



# THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

JANUARY 4, 2026

# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king,  
behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying,*

*“Where is He who has been born king of the Jews?”*

*For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.”*

**MATTHEW 2:1-2**



## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Prelude

*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

Dieterich Buxtehude

*“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches.*

*I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”*

*Revelation 22:16*

The Announcements

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst

The Chiming of the Hour

The Choral Introit (8:30)

*As Bright the Star of Morning Gleams*

Nicolai, arr. Mendelssohn

*As bright the star of morning gleams,*

*So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams of light and consolation.*

*Thy Word, O Lord,*

*Radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation;*

*Thine be praise and adoration!*

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

- † The Ascription of Praise (11:00) – *sung by all*

REGENT SQUARE

**Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations;  
Ye have seen his natal star:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ the newborn King!**

- † The Call to Worship – Zephaniah 3:14-15 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
**ALL: The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst.**

- † The Hymn No. 182

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

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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 – John 3:17

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon – Titus 2:11-15

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

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 (8:30)

*Lauda Anima*

Mark Andrews

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!  
Father-like He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.  
Angels in the height adore Him! Ye behold Him face to face;  
Saints triumphant bow before Him! Gathered in from every race.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace. Amen.

The Organ Voluntary (11:00)

*Be Thou My Vision*

Paul Manz

## HEARING GOD'S VOICE

•† The Hymn No. 312 *Speak, O Lord* SPEAK, O LORD

† The Prayer for Illumination Rev. Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word – Mark 12:18-27 pew Bible, page 1075

*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  
XXXVIII. Bring Me to Life

The Closing Prayer

## FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 530 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Postlude *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Dieterich Buxtehude

## **HOW GREAT THOU ART**

*Bring Me to Life*

Mark 12:18-27

- I. Who Are the Sadducees? (v. 18)
  
- II. Gotcha Question (v. 19-23)
  
- III. The Sadducees Get Wrecked (v. 24-27)
  - A. Wrong to Quite Wrong
  
  - B. The Scriptures
  
  - C. The Power of God
  
- IV. So What?

**LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst, *Assistant Minister*

Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*

Dr. Jacob Taylor, *Organist & Music Associate*

*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.



# 182 As with Gladness Men of Old

1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
 2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly cra-dle-bed,  
 3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle rude and bare;  
 4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;  
 5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
 there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;  
 so may we with ho-ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al-loy,  
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last  
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra-cious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.  
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.  
 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.  
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.  
 there for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King.

WORDS: William C. Dix, 1861; alt.  
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; adapt. William Henry Monk, 1861

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 7.7.7.7.7.7  
 Matthew 2:10

## Speak, O Lord

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re-ceive the food of your  
 2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -  
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your

ho - ly Word. Take your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fash-ion us  
 mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti-tudes in the ra - di-ance  
 plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will ech - o down

in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be seen to-day  
 of your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
 through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es;

in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
 your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can  
 and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your

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SPEAK, O LORD

Irregular

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

fill in us all your pur - pos - es, for your glo - ry.  
nev - er fail; let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
church is built and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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

1. Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth, and from it  
2. In your com - mand - ments make me walk, for in your  
3. Turn now my eyes from van - i - ty, and cause me  
4. Turn a - way my re - proach and fear; your righ - teous

I will not de - part; that I may stead - fast - ly o -  
law my joy shall be; give me a heart that loves your  
in your ways to tread; O let your ser - vant prove your  
judg - ments I con - fess; to know your pre - cepts I de -

bey, give me an un - der - stand - ing heart.  
will, from dis - con - tent and en - vy free.  
word and thus to god - ly fear be led.  
sire; re - vive me in your righ - teous - ness.

## Be Thou My Vision

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*Unison*

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all  
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er  
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my  
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -  
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won; may I reach

else to me, save that thou art — thou my best thought by  
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,  
 dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,  
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,  
 heav-en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
 thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; arr. David Allen, 1986

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Philippians 3:7