

OUR CHURCH TODAY

9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes; Joint S.S. for College-Adults
 10:10 a.m. Cherub/Seraph Choir today (Graces 1-2)
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, sanctuary
 11:00 a.m. Bluffton Presbyterian Mission Church, contact Ron Gleason, 714-318-6843
 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall
 3:45 p.m. Coastal Jail Ministry Transitional Program Bible Study, Rev. Timothy Shaw
 4:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Bluffton Presbyterian Mission Church, contact Ron Gleason, 714-318-6843
 5:30 p.m. Service of Lessons & Carols, sanctuary
 6:30 p.m. All Deacons Set up/Clean up for Annual Buffet
 6:45 p.m. Annual Christmas Buffet, Fellowship Hall & Telfair Hall
 7:00 p.m. No Craft and Story Time tonight
 7:00 p.m. No Chapel Choir Rehearsal tonight
 7:00 p.m. No Middle School Emmaus Road tonight
 7:00 p.m. No High School Small Groups tonight

WEDNESDAY LUNCH AND BIBLE STUDY

TELFair HALL ~ LUNCH AT 11:45 A.M.

BIBLE STUDY 12:20 P.M.

MESSAGE BY REV. TIMOTHY FOSTER

WELCOME TO INDEPENDENT

Our Church extends a cordial welcome to all who worship with us today. Visitors are asked to complete a Friendship Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Both visitors and members are encouraged to use the back of the card to request information, make comments, or write prayer needs. We are delighted to have you with us this Lord's Day. The bulletin is your guide to the service. A more thorough explanation of our "Order of Service" is available at the front doors. Our service begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends sometime after noon.

MEMORIZATION ACHIEVEMENT

During this morning's worship service we will recognize *Wallace "Turner" Milling, Jr.* and *Stephen Townes Milling* for completing Level One of the Memorization Program. They recited, word perfect, the Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer, and the Apostles' Creed. Please take a moment to congratulate them.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

During this morning's worship service, we will be receiving several new members from our Fall Inquirers' Class. We are delighted to have them become members of our congregation. Please extend to them your hand of greeting and fellowship.

PARKING

Reminder to members: Most Sundays the Civic Center parking lot is open and parking is free. As you enjoy a lovely stroll through Orleans Square on your short walk to our facilities, know you are making available for visitors spaces in immediate proximity to our church.

In Memoriam

Harriet Owen MacRitchie

Entered the Lord's presence Friday, December 01, 2017

"Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord."

Revelation 14:13

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Sunday, December 17 is the deadline for ordering Christmas poinsettias to be placed in our church on Sunday, December 24. They are \$15.00 each. They may be given in honor of individuals or as memorials. Please print your information below exactly as you wish it to appear in the bulletin. Make your checks payable to I.P.C., noting "Poinsettias" on the memo line. (They will be available to pick up after the morning service.)

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Please place _____ Christmas poinsettias in the Sanctuary on December 24, 2016, as designated below: (Please print clearly as you wish all names to appear in the bulletin.) In honor or memory of (circle one):

Given by: _____

The Pastoral & Educational Staff

Terry L. Johnson	Senior Minister	421-8100
Ronald H. Parrish	Associate Minister	421-8102
Timothy P. Foster	Associate Minister	421-8103
Timothy D. Shaw	Assistant Minister	570-439-2275
Joshua M. Espinosa	Director of Administration	421-8111
Evan J. Gear	Pastoral Assistant	540-793-2018
Ronald N. Gleason	Assistant Pastor, Bluffton Presby. Mission.....	714-318-6843
Jane H. Boatright	Director of Nursery and Women's Program ..	706-207-4288
Francis V. Daniell	Director of Camps and Missions Outreach	421-8118
Amy R. Martin	Director of Children's Program	421-8106
A. Paul Rodgers, Jr.	Director of Youth and Family	421-8116
Kathryn Van Eck	Director of Music	421-8107

Church Office

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	236-3346
E-Mail:	info@ipcsav.org
Website:	www.ipcsav.org
Financial Secretary	421-8104
Senior Minister's Secretary	421-8100
I.P.C. Sexton:	421-8112

Worship at I.P.C.

- Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.
- Please leave any food or drink outside of the Sanctuary.
- Those arriving late are asked to take their place either during the first hymn or the Psalm.
- Our Sunday services are now available as a Live Webcast for those who are unable to join their local congregation. You can join the service at ipcsav.org/webcast.
- The Audio Ministry provides CDs of previous sermons by calling the church office. All sermons preached by our ministers can be accessed from the church website at www.ipcsav.org, or at www.SermonAudio.com/ipcsav
- If able, please make room in your pews for others. This helps the ushers as they seat people.
- Sound amplification devices are available by asking a deacon at the front doors.
- I.P.C. uses the *Trinity Hymnal* and the *Trinity Psalter*.
- Nurseries for children to the age of three provided on the second floor of the Axson Memorial Building. Children ages 4 and 5 are dismissed for a separate service following the collection.

For Prayer & Participation This Week

Tues, Dec. 12	6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
	9:45 a.m.	Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg., upstairs
	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Whitaker Bldg., 3 rd Fl.
	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Connections Bible Study, 210 Whitaker Bldg., 4 th Fl.
Wed, Dec. 13	11:30 a.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting, Admin Bldg.
	10:45 a.m.	Women's Intercessor Group, Axson Bldg.
	11:45 a.m.	Noon Luncheon/Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
	6:30 p.m.	Senior High Dinner will not meet until January 7
	7:00 p.m.	Senior High Fellowship will not meet until January 7
Thurs, Dec. 14	10:30 a.m.	Thursday Morning Circle at the home of Mrs. Pam Dykema, 123 Goette Trail
	7:00 p.m.	Careers' Christmas Party at the home of the Fruits, 705 Bradley Point Road
Fri, Dec. 15	6:00 p.m.	Youth Christmas Party, at the home of Roy and Ginger Thompson, 101 Grove Point Court
Sat, Dec. 16	10:00 a.m.	Youth deliver baskets to shut-ins; meet at I.P.C. parking lot

Coming Events

Dec. 18	College co-ed Disc Golf and College Christmas Party
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service, 5:30 p.m., sanctuary
Dec. 25	Church office closed in observance of Christmas Day
Dec. 29-Jan. 6	Peru Day Camp Mission Trip

