



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

AUGUST 16, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Father in heaven, we thank You for the excellencies of Jesus, Your Son and our Savior. We thank You for His immeasurable highness and inestimable condescension; His infinite justice and infinite grace; His utmost glory and lowest humility; His greatest majesty and transcendent meekness; His deepest reverence toward You and yet equality with You; His vast worthiness of good and the utmost patience under sufferings of evil; His exceeding spirit of obedience, with supreme dominion over heaven and earth; His absolute sovereignty and perfect resignation; and His self-sufficiency and entire trust and reliance on You. To Him, with You and the Spirit, be all glory forever and ever. Amen.

ADAPTED FROM JONATHAN EDWARDS (1703-1758)



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Prelude

Adagio

Max Reger

The Announcements

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst

The Chiming of the Hour

•† The Ascription of Praise (8:30) – *sung by all*

BEECHER

**God, my King, Your might confessing, ever will I bless Your name;
Day by day Your throne addressing, evermore Your praise proclaim.
All Your works, O Lord, shall bless You; ever will Your saints adore.
King of glory we confess You, and proclaim Your sov'reign pow'r.**

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go to the house of the Lord!
(from Psalm 122)

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 9:1-2, 11 (**congregation reads bold type**)

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;
I will recount all Your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and exult in You;
I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.
Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!
Tell among the peoples His deeds!

•† The Hymn No. 113

We Come, O Christ, to You

DARWALL

† The Apostles' Creed (8:30 only) – 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 – Exodus 20

And God spoke all these words, saying, I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

You shall have no other gods before Me;
You shall not make for yourself an idol;
You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain;
Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy;
Honor your father and your mother;
You shall not murder;
You shall not commit adultery;
You shall not steal;
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor;
You shall not covet.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon – Psalm 37:23-24

The steps of a man are established by the LORD, when He delights in his way; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the LORD upholds his hand.

The Pastoral Prayer

•✠ The Hymn 128

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

ANTIOCH

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 Offertory Duet (8:30) *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY, arr. Jim Ailor
(*Fran and Mark Nabholz; Chang Miao, pianist*)

Savior like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

The Anthem (11:00) *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* Don Wyrzten

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see and in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show –
The love of Jesus, what it is, none but His loved ones know.

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word – Colossians 1:15-23

pew Bible, page 1251

*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

IN EVERYTHING PREEMINENT
II. First

Rev. Cooper

The Closing Prayer

† The Hymn No. 530

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT (8:30)

† 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

THE RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

The Introductions

Rev. Cooper

The Vows of Membership

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

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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*

IN EVERYTHING PREEMINENT

II. First
Colossians 1:15-23

I. Christ the Preeminent (vv. 15-19)

II. Christ the Reconciler (vv. 20-23)



The Sanctuary Flowers

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Adams

AND

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Martin

BY MR. AND MRS. SAM ADAMS AND FAMILY

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come 128

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

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 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

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WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Psalm 98:4-9)

MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, 1741; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

ANTIOCH
CM with repeat
Psalm 98:4

Be Thou My Vision

530

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.

WORDS: Trad. Irish; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

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

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Philippians 3:7