

J. S. Bach

HOW GREAT THOU ART

What Hurts the Most

Mark 10:1-12

I. The Trap (vv. 1-2)

II. Divorce (vv.3-8)

A. The Letter of the Law (vv. 3-5)

B. The Spirit of the Law Giver (vv. 6-8)

III. So What? (vv. 10-12)

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst, *Assistant Minister*

Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*

Mr. Edward M. Patterson, *organist-choirmaster emeritus*

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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Come, Christians, Join to Sing 257

1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra-cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

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Psalm 95:1

290 Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

1. Ho-ly Spir-it, liv-ing Breath of God, breathe new life in-to my will-ing
 2. Ho-ly Spir-it, come a-bide with-in; may your joy be seen in all I
 3. Ho-ly Spir-it, from cre-a-tion's birth, giv-ing life to all that God has

soul;
do.
made.

bring the pres-ence of the ris-en Lord to re-
 Love e-nough to cov-er ev-'ry sin in each
 Show your pow-er once a-gain on earth, cause your

new my heart and make me whole. Cause your Word to come a-live in me;
 thought and deed and at-ti-tude. Kind-ness to the great-est and the least;
 church to hun-ger for your ways. Let the fra-grance of our prayers a-rise;

give me faith for what I can-not see. Give me pas-sion for your
 gen-tle-ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv-ing in-to
 lead us on the road of sac-ri-fice, that in u-ni-ty the

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LIVING BREATH OF GOD

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John 20:22

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pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe new life in me.
works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove 291

1. Come, gra - cious Spir - it, heav'n - ly Dove, with
2. The light of truth to us dis - play, and
3. Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor
4. Lead us to heav'n, that we may share full -

light and com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,
make us know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in
let us from his pas - tures stray; lead us to ho - li -
ness of joy for - ev - er there; lead us to God, our

thou our guide, o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.
ev - 'ry heart, that we from God may ne'er de - part.
ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
fi - nal rest, to be with him for - ev - er blest.

WORDS: Simon Browne, 1720; alt.
MUSIC: Robert Schumann, 1839

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Luke 3:22

We Are God's People

Unison

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord, born of his
 2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord, for we have
 3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head, called to o -
 4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place, formed in great

Spir - it, es - tab - lished by his Word; our cor - ner - stone is
 known it, the love of God out - poured; now let us learn how
 bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he wills us be a
 weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; we die a - lone, for

Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: O let us live trans -
 to re - turn the gift of love once giv'n: O let us share each
 fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: O let us give our
 on its own each mem - ber los - es fire: yet joined in one the

par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
 joy - and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es heav'n.
 gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.
 flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.

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SYMPHONY

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Psalm 100:3