

OUR CHURCH TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes for all age groups
- 10:10 a.m. Cherub/Seraph Choir (Grades 1-2)
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Bluffton Presbyterian Mission Church, contact Ron Gleason, 714-318-6843
- 3:45 p.m. Coastal Jail Ministry Transitional Program Bible Study, Mr. Evan Gear
- 4:00 p.m. No Youth Choir Rehearsal (6th-12th Grade)
- 5:30 p.m. Bluffton Presbyterian Mission Church, contact Ron Gleason, 714-318-6843
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. **Care Group #8 (M. Biemiller)** (Deacons: R. Rambo and M. Dusek) Set up/Clean up for supper
- 6:45 p.m. Fellowship Supper tonight, Fellowship Hall
\$5.00 Adult, \$3.00 Children (2 years old to 8th Grade), \$4.00 High School and College; \$16.00 maximum per family
- 7:00 p.m. Craft and Story Time, Axson Bldg., 2nd Floor, Rm. 28
- 7:00 p.m. No Chapel Choir Rehearsal (2nd-5th Grade), Choir Rm.
- 7:00 p.m. Middle School Emmaus Road, 210 Whitaker Bldg., 3rd Fl.
- 7:00 p.m. High School Small Groups, various locations

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.

ASCENSION SUNDAY

Thursday, May 10, marked the fortieth day after Easter and Christ's resurrection, the day on which our Lord ascended into Heaven where He is now seated at the right hand of the Father, making intercession for us, ruling and reigning as King of kings and Lord of lords. Ascension Day is one of the five great evangelical festivals of the church year observed by Reformed churches. The others are Good Friday, Easter, Pentecost, and Christmas. (On the meaning of Christ's ascension, see questions 53 and 54 in the *Westminster Larger Catechism*.)

MOTHER'S DAY

On the occasion of Mother's Day, we take the opportunity to express our thanks for mothers and motherhood. A mother has a profound influence upon the development of her children's lives. To all our mothers today, we honor you and encourage you to continue to exhibit the qualities of a godly mother. Proverbs 31:32 tells us the expected results of your efforts: "*Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband also, and he praises her. . .*" May God richly bless all our mothers, grandmothers and mothers-to-be this day.

COLLEGE SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

All college students are invited to join us every Wednesday (May 16-July 25) at 8:00 p.m. for our College Summer Bible Study in the Whitaker Street Building. Hope to see you there! Our college Sunday School class meets in the Administration Building, 2nd Floor classroom (overlooking Chippewa Square) at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.

In Memoriam

Ruth Rankin Owen
Entered the Lord's presence Tuesday, May 1, 2018
"Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord."
Revelation 14:13

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Church Office

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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 are 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

- Mon, May 14 1:00 p.m. Sewing Class, Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Smocking Class, Fellowship Hall
- Tues, May 15 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg., upstairs
- 11:30 a.m. Directors' Meeting, Admin. Bldg.
- 7:30 p.m. Garmer Bible Study at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mitchell, 133 East 50th Street, 232-1323
- Wed, May 16 10:45 a.m. Women's Intercessor Group, Axson Bldg.
- 11:45 a.m. Noon Luncheon/Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 6:30 p.m. Student Ministry Academic Year-End Party, Point Pleasant, 441 Suncrest Blvd.
- 8:00 p.m. College Summer Bible Study, Whitaker St. Bldg.
- Thurs, May 17 10:00 a.m. Islands Circle at the home of Fef Nolen, 102 Paxton Dr.
- 7:00 p.m. Careers, 210 Whitaker Street Bldg., 4th Floor
- Fri, May 18 6:30 p.m. Veritas Academy's Graduation, sanctuary
- Sat, May 19 9:00 a.m. College Coffee and Fellowship at the Carriage House (ends at 12:30 p.m.)
- 9:00 a.m. Chapel Choir to Summer Waves at Jekyll Island

Coming Events

- May 20 Care Group #7 (S. Jackson) Luncheon, Fellowship Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- May 21 Session/Diaconate Meetings
- May 26 I.P.C. Day Camp Training at Point Pleasant, 9:00 a.m.
- May 27 Evening services move to Point Pleasant; Annual Barbecue

