



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*All God's giants have been weak men who did great things for God
because they reckoned on God being with them.*

HUDSON TAYLOR (1832-1905)



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Prelude

How Lovely are the Messengers

Felix Mendelssohn
arr. Wallace

*How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.
from Romans 10*

The Announcements

Rev. Cooper

The Chiming of the Hour

The Choral Introit

We Sing of Jesus Christ

Thomas Gieschen

We sing of Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the firstborn from the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth!
To Him be glory! To Him be power! Amen!

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 145:3-6 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

His greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall commend Your works to another,

And shall declare Your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works,
I will meditate.

**They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds,
and I will declare Your greatness.**

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

CRUCIFER

*The flags in the procession represent nations where Trinity Church supports mission outreach:
Australia, Cambodia, Chile, China, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico,
Norway, Papua New Guinea, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, and Thailand.*

† 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 – Acts 3:19-20

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

The Prayer of Confession – Martin Bucer, 1539

**Almighty and everlasting God and Father,
we acknowledge and confess that we are inclined to evil and slow to all good;
that we unceasingly transgress Your holy commandments,
and corrupt ourselves more and more.
But we are sorry for this, and desire Your grace and help.
Therefore, have mercy on us, most gracious and merciful God and Father,
through Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ.
Grant to us and increase in us Your Holy Spirit,
so that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness from the depth of our heart,
feel true contrition and grief for them, die to them completely,
and please You wholly in a new, godly life. Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon – Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

The Faith Promise Missions Fund Update

Mr. Stuart Newsome

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*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: *Refrain.*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin: *Refrain.*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!" *Refrain.*
(text: Stuart K. Hine)

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word – Matthew 16:13-28

pew Bible, page 1044

*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 *Missions and Jesus' Role for the Church* Dr. Derek Thomas

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 429 *The Solid Rock* SOLID ROCK

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Postlude *Prelude in G Major, BWV 568* J. S. Bach

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Derek W. H. Thomas

*Chancellor's Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology,
Reformed Theological Seminary*

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*

Dr. Jacob Taylor, *Organist & Music Associate*

GUEST MUSICIANS

Michael Huff, Carly Johnson, *trumpets*

Brenda Luchsinger, *horn*; Doug Bristol, *trombone*

Michael Mason, *tuba*; Brandon Mooney, *timpani*

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 16:13-28

Missions and Jesus' Role for the Church

Dr. Derek Thomas



Dr. Derek W. H. Thomas
The Gospel Coalition

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Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Unison

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim,

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1. Come, breth - ren, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, our
 2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, the
 3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, as
 4. Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell of
 5. For thy blest cross which doth for us a - tone, cre -

King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 thou hast prom - ised, draw men un - to thee.
 him who saves our souls from death and hell.
 a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore thy throne.

D.C.

The Solid Rock

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1. My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark-ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4. When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found; dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.