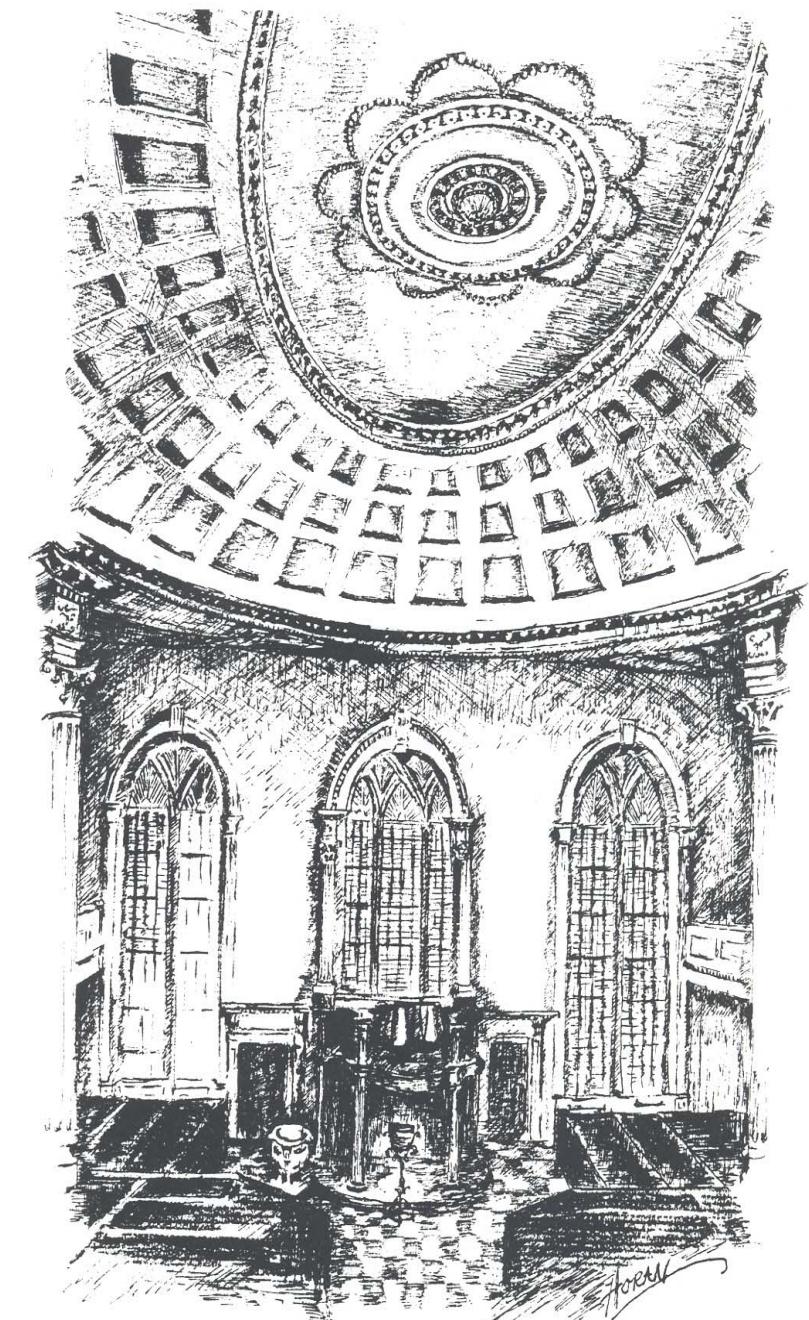
The Record of Our Faithfulness

Wednesday Noon Service 11/28/17 – 57
 Bluffton Service - 12/03/17 – AM – 14; PM – 8

December 03, 2017

SS – 297 AM – 485 PM – 299

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THE LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

"Let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service, with reverence and awe." Hebrews 12:28

The Silent Prayer Upon Entering the Sanctuary

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at Your first coming sent Your messenger to prepare Your way before You; Grant that the ministers and stewards of Your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Your sight, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Prelude - "What Child Is This"

Brian Henklemann
Tune: Greensleeves

Flute: Mrs. Jorge Van Eck/Martinez

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship

O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild, your Father's will You have fulfilled. From heav'n above to earth You came, and born as man You took our name. O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild. (*Trinity Hymnal* #232, stanza 1)

** The Hymnal - #195 "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" Antioch

* The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on 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, forever. Amen.

* The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell*; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;** the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* this refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment.

** "catholic" means "universal" church, the true church in all times and places.

* The Gloria Patri

(*Hymnal*, #735)

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture Reading - Psalm 148 (pew Bible p. 526)

John 5:10-17 (pew Bible p. 890)

The Reception of New Members

The Recognition of Memorization Achievement

* The Psalter - Psalm 121 (*Psalter*, Page 109)

Dundee

* The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Collection

The Anthem - "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Mark Shepperd

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1878) Tune: *Southern Harmony* Jefferson (1835)

Sanctuary Choir

Flute: Mrs. Jorge Van Eck/Martinez; Cello: Mrs. John Garnett

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou are,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver;
Born a child, and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone,
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

* The Doxology & Dismissal

(*Hymnal*, #731)

Old 100th

Children ages 4 & 5 may leave for a separate service as we sing

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'ly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Sermon

Mr. Johnson

"SICKNESS AND THE SABBATH"

XXVIII. *Expositions of the Gospel of John*

* The Hymnal - #213 "What Child Is This"

Greensleeves

* The Benediction and Response (sung by all)

Mendelssohn

Come, Desire of nations, come, fix in us Thy humble home; rise, the woman's conqu'ring Seed, bruise in us the serpent's head. Adam's likeness now efface, stamp Thy image in its place. O' to all Thyself impart, formed in each believing heart. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King." (*Trinity Hymnal* #203, stanza 4)

The Postlude - "Once Again My Heart Rejoices" Donald Bursarow

* Congregation Standing

** Children's Church: Roy and Ginger Thompson

+ Latecomers may be seated

GREETERS-ELDERS:

FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. G. Brunson

NORTH SIDE F. Daniell

SOUTH SIDE C. Martin

WOC GREETER: L. Helmly

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:

ELDER: T. Barrett

GREETERS-USHERS/DEACONS:

FRONT DOOR G. McKee

INNER DOOR A. Gibson

LESSONS & CAROLS
SERVICE
TONIGHT AT 5:30 P.M.

CHRISTMAS BUFFET
You are cordially invited to our Christmas Buffet in Olmstead Fellowship Hall, Telfair Hall, & Courtyard immediately following the Service of Lessons & Carols.

The children will be joining the adults this year—a children's table will be provided in the Fellowship Hall

CAREERS' CHRISTMAS GATHERING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 - 7:00 P.M.
AT THE FRUITS, 705 BRADLEY POINT ROAD

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COLLEGE CHRISTMAS PARTY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 - 7:00 P.M.
AT THE GEARS' CARRIAGE HOUSE
All college students (away & local) are invited for dinner, fun, and fellowship.

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

5:30 P.M.

A message by Mr. Johnson, a children's story-sermon by Mr. Parrish, and candlelight carol singing on the lawn.