The Record of Our Faithfulness

Wednesday Noon Service 5/2/18 – 42
Bluffton Service - 5/6/18 – AM – 23; PM – 15

May 06, 2018

SS – 299 AM – 469 PM – 267

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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 God the King of glory, who has exalted Your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to Your kingdom in heaven; Grant, we beseech You, that we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with Him continually dwell, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Prelude - “Amazing Grace with Grace That Is Greater Than Our Sin”

arr. Nichols and Wasson

Trombone: Mr. Douglas Winks

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship

Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray; give us the mind of Christ each passing day; teach us to know the truth that sets us free; grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee. (*Trinity Hymnal* #593, stanza 1)

+* The Hymnal - #289 “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

* 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

Regent Square

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son; evermore your voices raising to th’eternal Three in One: One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

* The Psalter - Psalm 110 (*Psalter*, Page 96)

All Saints New

* The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Collection

The Anthem - “Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious”

arr. Max Sinzheimer

Tune: Bryn Calfaria

Sanctuary Choir

Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious: See the Man of Sorrows now; From the fight returned victorious, Ev’ry knee to Him shall bow. Crown Him! Crown Him! Crowns become the Victor's brow.	Sinners in derision crowned Him, Mocking thus the Savior's claim; Saints and angels crowd around Him, Own His title, praise His name. Crown Him! Crown Him! Spread abroad the Victor's fame!
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Crown the Savior, angels, crown Him! Rich the trophies Jesus brings; In the seat of pow'r enthrone Him, While the vault of heaven rings: Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown the Savior King of kings!	Hark, those bursts of acclamation! Hark! those loud triumphant chords! Jesus takes the highest station; O what joy the sight affords! Crown Him! Crown Him! King of kings, and Lord of lords!
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* The Doxology & Dismissal (*Hymnal*, #733) Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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: alleluia, alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Sermon

Mr. Foster

“WEAK FAITH ENCOUNTERS A STRONG SAVIOR”

* The Hymnal - #290 “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” Llanfair

* The Benediction and Response (sung by all) Germany

O long-expected day, begin, dawn on these realms of woe and sin!
 Break, morn of God, upon our eyes; and let the world’s true Sun arise!
 (*Trinity Hymnal* #390, last stanza)

The Postlude - “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Trombone: Mr. Douglas Winks arr. Gail Ann Wasson

Mrs. Douglas Winks will be playing the piano this morning.

* Congregation Standing ** Children’s Church: A. Martin

+ Latecomers may be seated

GREETERS-ELDERS:
 FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. S. Jackson
 NORTH SIDE W. Milling
 SOUTH SIDE G. Brunson

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:
 ELDER: R. Mullinix
GREETERS-USHERS/DEACONS:
 FRONT DOOR J. Helton
 BAPTISMAL FONT M. Rustine

THE LORD’S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

THE SANCTUARY ~ FIVE THIRTY O’CLOCK

“God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:24

Preparation (5:15-5:30 p.m.)

Hymn Sing - #167 “When Morning Gilds the Skies” Laudes Domini

(*Hymn of the Month*)

+ *Announcements*

Praise

Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise

+* *Hymnal*- #293 “Golden Harps Are Sounding” Hermas

Confession of Sin, Pardon, and Thanksgiving

* *Reading of the Law of God* (*see back panel of hymnal*)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Affirmation of Faith - The Heidelberg Catechism (1563) – Lord’s Day 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Collection

Provision for Life and Growth

Scripture Reading - Song of Solomon 7 (7th reading—pew Bible pp. 563–564)

Intercessory Prayer

* *Psalter* - Psalm 27:7–14 (*Psalter*, Page 20~see handout) St. John

* *Prayer of Illumination*

Scripture & Sermon - Ephesians 6:1–4 (pew Bible p. 979) Mr. Johnson

“INSTRUCTING OUR CHILDREN” –5

Schooling

XXI. Texts that Transform

Thanksgiving and Blessing

* *Hymnal* - #699 “Like a River Glorious” Wye Valley

* *Benediction*

Mrs. John Garnett will be playing the piano this evening.

* Congregation Standing