



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*We may be truly said to worship God, though we lack perfection;
but we cannot be said to worship Him if we lack sincerity.*

STEPHEN CHARNOCK (1628-1680)

ENGLISH PURITAN CLERGYMAN



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst

The Prelude

Agnus Dei (Lord Have Mercy)

Craig Phillips

The Announcements

Rev. Michael Howell

The Chiming of the Hour

The Choral Introit (8:30)

Bless the Lord, His Name Be Blessed

John Goss

Bless the Lord! His Name be blessed, worshipped, honored, loved, adored;

And with holy hearts confessed, saints and servants of the Lord.

Bless the Lord! The Father, Son, and the Spirit, praise;

High exalt the Three-in-One, God of everlasting days!

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

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

MADRID

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

† The Call to Worship – from Zephaniah 3 (*congregation reads bold type*)

The LORD your God is in your midst,
A mighty one who will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness;
He will quiet you by His love;
He will exult over you with loud singing.
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. 551

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

† 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 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

The Prayer of Confession – from Psalm 51

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin!
For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.
Hide Your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.
Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.
Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon – Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

The Pastoral Prayer

•✠ The Hymn

Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose

MELITA

**Thou hidden source of calm repose, Thou all-sufficient love divine,
My help and refuge from my foes, secure I am, if Thou art mine;
And lo! from sin and grief and shame I hide me, Jesus, in Thy name.**

**Jesus, my all in all Thou art; my rest in toil, my ease in pain,
The healing of my broken heart, in war my peace, in loss my gain,
My smile beneath the tyrant’s frown, in shame my glory and my crown.**

**In want my plentiful supply, in weakness my almighty pow’r,
In bonds my perfect liberty, my light in Satan’s darkest hour,
My help and stay whene’er I call, my life in death, my heav’n, my all.**

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)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Refrain: I am bound for the kingdom, will you go to glory with me?
Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee. (*Refrain*)

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above. (*Refrain*)

The Anthem (11:00)

O All Ye Nations

Heinrich Schütz

The Chamber Ensemble

O all ye nations, praise the Lord, O praise the Lord, all ye people.

Praise ye Jehovah in His strength;

All that hath life and breath now praise Jehovah.

God's loving kindness unto us is great and merciful.

With heart and voice in Him rejoice;

For His truth endureth evermore.

Alleluia, sing praises! Praise ye the Lord!

from Psalm 117

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Whitehurst

† The Reading of God's Word – Colossians 3:1-11

pew Bible, page 1253

*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

Rev. Whitehurst

VI. Seek Up

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 427

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Postlude

Toccata

Eugene Gigout

IN EVERYTHING PREEMINENT

VI. Seek Up

Colossians 3:1-11

- I. The Christian has been raised with Christ (vv. 1-2)
- II. The Christian is hid with Christ (vv. 3-4)
- III. The Christian mortifies sin (vv. 5-9)
- IV. The Christian is being renewed (vv. 10-11)

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant 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.



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Unison

1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
 2. The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
 3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
 its fra-gile bloom sur-ren-der to you the Lord most high;
 that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,
 but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown—
 and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
 though small in mor-tal sta-ture, to heav-en's gar-den grown:
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:

WORDS: Michael Perry, 1982

MUSIC: Gustav Holst, 1921

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Psalm 138:1

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word,
 for Christ the Man from heav - en from death has set us free,
 to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
 and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry!
 and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

My Spirit Longs for Thee

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1. My spir - it longs for thee with - in my trou - bled breast,
 2. No rest is to be found but in thy bless - ed love:

though I un - wor - thy be of so di - vine a guest.
 O let my wish be crowned, and send it from a - bove!

WORDS: John Byrom, 1773
 MUSIC: Henry Lascelles Jenner, 1861

QUAM DILECTA (Jenner)
 6.6.6.6
Psalms 42:1

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God; shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

In Christ There Is No East or West 427

1. In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North;
 2. In him shall true hearts ev - 'ry-where their high com - mun - ion find;
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be;
 4. In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North;

but one great fel - low - ship of love through-out the whole wide earth.
 his ser - vice is the gold - en cord, close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 who serves my Fa - ther as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 all Christ-like souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

WORDS: John Oxenham, 1908; alt. (Galatians 3:28; Luke 13:29)
 MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836

ST. PETER
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Psalm 23:6